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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Need to Know

Reminder: Next ACE meeting, TOMORROW

July 10 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

A Teams meeting invite was emailed out on June 6. Contact Rosanna Mazzara for invitation details. (Rosanna.Mazzara@gwaar.org)

View the agenda: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008235>



Nice to Know

Coming soon! New GWAAR Partners Resource site

A newly developed SharePoint site will be available soon to our partners in the aging network. GWAAR Partners Resource was designed to provide a secure and convenient location to access the information you need to support your clients and staff.

You'll find the latest updates here, and access to files, websites, and other important resources. This will eventually replace other GWAAR SharePoint sites (Aging, Fiscal, Nutrition) so watch for updates we move to the new site: <https://gwaar.sharepoint.com/sites/PartnerResources> (link will work later this week for registered users).

More information will be shared tomorrow during the third quarter ACE meeting. We're looking forward to hearing and incorporating your feedback during the transition. Stay tuned!

Reminder: Accepting Applications: GWAAR Board of Directors

If you'd like to play a role in shaping the direction of programs and services for older people in the state, we invite you to volunteer for our Board of Directors. Our mission is to provide aging offices with training, technical assistance, and support to improve the well-being of older people in Wisconsin. To apply, please fill out our [online application](#) and submit to john.schnabl@gwaar.org.

View the application: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2005629>

If you have any questions about volunteering on the Board of Directors, please contact John Schnabl at john.schnabl@gwaar.org.

Employment Opportunities with GWAAR

GWAAR currently has a few employment opportunities available. If you're passionate about delivering innovative support to lead aging agencies as we work together to promote, protect, and enhance the well-being of older people in Wisconsin, join us! Open positions can be found at: <https://gwaar.org/jobs>

Advocacy

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

Need to Know

Reminder: Advocacy Alert | House Labor-HHS Subcommittee Advances FY 2025 Appropriations Bill

Take action! Contact your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson NOW to advocate for funding for OAA programs and services. Read USAging's [appropriations request letter](#). Give your Members of Congress a sense of how their communities would be affected with funding cuts—take the time to localize what this funding means for the older adults and caregivers in your community or tribe.

Read the full Advocacy Alert for additional information and resources:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2008254>

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Wisconsin Supreme Court Restores Use of Ballot Drop Boxes

Last Friday, in a 4-3 ruling, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a decision that restores the use of ballot drop boxes in Wisconsin. This decision, which reverses the court's July 2022 decision to prohibit the use of secure voter drop boxes, will be in effect for the upcoming August primary and November general election.

Drop boxes have long been available in some Wisconsin communities and around the country. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when voters wanted a safe and convenient way to return their absentee ballots in time, the number of drop boxes was expanded to 570 located in 66 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Voter drop boxes are required or broadly accessible in 29 states including neighboring Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois.

Family Caregiver Support

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

Need to Know

Final Reminder: Family Caregiver priorities and survey opportunity

Nearly every person served by the Aging, Disability, and Independent Living (ADIL) Network has one or more family members or friends who provide them with care or some form of help. We at the [Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance \(WFACSA\)](#) are working to identify which priorities in the [2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#) most strongly align with our state's needs. Sharing what your agencies and organizations currently do and would like to see us focus on in the future, will be key to strengthening caregiver supports across our state.



Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA): <https://wisconsincaregiver.org/alliance>

2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers: <https://acl.gov/CaregiverStrategy>

For this reason, we request your input through this [professional survey](#) to learn about the needs of family caregivers. Your expertise is vital to understanding needs across our network and state.

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We have also generated a [family caregiver-specific survey](#) which has been shared on our Wisconsin Family Caregiver Support FB page and by other members of the Alliance. We ask that you share this link with family caregivers that you work with as well.

Professional Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/3zapxRp>

Family Caregiver-Specific Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/3xqPITp>

NEW! Printable family caregiver-specific survey link and instructions: <https://bit.ly/3W5WB5T>

What we learn from these surveys will be helpful for our state and shared with the national [RAISE Caregiver Advisory Council and ACL](#) to design improvements in caregiver supports across federal programs.

RAISE Caregiver Advisory Council and ACL:

<https://acl.gov/programs/support-caregivers/raise-family-caregiving-advisory-council>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your professional expertise with us and for helping to gather family-caregiver feedback. Nearly everyone has been, will be, or will need a caregiver at some point in their lives. Together we can make sure those caregivers are supported when the time comes.

