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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Need to Know

Supportive Services Chapter Available For Comment

The deadline to submit feedback is Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

The opportunity to provide feedback on the Supportive Services Chapter is available through tomorrow, July 24. The chapter draft and feedback survey can be found on Aging Operations Manual page of the state ADRC/Aging SharePoint site.

Responses will help improve the clarity and content of each chapter and enhance operations of Older Americans Act programs. Please include page numbers and section titles with feedback as appropriate.

Questions about the Supportive Services Chapter can be directed to the Older Americans Act Program Supervisor, Neal Minogue, at neal.minogue@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Submit feedback: <https://bit.ly/46ed4s8>

Reminder: New GWAAR Partners Resource site now available

We are excited to announce the arrival of the GWAAR Partners Resource-External site, a newly developed GWAAR SharePoint site for use by GWAAR Aging Units and others. This site was designed to provide our partners with a secure and convenient location to access the information you need to support your clients and staff.

Here you will find upcoming GWAAR News and Events, informational and training documents and recordings, and other important resources.

Partner Users must register to access this site:

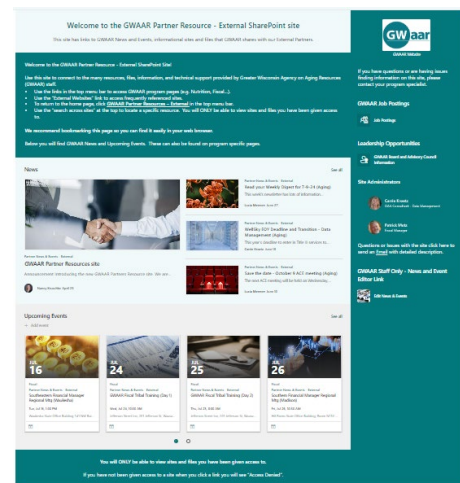
<https://gwaar.org/registration-for-the-gwaar-partner-resource-external-site>

You should receive access information within 3-5 business days.

All information has been copied over from the document library that was temporarily being used to house GWAAR information, such as the claim form and other training and webinar materials.

If you have any issues or questions related to the new site, please email Carrie Kroetz:

carrie.kroetz@gwaar.org



Nice to Know

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.

Reminder: 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>

Current opportunities include:

Public Interest Elder Law Attorney: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008225>

VSDP Care Consultant: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2008217>

Advocacy

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

Need to Know

House Labor-HHS Subcommittee Advances FY 2025 Appropriations Bill

Earlier this month, the House Appropriations Committee passed the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (Labor-HHS) appropriations bill. Details are now available regarding funding numbers for all Older Americans Act (OAA) programs.

Good News: The House bill includes increases over the FY 2024 funding for OAA Title III B – Supportive Services, Title III E – National Family Caregiver Support Program, and Title VI – Native American Nutrition, Supportive and Caregiver Services.

Bad News: The House bill makes significant funding cuts for some programs, including the complete elimination of two programs:

Title C1 and C2 Nutrition Programs

Funding for C1 Congregate Meals was reduced by \$22 million and C2 Home-Delivered Meals funding received a \$15 million cut. These funding cuts bring funding for the Nutrition programs nearly back to FY 2023 funding levels.

Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

The SCSEP received no funding under the House Committee bill. Based on an evaluation of the SCSEP that found the program led to unsubsidized employment for less than half of program participant available for employment and even lower rates of unsubsidized employment for participants with a disability and for older adults and participants with lower levels of education.

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Adult Protective Services (APS)

The House Committee did not provide any funding for APS. No details were provided as to why this decision was made.

Read the detailed Advocacy update: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008265>

Read and share the Call to Action Advocacy Alert: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008266>

If you have questions or concerns about these Advocacy Alerts, please contact Janet Zander at janet.zander@gwaar.org.

Nice to Know

Ageing Advocacy Day: In-District Event listing available

Related to Ageing Advocacy Day in May, several in-district events have been held or are being scheduled. A listing of these events is available on the Ageing Advocacy Day 2024 page. For additional information on holding an event, or to get your event added to the listing, contact Emily Petersen at Emily.Petersen@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

View the listing (updated 7-18-24): <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008262>

Visit the Ageing Advocacy Day page: <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2024>

DHS seeking input on IRIS program waiver renewal

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is seeking ideas/public input on the Medicaid waiver renewal for the IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) program (Wisconsin's long-term care self-directed Medicaid waiver program). According to the most recent IRIS enrollment data - June 2024 Report - of the 26,489 IRIS participants, 6,310 or roughly 24% of all participants are listed in the frail elders (FE) category.

