



Wisconsin Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar

November 28th, 10 am to 11 am

NOTES

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH!

Be sure to follow us on FB at [WisconsinFamilyCaregiver](#)

10:00 – Advocacy Update – Bryn (on behalf of Janet Zander), GWAAR

- CARE Act info graph: [CARE Act Infographic - Final \(wisconsinfamilycaregiver.org\)](#)
- Family Caregiver Stories: [Hospital Discharge – Family Caregiver Experiences](#)
- Janet and Beth Fields on The Empowered Caregiver Radio Show (: (1) [Facebook Live | Facebook](#)
- WAAN State Issue Brief on CARE Act - anyone can feel free to pull verbiage to share with elected officials in support of the CARE Act: [2007959 \(gwaar.org\)](#)
- WAAN and AARP Press Event and Family Caregiver Press Event (11/14/23): [\(10\) Facebook Live | Facebook](#)
- How to contact your legislatures regarding topics that are important to you! To find out who represents you in the state legislature go to: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/> and enter your address in the box underneath “Who Are My Legislators?”.
 - REMINDER: If you are not yet signed up for the GWAAR Newsletter you are encouraged to do so [here](#). This weekly Newsletter offers updates on Family Caregiver Programs, resources, and education as well as information related to other OAA Programs and Advocacy efforts.

10:05 – am State DHS – Lynn Gall, DHS

- Reminder: Aging Operations Manual: <https://share.health.wisconsin.gov/ltc/teams/ADRRC/SitePages/Manual/Family%20Caregiver%20Support.a.spx>. The manual includes a permanent waiver of 112 hours annually of respite care and allows family caregivers to receive [nonprofessional](#) rate stipend.
- 2024 AFCSP Budgets due Nov. 30. Link to complete budget is [here](#). A reminder was sent out from Lynn on 11/1/23 with a spreadsheet of the 2024 allotments. Email Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov with any questions you may have.

10:15 am – Dose Health – Rachel Schraufnagel, Wisconsin Assistive Tech Lead

- Technology support for family caregivers. Please see “Attachment 1 – Dose Health Services List”
- Dose may be a good fit for individuals living in rural communities because the devices use cellular data vs. Wi-Fi/internet. The devices come with cellular capabilities, so there are no extra or hidden costs to establish that connection.
- Offers 24/7 support – no setup visits necessary.
- Offers trials for their devices, no payment until you decide on a device or return it.
- Dose Health Services Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/dosehealth>
- Rachel can be reached at office@dosehealth.com for any further needs, questions, or further follow up.

10:30 am – Caring for Professionals who Care for Caregivers – Shantell Riley BSN, RN, GC-C, Dignity with Departure, LLC, End-of-Life Doula

- Honor the challenges (and joy!) that can come with providing care to caregivers while providing an opportunity for professionals to participate in care.

Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, January 23rd, 10 am to 11 am – Rachel Watkins-Petersen, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin, Project Manager, and Deepak Arora, CEO, Wearable Technologies Inc.
- Agendas will be forthcoming and posted on the GWAAR [website](#) along with the recordings, notes, and other meeting documents following each meeting.
- Please feel free to email Bryn at: bryn.ceman@GWAAR.org and/or Lynn at: Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov with NFCSP/AFCSP meeting topics or guest speaker ideas.