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Grant opportunity for counties!

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is pleased to announce this grant opportunity to Wisconsin counties interested in developing a dementia crisis stabilization unit



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(DCSU). This competitive grant opportunity is intended to provide counties with the opportunity to develop a DCSU that will provide crisis assessment, stabilization, and necessary treatment for individuals for whom the crisis is judged to be significantly related to the person's cognitive issues (suspected or diagnosed dementia) and whose needs cannot be appropriately met with other resources in the region. The goal of a DCSU is to stabilize a dementia-related crisis and return the person to their previous residence or a least restrictive setting within 28 days or less.

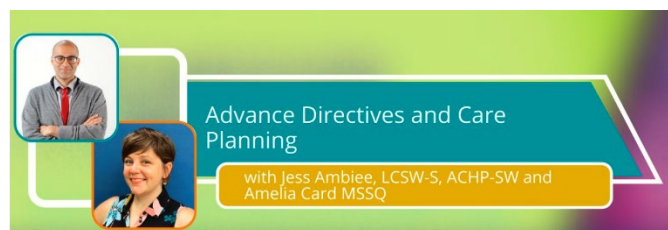
The grant application is due 5:00 p.m. (central time) on July 29, 2024.

Additional details and forms: <https://publicnotices.wisconsin.gov/NoticeView.asp?lnid=1538876>

Advance Directives and Care Planning webinar by WellMed

Some Aging Plans have established an Advance Directives goal for their 2025-2027 Plan. This might be a great webinar for both staff and caregivers.

“When Decisions Are Left Undecided”: Advance care planning, also known as end-of-life and healthcare planning, empowers people to make decisions about the care they want to receive when they can no longer speak for themselves. Adults of any age can begin advance care planning although most people do so in later stages of life.



More details and registration: <https://www.wellmedcharitablefoundation.org/caregiver-support-caregiver-teleconnection-events/advanced-directives-and-care-planning/>

Webinar: Respite Services for Kinship/Grandfamilies

Tuesday, July 16 | 12:00 p.m.

Respite services and supports are significant needs of kinship/grandfamilies. During this Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network webinar, learn from several respite and kinship programs that have developed respite services



that are tailored to the unique circumstances of kinship/grandfamilies. Jill Kagan from ARCH, and a Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network Subject Matter Expert, will provide the overview of the need for respite in this population and the landscape of respite options that might be available to them.

Also presenting are members of the respite network, including Rosalyn Alber, Kinship and Lifespan Respite Program Manager, Home & Community Services, Aging & Long-Term Support Administration, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Larry Cooper, Executive Vice President of Innovation, Children's Home Network in Tampa, FL, and Kim Vivaldi, Lifespan Respite Grant Coordinator, Division for Aging Services, Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TOiLhizdSqCHAbZSh-PsfQ#/registration

Medicare Outreach and Assistance

[Alyssa Kulpa](#), Medicare Outreach Coordinator

Nice to Know

Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Outreach Idea

Every month, the GWAAR Medicare Outreach Coordinator, Alyssa Kulpa, shares a MIPPA outreach idea.

July's Idea of the Month is "NEW! Medicare Mingle: A Casual Meetup for Wisconsin SHIP Counselors." Idea of Month resources are an ideal model for your organization to use to meet your outreach goals, educate Medicare beneficiaries, and encourage participants to become advocates for their own health care.

Download the July Idea of the Month: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008252>

View past ideas: <https://gwaar.org/idea-of-the-month>

Continuing Education Hours (CEH) Opportunity for SHIP counselors and supervisors

Wednesday, August 7 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There will be an optional SHIP training coming up on 8/7/24 "Growing Partnerships: Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)" presented by Ingrid Kundinger, Senior Medicare Patrol Program Director, and Alyssa Kulpa, GWAAR Medicare Outreach Coordinator.

Intended audience: SHIP counselors and supervisors seeking to enhance their understanding of the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program and its potential for partnership in Medicare outreach efforts.

Objectives:

- Gain insight into the Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program.
- Explore the expanded SMP Volunteer team and their role in advancing mission delivery.
- Learn when to refer to and partner with SMP for successful Medicare outreach in Wisconsin.