Enrollment data: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02354-24jun.pdf>

Two online public comment sessions have been scheduled:

Tues., July 30 at 6 p.m.

Wed., July 31 at 1 p.m.

Comments on the IRIS program waiver renewal can also be submitted via an online survey through Aug. 2.

Find more information about the waiver renewal, the survey, timeline, and public input session registration on the IRIS Waiver Renewal webpage.

Learn more: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/waiver-renewal.htm>

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.

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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. 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.

Nice to Know

Supporting Kinship/Grandfamilies with LGBTQ+ Youth webinar

Thursday, July 25 | 1:00 p.m.

Grandfamily and kin caregivers are people who help when a child's parents are unable to care for them, taking on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren or the children of a relative

or friend and making themselves and their home into a soft spot for the children. When a young person comes out as LGBTQ+, their kin/grandfamily caregiver may be the last to know because an LGBTQ+ young person might be fearful of losing that close relationship and unconditional love. SAGE and PFLAG National will share strategies from their Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Grandchild toolkit that will guide you on how to help kinship/grandfamilies provide the support that LGBTQ+ youth need.



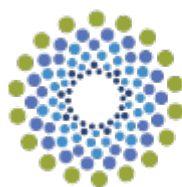
To learn more and register for the webinar:

<https://www.gksnetwork.org/events/supporting-kinship-grandfamilies-with-lgbtq-youth/>

National Respite Care Provider Training Toolkit released

Check this out! Our very own Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) has helped to create a national toolkit!

ARCH and the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin, in collaboration with the National Academy for State Health Policy, released the National Respite Care Provider Training Toolkit at the 2024 National Lifespan Respite Conference. The toolkit includes all you need to know to implement an online, competency-based training curriculum for entry-level respite providers and to recruit potential respite providers to take the training.



RCAW
Respite Care Association
of Wisconsin

Find more information here:

https://archrespite.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Respite-Provider-Training_web-1.pdf

Final Reminder: 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 (DCSU). This competitive grant opportunity is intended to



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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?Inid=1538876>

Health Promotion

[Angie Sullivan](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist*

Need to Know

Save the Date! Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar

Tuesday, August 20 | 9:00 -10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the next Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar on Tuesday, August 20th, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Polly Shoemaker, Attorney at the WI Guardian Support Center (GSC), will provide an overview of the GSC. Additionally, there will be a panel discussion featuring several Aging Units on how they utilized their ARPA D funds. GWAAR will also present a summary of their Diversity, Equity & Inclusion self-assessment and provide the latest information on ARPA D funding.

Register today! <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrd-mupjoiGNE5eHXC1JvCmYX6RRY3gPEj>

Nice to Know

Stepping On New Facilitator Training Added!

November 18-20 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Due to high demand, the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) added another Stepping On Facilitator Training this fall. Now is the time to spread the reach of your Stepping On falls prevention program and train additional facilitators.



Facilitator requirements include:

- Must be a healthcare professional, aging network professional, fitness specialist or other professional that works with older adults.
- Must be employed by or volunteer for a registered program provider.
- Must hold at least one community workshop every 12 months.
- Must identify an eligible co-facilitator.

Stepping On is researched and proven to reduce falls by 31%! This evidence-based falls prevention program helps older adults reduce their risk of falls, improve their ability to safely navigate their environment, and ultimately, increase their quality of life.

The deadline to apply for this training is October 14, 2024. Cost = \$525.00

If you have questions or want to learn more, please call or email Suzanne Morley, Health Promotion Program Coordinator, at 608-852-0813 or suzanne.morley@wihealthyaging.org. You can count on WIHA to provide technical assistance before, during and after the training.

Stepping On Facilitator training application: <https://wiha.wufoo.com/forms/s8d8tpv0cls7ng/>

Falls Prevention Awareness Month Resources

Falls Prevention Awareness Month (FPAM) will be here before we know it! The Falls Free Wisconsin Coalition has been hard at work planning for September's awareness month and preparing customizable resources for you all. Here's a snapshot of what's available:

- **Are you hosting an event or activity** in September during FPAM? Share it with others! Submit your activities to the link below and it will be shared on FallsFreeWI.org for the public to see!

Submit your FPAM Event/Activity:

<https://wiha.wufoo.com/forms/w1eeci1604bpoe4/>

- **Promotional resources:** Social media graphics & suggested text, newsletter article, press release, and more - coming soon!
- **Webinar:** for professionals on August 5th at 11 a.m. to discuss preparing for FPAM and go through these resources in more depth and network with others. Register below.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrfumoqTlvE9cAZ5e9Exc2WU2i9ca-DgWQ#/registration>

Falls Free WI encourages you to use their materials and align with their theme "Age With Confidence, Prevent Falls" in your communities!

