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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Nice to Know

Upcoming GWAAR Fiscal Webinars:

GWAAR - Fiscal Webinar - 2024 Budget

September 7 – 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. regarding the 2024 budget

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3R8b0fS>

GWAAR - Fiscal Webinar - Compliance Issues

September 21 – 9-10 a.m. regarding understanding claim form compliance issues

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3Z6XlHR>

Upcoming WellSky (SAMS) Webinars:

Topic: How to set up and use a roster

September 14 – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WellSky - Hot Topic – Rosters registration link: <https://bit.ly/3ra8Ami>

Topic: EOY Reporting Q&A - Session 1

September 15 - 10-11 a.m.

WellSky - Hot Topic - EOY Q&A Session (1) registration link: <https://bit.ly/3sGLrIH>

Topic: EOY Reporting Q&A - Session 2

September 28 - 9-10 a.m.

WellSky - Hot Topic - EOY Q&A Session (2) registration link: <https://bit.ly/3P24pkF>

Topic: EOY Reporting Q&A - Session 3

October 12th - 2-3 p.m.

WellSky - Hot Topic - EOY Q&A Session (3) registration link: <https://bit.ly/3ra9YFz>

If you have any questions about upcoming Fiscal or WellSky (SAMS) webinars, please contact Carrie Kroetz at carrie.kroetz@gwaar.org.

Reminder: Accepting Applications: GWAAR Advisory Council

The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR), is looking for thoughtful, civic-minded, energetic individuals to fill vacancies on its Advisory Council. Advisory Council Members are involved in a variety of activities that support aging programs including promotion of quality improvement of aging services and individual and organizational advocacy. Advisory Council Members are expected to maintain community relationships to promote agency visibility and help achieve agency goals. If you are looking for a challenging volunteer opportunity where your skills can make a difference in program planning, development, and implementation – please see the following and apply.

View the application: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2005628>

If you have any questions about volunteering on the Advisory Council, please contact Nick Musson at nick.musson@gwaar.org.

Reminder: Save the Date! Next Virtual ACE Meeting happening in October!

- Wednesday, October 11 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- (Calendar invitation, link and agenda sent by Rosanna Mazzara this month (Rosanna.Mazzara@gwaar.org))



Advocacy

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

Nice to Know

Reminder: Social Security Listening Tour Stop Near You

AARP Wisconsin is hosting a series of Social Security listening sessions in several parts of the state and will have booths set up at various community fairs, health expos, and special events to inform Wisconsinites about the status of Social Security and empower them to share their opinions about how the program can be strengthened going forward to make it solvent for current and future generations.

Here are more details and links to register for the next three sessions:

- **Eau Claire: Sept. 12 at The Brewing Projekt.**
<https://local.aarp.org/aarp-event/aarp-wi-eau-claire-social-security-happy-hour-9122023-gnn88w2h9k8.html?>
- **Appleton: Sept. 19 at The Stone Arch Brewpub.**
<https://local.aarp.org/aarp-event/aarp-wi-appleton-social-security-happy-hour-9192023-vbn6p4sccm9.html>
- **Middleton: Sept. 26 at Capital Brewery.**
<https://local.aarp.org/aarp-event/aarp-wi-madison-social-security-happy-hour-9262023-vpn215wh62q.html>



Please continue visiting www.aarp.org/wi throughout 2023 for an updated schedule of tour stops and links to register for these free listening sessions and booth appearances. AARP Wisconsin events: www.aarp.org/wi

Family Caregiver Support

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

Need to Know

Wisconsin Statewide Caregiver Coordinator Hybrid Meeting September 26

Caregiver Coordinators, you are invited! This four-hour statewide meeting will offer training from Leland Kiang, Program Manager, Grandfamilies and Kinship Support Network, USAging, and Kayla Steinke, Caregiver Support Coordinator Milwaukee County Department of HHS, Aging Services on how to best reach and support underserved populations, including relative caregivers & grandfamilies and family caregivers within the LGBTQ+ community.



Trualta staff will also be presenting to offer updates to their 24/7 eLearning platform, which is free to Wisconsin family caregivers.

In-person attendees please note: We kindly request that those attending in-person, please leave the closest parking spaces to the ADRC entrance free and available for customers. There is plenty of parking away from the front entrance door. Thank you for your consideration!

IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ADRC of Portage County 1519 Water St, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Please RSVP using the link below. The number of those attending will be used to place an accurate food order.

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

To view the agenda: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007841>

Nice to Know

Southeastern Wisconsin Caregiving Symposium being held October 9

The Southeastern Wisconsin Caregiving Symposium will be held at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in the Union Ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023. The symposium seeks to bring together providers to build a collaborative understanding of available resources, identify resources, and connect organizations.

Event information and registration: <https://uwm.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1996>

It's All About You Tribal Caregiver Conference – Hybrid event being held September 19 & 20

Free Event - Open to the Public - Inquire About Respite Care Availability

Tuesday, September 19, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 20, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sevenwinds Casino, Lodge, and Convention Center

13767W. County Rd. B • Hayward, WI 54843 • (833) 479-4637

Hybrid Event: Attend In-Person or Virtually

For more information view the flyer:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007863>



Reminder: September 6 webinar available: Children Living in Grandparent-Led and Multigenerational Families: Implications for Policy and Practice

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is hosting a webinar for professionals working with relative caregivers & children.

