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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Need to Know

2024 ACL National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants (NSOAAP)

GWAAR has been selected to participate in the Administration for Community Living's (ACL) National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants (NSOAAP). This nationwide survey, in which GWAAR has participated for over 10 years is conducted by the research firm Westat. The NSOAAP survey involves only county contracted Title III services as a different program performance report (PPR) is used by ACL to collect data on nutrition, caregiver, and supportive services provided to Native Americans under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (see: <https://agid.acl.gov/release.html>).



Our role involves uploading to Westat's server randomly selected data on a number of OAA program participants who received a Title III service sometime over the past 12 months. Of that set, approximately 120 individuals will be selected and mailed a paper survey to complete and return to Westat. The survey's cover letter includes a toll-free 'opt out' number individuals may call. Caregivers who are contacted are provided the option of completing an online survey or setting up a time to complete a phone interview. Those clients contacted who do not complete the mailed/online survey will be contacted to do the survey by phone. At all points anyone contacted may opt out of participating.

We are honored to again be working on this project. Involvement of program clients in completing the survey, "... is vital to providing ACL with representative estimates each year to meet Congressional requirements and support ACL budget requests, which are critical to improving long-term services and supports for all consumers." (ACL notification letter). For more information on this year's survey or to search data from previous years see: <https://agid.acl.gov/release.html>

If you have questions about the process in general contact Jayne Mullins, OAA Consultant at: jayne.mullins@gwaar.org.

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GWAAR employment opportunities

Find a current listing of open positions and job descriptions at <https://gwaar.org/jobs>

VSDP Care Consultant

Read the complete job description: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008093>

Bilingual Outreach & Education Coordinator

Read the complete job description: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008147>

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2024

Recognized annually, WEAAD is a time during which we can show our support for victims of elder abuse and neglect. Included with this message is a PDF form you are encouraged to electronically sign and upload to Dropbox (see link). Those submitted through Dropbox will be added to the NCEA WEAAD online gallery. When you save the file title it with the word Wisconsin and then your first name and county/tribe. That way forms submitted from Wisconsin will stand out.

Download the PDF:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008195>

More information, submission link (Dropbox), and sign downloads (English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean):

<https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/finish-the-sentence/>



Advocacy

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

Nice to Know

Brain Health Summit

Saturday, June 1 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cairasu: All Things Alzheimer's is thrilled to announce the upcoming Brain Health Summit, taking place on June 1, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

This community event brings together world-renowned experts, researchers, and thought leaders in the field of neuroscience and brain health, including Dr. Nathaniel Chin from the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and Lisa Simpson from the UW Health Center for Wellness.

The Brain Health Summit aims to foster a rich discussion about the latest advancements in brain health, explore new research findings, and share practical strategies for maintaining and improving cognitive function. Participants will have the chance to learn about cutting-edge developments, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and network with professionals in the field. We invite and encourage all those interested in brain health - healthcare professionals, caregivers, educators, and the public - to join us for what promises to be a transformative morning of learning and connection.

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding of brain health and join the conversation about how we can all lead healthier, more cognitively vibrant lives. Save the date for June 1, 2024!

Registration for the event is now open and free of cost.

View the flyer: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008196>

Event registration: <https://tinyurl.com/BrainHealthSummit24>



Aging Plans

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

Need to Know

Aging Plan training: Writing the Context

Thursday, May 30 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

The next Aging Plan technical assistance training will focus on writing the context section of the aging plan. The virtual meeting will be held on May 30, 2024 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. and will look at the components of a context section and how to find and use data for this section of the plan. If you are not registered for this event and would like to, please reach out to Nick Musson at nick.musson@gwaar.org.

Family Caregiver Support

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

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Save the date: Statewide Caregiver Coordinator Meeting

Tuesday, May 28 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (extended)

See agenda for login/call-in information. The Statewide Caregiver Coordinator Meeting Agenda can be found here: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008190>

New and updated caregiver support resources available

NEW and UPDATED documents are available in the Program Management Resource page for both Alzheimer's and National Family Caregiver Support Programs!