For more info, contact Suzanne Morley at suzanne.morley@wihealthyaging.org or call 608-852-0813.

Visit the Falls Free Wisconsin site: <https://fallsfreewi.org/>



Guardian Support Center

[Polly Shoemaker](#), WI Guardianship Support Center Attorney

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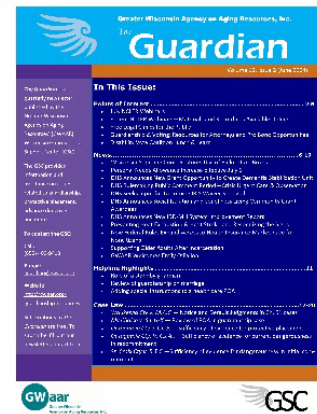
Reminder: Read “The Guardian” for in-depth news and updates

The June issue of the Guardianship Support Center newsletter “The Guardian” is now available on the GWAAR website.

You'll find news, resources and helpful information on issues related to adult guardianship, protective placement, advance directives, and more.

Read this issue: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008257>

Visit the Guardian Support Center page: <https://gwaar.org/guardianship-resources>



Nutrition

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

Nice to Know

Spotlight on creating a healthy meal for less

In this segment from Channel 5 in Green Bay, Chef Lori Fernandez and Chef Lori Richardt from the Door County ADRC showcase an easy meal everyone can enjoy.

Watch the segment:

<https://www.wearegreenbay.com/local5live-recipes/create-a-healthy-nutritious-meal-for-less-with-chef-lori-fernandez/>



Reminder: Falls Prevention Awareness Month Placemat Contest!

The Falls Free Wisconsin Coalition is holding a contest for Falls Prevention Awareness Month (FPAM)! The goal of the contest is to create a placemat with falls prevention education for older adults for partners throughout the state to distribute during Falls Prevention Awareness Month this September. See attached for submission requirements (deadline July 26th), example placemats, and additional information!

Visit the site: <https://fallsfreewi.org/placemat-contest/>

Link to view full flyer: <https://bit.ly/3xllwcm>

The flyer is titled 'How to Enter' and provides details for the Falls Prevention Awareness Month Placemat Contest. It includes the following information:

- How to Enter:** Email submissions to falls@wihealthyaging.org. Include submitter's name, organization, city, state, email address, and phone number.
- Deadline:** Friday, July 26, 2024.
- Judging and Awards:** Placemat submissions will be shared on the Falls Free Wisconsin website to be shared with statewide partners for use throughout WI. Judges for the Falls Free Wisconsin Coalition will choose the top 3 winners. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the organization to cover printing costs for 1st place: \$125; 2nd place: \$100; 3rd place: \$75.
- Question? Contact:** falls@wihealthyaging.org. Need examples for inspiration? Check out North Carolina Falls Prevention Coalition's 2023 placemat contest submissions at bit.ly/3xllwcm.

The flyer also features a graphic of a placemat with a maze design and the text 'TICO - Falls Free 2023 Falls Prevention Month Placemat Contest'. At the bottom, it says 'Happy designing! Thank you for all that you do to prevent falls in Wisconsin!' and includes the Falls Free Wisconsin logo and the website fallsfreewi.org.

Tribal Technical Center

[Kassy Heard](#), TTAC Program Director

Nice to Know

Reminder: Tribal Cook's Training

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

Menominee Food Distribution, Keshena, WI

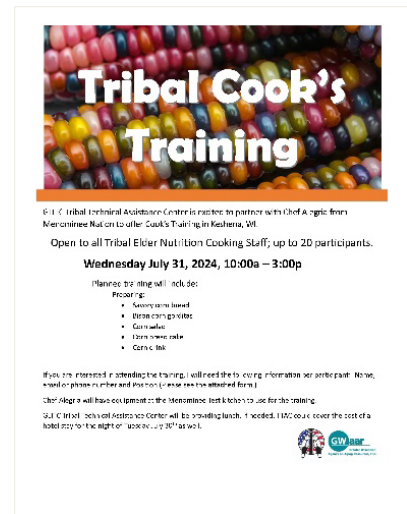
GLITC Tribal Technical Assistance Center is excited to partner with Chef Alegria from Menominee Nation to offer Cook's Training in Keshena, WI. Open to all Tribal Elder Nutrition Cooking Staff; up to 20 participants.

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>



Reminder: 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>