The number of children living in multigenerational households has been increasing steadily since the 1980s, and as of 2021, more than 10% of children (roughly seven and a half million) share a home with two or more generations. While the stays may be relatively short, overall, about 30% of children will live in a multigenerational or skipped-generation household at some point during their childhood. This is even more common for children of color and for those whose adult family members are low-income. In this webinar, the panelists will examine the scope of the issue and its implications for child well-being and security, as well as opportunities in policy and practice to support these children and their adult household members.

More information available here: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/children-living-in-grandparent-led-and-multigenerational-families-implications-for-policy-and-practice/>

Register for the September 6 webinar here: https://irpwisc.formstack.com/forms/multigenerational_families



Caregiving & Workplace Equity webinar being held September 13

Employee Benefit News is offering a Web Seminar - Caregiving & Workplace Equity: Conversations on the Looming Crisis. Strategies for Supportive Workplaces.



If you are supporting working family caregivers, this event is for you! Learn how and what family caregivers can and should ask for to meet their needs in the workplace. Family First SVP Alaina Melena will lead a discussion with industry leaders to describe best practices for supporting caregivers, and why addressing the needs of these team members should be a critical component of any DEI strategy.

To learn more and register: <https://bit.ly/3r9J28S>

Health Promotion

[Angie Sullivan](#), Older Americans Act Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Nice to Know

Fact Sheets to Support Social Engagement of Older Adults

The internet is an important tool in our lives and an important way to connect with others, which makes knowing how to safely use the internet essential.

engAGED worked with Older Adults Technology (OATS) from AARP to develop a series of three fact sheets to provide older adults with tips, best practices and action steps they can use to browse the internet with confidence while protecting their personal information and socializing safely with others.



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Each fact sheet is customizable, so organizations can add their logos before printing or electronically distributing to the older adults you serve.

Online Safety for Older Adults: Browsing the Internet Confidently

<https://bit.ly/3L9umxs>

Online Safety for Older Adults: Protecting Your Personal Information Online

<https://bit.ly/3L8Dlig>

Online Safety for Older Adults: Socializing Safely Online

<https://bit.ly/44JLJfc>



Promoting Falls Prevention Awareness Month with Falls Free Wisconsin!

The Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA), in partnership with the Falls Free Wisconsin Coalition, is proud to launch Falls Free® Wisconsin (FFWI) website! They would like to support you all in promoting this initiative in your community.

To do this, they put together a promotion toolkit where you'll find:

- A social media plan with graphics and suggested messages
- Newsletter article templates
- Handouts for consumers
- Press release templates (coming soon!)
- Radio talking points
- Letter to the editor templates



We all know that falls prevention is a year-round endeavor, so use and customize these resources throughout the year to support falls prevention 24/7/365.

Additional resources:

Media Promotion Partner Toolkit - <https://fallsfreewi.org/for-professionals/promotional-resources/>

Visit Falls Free Wisconsin - <https://fallsfreewi.org/>

Questions? Contact Suzanne Morley, Falls Prevention Program Coordinator:

suzanne.morley@wihealthyaging.org

Nutrition

[Pam VanKampen](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Nutrition Specialist/Senior Center Representative*

Nice to Know

Reminder: Register for Malnutrition Awareness Week Webinars

You can join free webinars during Malnutrition Awareness Week September 18-22 using our complimentary registration code (MAW-GWAAR). Check out the exciting line-up of webinars and review instructions for registering on nutritioncare.org/MAW.



Transportation

[Nick Musson](#), Older Americans Act Consultant – Transportation

Need to Know

WisDOT's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reporting guidelines require the submission of an ADA Transition Plan that is monitored and updated annually to reflect WisDOT's program and practices. The plan is intended to be a living document that demonstrates WisDOT's commitment to ensure accessibility on the "Path to Zero" barriers in its public right of way. The ADA plan has been updated and WisDOT is looking for public comment.



The ADA Transition Plan and an opportunity to submit comments is located at: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/civil-rights/titlevi-ada/ADAAcompliance.aspx>

View or print the sign:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2007864>

Nice to Know

Coordinating Rural Transportation Webinar being held September 14

The Center for Independent Living for Western WI (CILWW) has expanded their transportation program to serve 42 of the most rural counties in Wisconsin. Learn about the variety of partners, contracts and collaborations they have including with human services, aging services, Veterans services and managed care organizations among others.



Bobbi Hegna, Director of Transportation at CILWW and Cheryl Bereiter, Transportation Coordinator at the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Northwest Wisconsin will give an overview of their transportation programs and how they intend to work together to expand transportation using Section 5310 funding, without duplicating services.

Learn About Coordinating Transportation in Rural Areas Webinar, Thursday, September 14, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Webinar registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_88zlcwEuSJfcFkQipiG4w#/registration

Senior Centers

[Pam VanKampen](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Nutrition Specialist/Senior Center Representative*

Nice to Know

Reminder: WI Association of Senior Centers (WASC) Fall Conference on Sept. 27-29

The WI Association of Senior Centers (WASC) is celebrating their 40th Anniversary at their Fall Conference on Sept 27-29 in Fond du Lac at the Radisson.

The final RSVP will be September 15 (not guaranteed fun extras). Register at this link:

<https://forms.gle/gjkwsvvp33cttF776>

WASC members - \$175, Non-WASC - \$200.



WASC

Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers

You can view the conference schedule here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:e4788c6d-289e-449f-a122-80f91985e6c7>

Reminder: Social media guide available from National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC)

September is Senior Center Month! The National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) has added a social media guide with some great videos to the Senior Center Month resources on their website.

<https://www.ncoa.org/page/national-senior-center-month>

