



Wisconsin Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar

July 23rd, 10 – 11 am

NOTES

10 am Advocacy Update – Janet Zander, Public Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, GWAAR

- [Janet was unable to attend, Bryn reviewed updates]
- Congressional District 8 has a Special Election
- Wis. Fall Partisan Primary – August 13, 2024
- Wis. General Election – November 5, 2024
- FY 2025 OAA Budget Update
- Please also see attachment (07 July 2024 Advocacy Update Caregiver Support)

10:10 am State DHS and GWAAR Updates – Lynn Gall, BADR and Bryn Ceman, GWAAR

- The Wisconsin Trualta portal is now inactive. We are hoping to get it reinstated, but the date is unknown.
 - Registered caregivers have been notified. They received a similar message as the registered Caregiver Coordinators. The Trualta WI portal offers a link to additional caregiver training and education resources available.
 - Please see **Appendix A** (below) for alternate Caregiver Training and Education resources.
- NO NEWS on ARPA extension! Plan to spend your III E funds by 9/30/24.*
*ADRC ARPA funding has a DIFFERENT timeline.
- **Peer Place:**
 - September – basic training to begin being offered by Peer Place directly and DHS & GWAAR – training will be ongoing for some time *after Peer Place's initial training*.
 - 10/18 – The latest date to enter data into WellSky.
 - A new user agreement will be needed to access Peer Place (electronic form).
 - 11/1 – Only viewing capabilities in WellSky.
 - 11/6 – Peer Place “go live”
 - Peer Place will NOT affect REDCap.
- We are halfway through the year, so please check in with fiscal staff to make sure your program is on track to award all AFCSP and NFCSP funding by the end of the year.
 - If you have ARPA funding remaining or more than 50% of NF/AFCSP funding remaining expect to receive an email from Bryn about spending ideas.
 - Here is a link to the updated [Ideas for Spending NFCSP & AFCSP](#).

- Here is an AFCSP-specific link to the updated [Allowable Use of Funds for AFCSP](#)

10:15 am [National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#) – All

- Wisconsin National Strategy Efforts – collected at the Aging, Disability, and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference, April 2024.
- As a means of documenting caregiver support efforts taking place across the Network, the WFACSA crafted two surveys: (Note: Closing Date at midnight on July 31, 2024.)
 - [Professional's Survey: Wisconsin Priorities for the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#)
 - [Family Caregiver Survey: Wisconsin Priorities for the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#)
- This information will be used to identify priorities help us focus our efforts and show how we are aligning our county and tribal aging plan goals with goals in the National Strategy.
- *DHS also applying for ACL grant, almost \$500,000, due August 6th. If the grant is awarded to WI, we would use the funds to address the priorities outlined in the survey.*

10:30 am [New Older Americans Act \(OAA\) Regulations](#) – All

- With AFCSP no longer able to be match for the Title III E – National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) what are ideas counties have about additional match? (Remember that match can be cash, in-kind, or a combination of both.)
 - 9/2025 – implementation of changes
 - DHS – requesting extension to get us through 12/2025
 - Match cannot be federal dollars as match.
 - Can use County levy – some counties already using.
 - Capture volunteer support, use of office space, tracking on when people donate space, etc. as types of in-kind match.
 - Hold in-district events advocating **no** means testing for AFCSP and/or advocate state caregiver program, see [2024 Family Caregiver Issue Brief](#).
- Other regulations to discuss (e.g. Emergency Management, etc.)
- **How to identify those in the most [socioeconomic] need?**
 - Assessing who has other options (e.g. personal funds or “rainy day funds”, MA eligibility, a number of “natural” or “informal” supports)?
 - Assessing the true needs? Maybe it’s not financial assistance, maybe the caregiver needs education/training?
 - Possibly budget differently... budget funds quarterly and reach back out to caregiver to determine if ongoing support is needed & what support is needed.
 - Incorporate the RCAW grants as a supplement for those on the waiting list.

Future Statewide Webinar Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 24th** – HR CareKit and other employer/employee resources to assist caregivers.

- Placeholder: time at the end of the meeting for 'closing the loop' discussion on OAA Regulation and managing an increasing need of caregivers with limited funds.
- **Tuesday, November 26th** – National Family Caregiver Month Celebration! We welcome ideas for the celebration and recognition!
 - Agendas will be forthcoming and posted on the GWAAR 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/AFCSF meeting topics or guest speaker ideas.
 - Request for in-person meeting; maybe 2025.

Appendix A

- [AARP - Friendly Voices](#): If you or someone you love is feeling isolated or anxious in these challenging times, hearing a friendly voice on the phone may help. That's why we created the AARP Friendly Voice program – a trained, caring group of volunteers standing by ready to chat, listen, or just say hello. It's easy. Request a call by dialing AARP at 1-888-281-0145 for English or 1-888-497-4108 for Spanish, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. local time.
- Alzheimer's Association 24/7: Helpline – 1-800-272-3900 or [live chat](#).
- [Caregiver Teleconnection Program](#): Offers one-hour conference calls two to three times each week as well as archived programs for any caregiver.
- [Falls Free Wisconsin](#): Caregivers give so much to others. It's especially important to take steps to prevent your own falls to be able to continue to care for loved ones.
- [Lorenzo's House](#): We are a nonprofit social impact organization designed to empower youth and families, living with younger-onset dementia.
- [Powerful Tools for Caregivers](#): Classes to help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. These are scheduled by individual programs at different times throughout the year.
- [The Respite Care Provider Training \(RCPT\)](#): Offers a series of free courses for anyone interested in providing respite care as a career, a part-time job, or even a volunteer activity to individuals with varying disabilities and ages. Learners can work at their own pace to complete the ten required online courses, stopping and starting as needed.
- [United Way](#): 211 Wisconsin, in partnership with AARP, is offering direct and consistent contact to caregivers throughout the state. This project is intended to reach informal/unpaid family caregivers who are 18 years or older, who are providing care to those 18+. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this type of connection, call 211.
- [VA Caregiver Support Program - Caregivers Support Line \(CSL\)](#): This is a toll-free number for caregivers, family members, friends, Veterans, and community partners to contact for information related to caregiving and available supports and services.
- [Wisconsin Dementia Care Project Learning Center](#): Are you interested in learning more about dementia including Alzheimer's Disease? Are you a family or professional caregiver or do you play another role in the life of someone who is living with dementia? This program offers a series of online and classroom-style dementia courses, originally developed for and approved by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The curriculum is appropriate for a variety of learners from beginning to advanced levels.
- Wisconsin's [Certified Direct Care Professional \(CDCP\)](#) program: Fast-track your health care career while making life better for older adults or for people who have a disability.
- [Wisconsin Family Connections Center](#): Provides support and services to parents and caregivers across the continuum of kinship care, foster care, and post-post permanency, including reunification, guardianship, and adoption. The WIFCC also serves as an excellent resource for professionals serving these families and caregivers.



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