



Wisconsin Statewide Caregiver Coordinator Hybrid Meeting

Tuesday, September 26th, 2023

NOTES

10 – 10:10 am – Quick welcome and introductions

A big thank you to all who drove in for the meeting or those who were able to join virtually.

10:10 to 11 am – **Leland Kiang**, Program Manager, Grandfamilies and Kinship Support Network
To provide a high-level overview of who kinship/Grandfamilies are, including their strengths and needs. • A high-level overview of children's services, and a review of Aging Network services that could attract kinship navigators to collaborate with Caregiver Coordinators. (First presentation in a series.)

Please see Attachment 1 - **Kinship/Grandfamilies: Child Welfare & Aging Network Supports**
Resources available at no cost on the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network website: [We Know Grandfamilies Are Out There. How Do We Find Them?](#) and [Identifying and Engaging Untapped Partners to Support Kinship/Grandfamilies](#). On 9/27/23 the White House and DHHS announced a historic set of regulations that should make it easier for kinship/Grandfamilies to access financial assistance (like the Foster Care Maintenance Payments which is mentioned in the presentation) from child welfare. Here's a link to the White House [press release](#)

11 – 11:05 am – short break/coffee bar available

11:05 am – 12:35 pm – **Kunal Parikh**, Implementation Manager, Trualta

To share the collective impact of Caregiver Coordinators, so far. • Offer updated modules and learning libraries on the portal (1) Caring for Kids (2) Healing Caregiver Burnout • Share the preliminary impact of the support groups and community features. • How to reach a wider audience - promoting self-identification of caregivers. • A focus on inclusiveness and wider outreach.

Please see Attachment 2 - **Trualta - Wisconsin Caregiver Coordinators Workshop**

12:35 – 1:15 pm – Lunch break - A light lunch to be provided including a vegetarian option.

Please also feel free to bring your own food/drink as well.

UPDATES: The Employer Engagement Workgroup will be presenting at the WI SHRM Conference '23. This may mean some employers will contact local AUs/ADRC for information on how to support their caregiving employees. Please use/direct them to the [Employment Resources | Wisconsin Family Caregiver Support Program \(wisconsin-caregiver.org\)](#), specifically the HR CareKit developed by the Employer Engagement Workgroup.

DHS data entry for AFCSP is incomplete! Asking that each county enter data in order to make sure AFCSP funds are fully utilized, and we know if there is a need for re/de-obligations. Thank

you!

1:15 – 2 p.m. – Kayla Steinke, Caregiver Support Coordinator Milwaukee County Department of HHS - Aging Services

To provide resources to support LGBTQ+ family caregivers. • Offer best practices that have been shared.

Please see Attachment 3 - **Caregiver Support for the LGBTQIA+ Community: Best Practices, Ideas, and Resources**; Attachment 4 - SAGE USA LBGT Caregiving Fact Sheet; and Attachment 5 - DEC Toolkit LGBT Fact Sheet.

Ideas discussed: (1) Offer a "Prepare to Care" presentation and information specific to this audience (e.g., advance directive planning, etc.) (2) Consider the language being used. For example, "family caregiver does not fit each caregiving situation. (3) Don't give up! Keep trying & reach to underserved populations, and think about population-specific events (e.g., PRIDE, partner with local LBGT community centers, and coalitions, as well as safe spaces like HIV testing clinics). (4) Share with Lynn/Bryn - we can possibly share on social media and/or share in Newsletters. (5) Consider the time that events are offered, a time more convenient for working caregivers might have better outcomes. (6) Do LGBTQIA+ customers prefer a specific gender of a caregiver or someone who has special training? Can this be accommodated? (7) Use Trualta as a resource! Trualta offers a specific toolkit and community chat room specific to LGBTQIA+ individuals.

*****Carrie Kroetz, Older Americans Act Consultant, SAMS/WellSky Specialist was available during the meeting for any specific questions Aging Units or staff may have.*****