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## Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

### Need to Know

#### Final reminder: 2024 Aging Network Food Service Request for Proposals

GWAAR is excited to announce the 2024 Aging Network Food Service Proposal, “Let’s Build the Future Meal Program Together” with Sustainable Kitchens - Request for Proposal. Work with Sustainable Kitchens to evaluate and bring sustainability to your nutrition program! **Proposals are due by August 25, 2023.**

If you have sent a previous Request for Proposal, we are asking that you **reapply this year with a new application**. Contact your GWAAR Nutrition Representative if you have any questions.

Read the 2024 Aging Network Food Service Request for Proposals:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007818>

View the State Population Map: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007817>

## Advocacy

[Janet Zander](#), Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator


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#### Reminder: Aging Advocacy Day Save the Date – Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Join us for the 8th annual Aging Advocacy Day! Advocates from around the state will gather to help educate state legislators about issues affecting older adults and caregivers in Wisconsin. No experience necessary; training is provided.

Morning training at the Best Western Premier Park Hotel, 22 S. Carroll St., Madison and afternoon visits with your legislators/key staff members at the Wisconsin State Capitol. We will also be working with local aging network partners to schedule and host follow up in-district meeting opportunities over the summer of 2024. View the save the date here:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007839>

<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b>  <b>AGING ADVOCACY DAY 2024</b>  <b>Tuesday, May 14, 2024   Madison, WI</b></p>		 Wisconsin Aging   Advocacy   Network
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		#WIAgingAdvocacyDay #WIAAD24

## Family Caregiver Support

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

### **Need to Know**

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#### **Reminder: Statewide Caregiver Coordinator Statewide Meeting (in-person)**

*September 26 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

We will hold an in-person meeting on September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ADRC of Portage County: 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481. A light lunch will be provided.

Please take 30 seconds to RSVP for our in-person Statewide Caregiver Coordinator meeting on Tuesday, September 26. Thank you for your help!

**RSVP:** <https://forms.office.com/r/GXwTBut72h>

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#### **August 29 Memory Connections webinar**

Join the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) for "Memory Connections: Helping Families Navigate Their Dementia Journey with a Menu of Program Options." During this webinar, participants will learn about Memory Connections, an ACL-funded initiative through Senior Services Inc. in North Carolina. Memory Connections is a multi-faceted project that offers support, creativity, education, and engaging activities for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

Register for the August 29 webinar here:

[https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_td\\_pCCi\\_TP-PHKUjmKP5Xw#/registration](https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_td_pCCi_TP-PHKUjmKP5Xw#/registration)

#### **September 20 webinar: Expanding Dementia Capability in Indian Country**

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center has announced an "Expanding Dementia Capability in Indian Country: A case example from Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc."

Limited availability of dementia services in Tribal communities has resulted in many community members voicing their concerns about the need for assistance and education. To help fill this void, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) is currently implementing services and supports for people living with dementia and their caregivers through ACL's Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI). The ITCA project is providing dementia specific evidence-based training, community-based education, resources, and music strategies in Tribal communities.

In this webinar, participants will learn how the ITCA ADPI project is empowering Tribal staff and community members to become involved in providing dementia education and awareness in their communities. In addition, the Banner Alzheimer's Institute, a collaborative partner to ITCA, will share information about the Walk with Me music program and how it can be used to increase the quality of life for someone living with dementia. Banner will explain how the Walk with Me CD was adapted to create education that is both experiential and impactful, and how music can be used as an important connection for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

Register for the September 20 webinar here:

[https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_e1yQJKI5Qt6S2x\\_HXgi5OA#/registration](https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e1yQJKI5Qt6S2x_HXgi5OA#/registration)

**Reminder: Call for Best Practices and Questions!**

During our September Wisconsin Caregiver Support meeting we will be discussing best practices for ensuring that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) caregivers and care recipients are successfully accessing caregiver supports. While all caregivers and care recipients can benefit from supportive services, not all caregivers and care recipients are the same. Those who belong to the LGBT community have much in common with others in care relationships but also have unique experiences and needs.

We would love to hear from you to help us prepare for this meeting! What are some of the successes and challenges you have faced when completing outreach and direct work with LGBT+ caregivers and care recipients? What are your best practices? And what questions might you have to ensure individuals who identify as LGBT+ have equitable access to caregiver support? Please send feedback, questions, and ideas to Milwaukee County Caregiver Support Coordinator Kayla Steinke at [kayla.steinke@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:kayla.steinke@milwaukeecountywi.gov). Looking forward to us learning and growing together in this area!