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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Need to Know

Save the Date! First Quarter Virtual ACE Meeting Coming Up!

Wednesday, January 11 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(Calendar invitation, link and agenda sent by Rosanna Mazzara
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For the first quarter, our A Commitment to Excellence (ACE) meeting will include an informative presentation about GWAAR Education & Development, or GWAAR ED, our new Learning Management System as well as updates from the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN).



USAgging Announces Availability of Funds to Support Community-Based Vaccination Outreach

As the nation enters the winter season with high rates of hospitalization due to COVID-19 along with one of the worst flu seasons on record, USAgging and its members are keenly aware of the need for vaccination, particularly among older adults and people with disabilities. Despite the widespread availability of COVID-19 and flu vaccines, only 36 percent of older adults have received a bivalent booster and only 15 percent have received a flu shot this year—and the numbers are comparable for people with disabilities. This is why USAgging is proud to announce that it has received funding from the U.S. Administration for Community Living to launch the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative, which will support local vaccination promotion efforts targeted to older adults and people with disabilities.

For more information, visit <https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/acl-awards-125-million-grants-vaccination-programs-older-adults-and>

Prepare for Global Volunteer Month in April

Join Points of Light and organizations around the world to celebrate Global Volunteer Month in April! Global Volunteer Month is a time to recognize volunteers and people who actively support their communities, whether through volunteerism or other elements around the Points of Light Civic Circle®. There are many paths to living a full civic life. Now is the perfect time to make a plan to join the celebration, today and every day. Download toolkits and access resources to encourage volunteerism and civic action, recognize volunteers, and raise awareness for your organization's needs and funding opportunities: <https://www.pointsoflight.org/global-volunteer-month/>

Family Caregiver Support

[Bryn Ceman](#), Older Americans Act Consultant - Family Caregiver Support Specialist

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Reminder: County and Tribal/Aging Unit Caregiver Coalition Poll

The purpose of this poll is to gather information about the status of Caregiver Coalitions throughout the state so we can provide education about Caregiver Coalitions for newer Aging Unit staff and county staff. We understand that coalitions may have evolved over time, and we desire to learn what is working well and not so well today. Complete the survey here:

1. Does your County or Tribal/Aging Unit have an active Caregiver Coalition?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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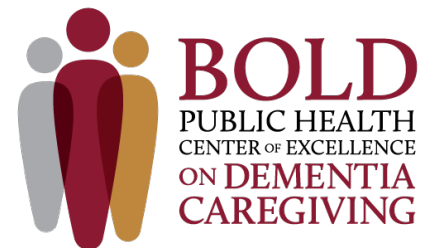
<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/dS765nKnd3> The survey will take you less than five minutes to complete. The survey will close on January 13, 2023 so there will be time to review and compile the results before the Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar on January 24, 2023.

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Reminder: Virtual Event: Implement the RAISE Strategy to Support Family Caregivers

January 12, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

How do we elevate national recommendations to public health action when supporting dementia caregivers? Join experts from Mississippi, New York, Georgia, and more as they discuss how public health agencies and professionals can help to implement the RAISE National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. Attendees will learn how other states are adopting RAISE recommendations, and how your agency's work can align with this unprecedented national strategy to support family caregivers of people with dementia.



To register, click here: https://umn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BPgh6m5OSQ2BZu8YB4ec7w

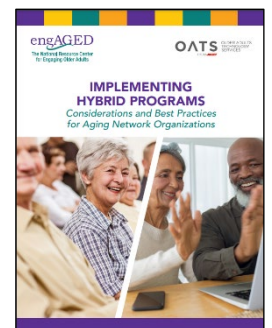
Health Promotion

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New Manual on Hybrid Programming for Older Adults

As we continue to live with COVID-19, many Aging Units and Aging and Disability Resource Centers are exploring flexible options to engage older adults, including offering hybrid programming - programs that are offered to both in-person and virtual attendees. engAGED and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) partnered to produce a hybrid manual (<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2007651>) to support organizations considering implementing hybrid programs. The manual describes various methods of hybrid programming as well as key considerations, organizational tips and best practices for hybrid programs.



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New SNAP Fact Sheet

Created by the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (www.GKSNetwork.org) please find a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for Kinship/Grandfamilies fact sheet here: <https://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/hunger-health-role-snap-improving-health-well-being.pdf>.

Save the Dates: University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension 2023 StrongBodies Leader Trainings

The StrongBodies Leaders Trainings for 2023 are now open for registration.

Training Dates:

- January 24, Janesville, WI
- April 12, Madison, WI
- August 9, Northern WI
- November 1, Appleton WI

An additional leader training for Spanish speakers will be scheduled this summer. The website will be updated when the details are set.

Registration can be found here:

<https://healthyliving.extension.wisc.edu/programs/strongbodies/become-a-leader/strongbodies-leader-training/>