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DHS has partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to issue Continuing Education Hours/Units (CEH/CEU) to SHIP training participants. You must attend LIVE trainings to be eligible for CEHs/CEUs. Your attendance is verified using Zoom attendance reports and completion of the survey after the live event.

Outlook event: <https://zoom.us/meeting/tZ0kf-iurDgtHNJM2MSqLnmBPLi9Pq58xsf/ics>

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89981623766?pwd=6rymD9KtE8kGAA0Y3unw4gUPHAJ6bn.1>

For questions regarding the training, email Alyssa Kulpa, GWAAR Medicare Outreach Coordinator, at alyssa.kulpa@gwaar.org.

For questions regarding the Continuing Education Hours (CEH) Opportunity, email Pam Watson, MIPPA Grant Coordinator, at pamela.watson@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Nutrition

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

Need to Know

Reminder: Meal Prioritization/Wait List Procedure (Right Meal for You)

This is a reminder that as of 7-1-24, if you are going to adopt Meal Prioritization and/or if you have a Waitlist or need to start one, the Nutrition programs in the GWAAR Service area are required to use the tool and process created by GWAAR in collaboration with your peers on various workgroups. If you are going to adopt and implement this process locally, please notify your GWAAR Nutrition Team Representative by completing this Waitlist/Meal Prioritization Notification Form: <https://bit.ly/3VQBqn1>

We have three Training Modules posted. You can access the training modules, required score form, editable templates, and supporting documents on the GWAAR Nutrition External SharePoint in the *Meal Prioritization* Folder.

GWAAR Nutrition External SharePoint: <https://gwaar.org/nutrition-external-sharepoint-site>

Training Modules:

Module 1- How to Use the Meal Prioritization (Right Meal for You) tool. (45 minutes). Intended for you as directors as well as staff who will be completing the form and process. Written instructions are provided.

Module 2- Review of Technical Assistance Guide, Forms, and Supporting Documents. (30 minutes). For Directors. Please note that several templates can be customized for you to use locally.

Module 3- Overview and Why. (15 minutes). Intended for your board, advisory council, staff, etc. Anyone who wants a high-level understanding of the process.

Meal Prioritization Tool/Right Meal for You training July 18, 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, July 18 | 2-3 p.m.

We will have a call for anyone using or interested in learning more about the process. This will be the first call for programs using the new process. We will then have office hours once a month and quarterly calls (Date Saver will be shared on the call). We will use the same meeting log-in information for each meeting but, the dates and times will be updated and a reminder will be sent before the calls.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional GWAAR Nutrition Team Representative, they will be happy to assist you. **Teams link:** <https://bit.ly/3XLcjEU> Meeting ID: 290 848 179 447 | Passcode: A4aREM
Dial in by phone +1 608-338-1382 | Phone conference ID: 451 418 114#

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July issue of The Dish available

Nutrition updates, including a tasty summer salad recipe are in this month's Dish.

Read The July Dish: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008253>

Read past issues: https://gwaar.org/weekly-dish_1



Tribal Technical Center

[Kassy Heard](#), TTAC Program Director

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Tribal Cook's Training

Wednesday, July 31 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Menominee Food Distribution, Keshena, WI

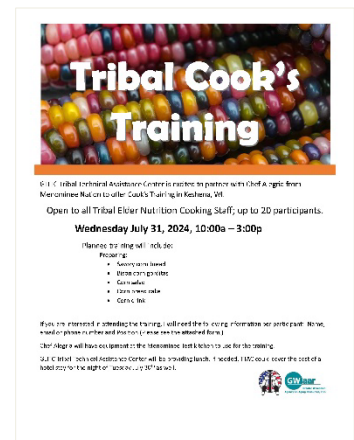
GLITC Tribal Technical Assistance Center is excited to partner with Chef Alegria from Menominee Nation to offer Cook's Training in Keshena, WI. Open to all Tribal Elder Nutrition Cooking Staff; up to 20 participants.

Planned training will include:

Preparing:

- Savory corn bread
- Bison corn gorditas
- Corn salad
- Corn bread cake
- Corn drink

View the flyer: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008247>



Tribal Fiscal Training

Wednesday, July 24 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 | 8 a.m-2 p.m.

Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI

Topics covered:

- Required Services Under Title III
- Title III Budget & Claim Deadlines/ Timelines
- Meal Cost Tool
- One-on-One with GWAAR Fiscal Staff

View the flyer: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008248>