*AFCSP-NFCSP-CRGP-Cross Comparison - NEW! <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2006749>

*EXAMPLES - AFCSP Coordinator Checklist <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008191>

*EXAMPLES - NFCSP Coordinator Checklist <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008193>

*FAQs for NFCSP and AFCSP - categorized – UPDATED <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008194>

*Waitlist Procedure Policy Examples <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008184>

Fiscal

[Carrie Kroetz](#) Older Americans Act Consultant – Data Management

Need to Know

2024 Final Budget Submission Deadline

Friday, May 31, 2024

Just a reminder that the deadline to submit the 2024 Final Budget is May 31, 2024. All Aging Units must also complete the online Waiver/I&A Spending form, regardless if a waiver is being requested. And if you are applying for a transfer of funds on the budget form, the online Transfer Request form must also be completed. All documents and links to the forms can be found on the GWAAR Fiscal SharePoint site. If you have any questions please reach out to any GWAAR Fiscal staff person.

GWAAR Fiscal SharePoint site: <https://bit.ly/4dMttaR>

or <https://gwaar.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/gwaaraging/EvPRIAMJYHtGm3wvJVtuczgB3DK1-sK2JJxghfb7RO6EA?e=kw7te1>

Nutrition

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

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Reminder: New Home-Delivered Meals (HDM) Assessor Peer Sharing Call!

Tuesday, June 18 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for HDM Assessors to connect with their peers. As well as a venue for sharing training and resources related to the HDM Assessment process. Our first call will be on June 18 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you have agenda items, please send them to Pam VanKampen, pam.vankampen@gwaar.org

Join the call at: <https://bit.ly/3y7hCnj>

Meeting ID: 272 845 447 268

Passcode: gRWWGr

Dial-in by phone: +1 608-338-1382,87755183# United States, Madison

Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol

[Ingrid A. Kundering](#), Senior Medicare Patrol Program Director

Nice to Know

3rd Annual Medicare Fraud Prevention Week

June 3-9, 2024

The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) will be recognizing the 3rd Annual Medicare Fraud Prevention Week (MFPW) with SMP programs across the country June 3 - June 9, 2024.

A radio campaign will air between May 27 - June 9, featuring a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) talking about Medicare fraud and the SMP program mission. Please let us know if you hear the PSA on the radio in your community!

View the press release: <https://www.smpwi.org/pr-for-medicare-fraud-prevention-week/>

Download the flyer: <https://smpresource.org/download-file/30062>

There will also be Facebook posts throughout the week, focusing on MFPW and how everyone can play a role in helping to protect people from Medicare-related fraud. If you don't already, please consider following the Wisconsin SMP on Facebook:

@WisconsinSeniorMedicarePatrol and sharing these posts on your Facebook page.

Wisconsin SMP website: <https://www.smpwi.org/pr-for-medicare-fraud-prevention-week/>

Wisconsin SMP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinSeniorMedicarePatrol/>



The flyer for Medicare Fraud Prevention Week features a photograph of four diverse older adults smiling. The text on the flyer includes:

- Medicare Fraud Prevention Week**
- Actions Everyone Can Take*
- THE WEEK OF 6/5**
- Beneficiaries**: Learn how to read your Medicare statements.
- Caregivers**: Educate yourself and loved ones on how to prevent and detect health care fraud.
- Families**: Talk to loved ones about protecting their Medicare number.
- Partners & Professionals**: Share SMP information on social media. Invite the SMP to speak.
- Health Care Providers**: Talk to patients about health care-related scams.
- Community**: Look out for your older neighbors.
- ABOUT SMP**: Your local Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is ready to provide you with the information you need to PROTECT yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and REPORT your concerns.
- SMP** Senior Medicare Patrol Preventing Medicare Fraud
- www.smpresource.org
- 1-877-808-2468