



Volume 6, No. 33 August 13, 2024  
 Office: 608-243-5670 Fax: 866-813-0974  
 info@gwaar.org www.gwaar.org



## Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

### Need to Know

#### Reminder: New GWAAR Partners Resource site now available

Don't forget to register and check out the new GWAAR Partners Resource-External site, for 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, as well as 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>

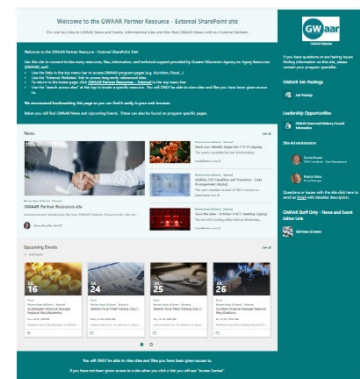
Once your access has been granted you will receive an email of notification and login security instructions.

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.

**Please note:** Your claim forms and budgets can be located on the new GWAAR Partners Resource site. If you do not have access yet, you can still access the forms in the documents library. Access to this library has been extended until access has been enabled for recent registrants.

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

[carrie.kroetz@gwaar.org](mailto:carrie.kroetz@gwaar.org)



### Nice to Know

#### Volunteer opportunity for older adults

The University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Nursing is recruiting older adults interested in helping future health care professionals understand the needs and perspectives of older adults. Volunteers would meet one-on-one with a student via phone or video call twice between September and October 2024. Please share this volunteer opportunity with older adults in your community.

To learn more, contact [CARE@son.wisc.edu](mailto:CARE@son.wisc.edu) or 608-265-4330.

**View the flyer:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008285>



## Grant opportunity available

The Inclusa Foundation team and Board of Directors are accepting Letters of Interest (LOI) beginning August 1, 2024 through September 12, 2024, to determine eligibility.

Once submitted online, organizations can expect to hear a response regarding the status of their LOI by early October 2024. Projects of interest will receive an invitation to submit a full application proposal and supplemental materials, if approved. Please see Grant Process Timetable for additional timeline details and due dates.

**Learn more:** <https://www.inclusafoundation.org/open-call>

**Grant Opportunities!**  
Available through the Inclusa Foundation

**Open Call**  
The Inclusa Foundation is open to a broad range of potential proposals, anticipating funding between \$2 and \$5 million in its first year of operations.

**INCLUSA** foundation  
"Devoted to fostering diverse and inclusive communities for older adults and adults with disabilities."

**Areas of Focus**  
We pursue a multi-pronged strategy for systems change, including provider innovation, leadership development, and public policy education. All applicants must be 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt organizations.

[www.inclusafoundation.org](http://www.inclusafoundation.org)

## Dane County Department of Human Services Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference

Friday, November 1 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

*This event will be offered virtually and online registration opens September 3, 2024.*

Save the date! Dane County Department of Human Services is pleased to announce its annual Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference being held Friday, November 1, 2024. This very popular yearly event is being offered virtually and will start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:15 p.m. Certain licensed professionals who attend will have the opportunity to earn 4 CEHs/0.4 CEUs.

Registration opens September 3, 2024. See the flyer for details. Due to the state funding being made available for this conference there is no cost to attend.

**View the flyer:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2008289>

DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN LATER LIFE**  
Victim-Centered Safety Planning: Key Considerations When Working with Older Domestic Violence Survivors

**OUR CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

Date	Friday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Format	Virtual, 4 CEHs/0.4 CEUs
Investment	Free

**Keynote Speakers**  
Kristin Burkli & Victoria Ferguson-Young  
National Chair's House of Abuse in Later Life (NCHALL)

**Learning Objectives**

- Discussing the importance of safety planning for older domestic violence survivors
- Identifying the cultural differences that may impact safety planning for older survivors
- Developing the cultural adaptation strategies for practitioners working with older survivors

**REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 3**  
<https://bit.ly/dane-24>  
For more information, please contact Continuing Professional Education:  
[cped@dhhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:cped@dhhs.wisconsin.gov)

## Reminder: VSDP Care Consultant Employment Opportunity

The Veteran Self-Directed Program (VSDP) helps Veterans needing assistance choose their own caregivers, services, and supports to be able to safely and successfully remain living in their home. In conjunction with the Veteran and their family, the VSDP Care Consultant is responsible for assessing the Veteran's abilities and level of functioning, identifying areas of need and preferences for meeting those needs, developing a care plan to meet the needs; assisting the Veteran and family caregiver with setting up and purchasing goods and services within their individual budget allocation; and assisting the Veteran with monitoring service provision.

**Read the full job description:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2008217>

## Abuse in Later Life Grant

---

### Nice to Know

---

#### Direct Services Elder Abuse Training-October 9 (No Cost)

Wednesday, October 9 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Walworth County Health & Human Services Building  
1910 County Road NN, Elkhorn

The purpose of this training is to enhance older victims' safety and quality of life by strengthening collaboration among direct service providers.

#### Topics include:

- Types of Abuse in Later Life
- Understanding types of abuse in later life and abuser tactics
- Collaborating to create a victim-centered response
- Planning for victim safety
- Existing services for older victims

#### Who should attend?

The training is open to state-based organizations and agencies that work with adult protective services, victim services, system-based advocates, and aging network professionals.

#### Registration:

<https://wisdoj.eventsair.com/direct-services-elder-abuse-training---walworth-county/oct9/Site/Register>

View the flyer: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008283>



Date/Time:  
October 9, 2024 (8:00am - 4:30pm)  
Location:  
Walworth County Health & Human Services Building  
1910 County Road NN, Elkhorn  
[Register here:](https://wisdoj.eventsair.com/direct-services-elder-abuse-training---walworth-county/oct9)

**About:**  
The purpose of this training is to enhance older victims' safety and quality of life by strengthening collaboration among direct service providers.

- Topics include:**
- Types of Abuse in later Life
  - Understanding types of abuse in later life and abuser tactics
  - Collaborating to create a victim-centered response
  - Planning for victim safety
  - Existing services for older victims



## Advocacy

---

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

### Need to Know

---

#### Don't forget to vote!

The Fall Partisan Primary is today, August 13! Review what is on your ballot, where your polling place is, and check your registration status at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).



#### Older Americans Act Reauthorization

Late last month, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee passed S. 4776 - the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024. This bill reauthorizes OAA titles beginning in FY 2026 through FY 2029 with a 4.62-percent increase each year.

This is only the first step in the process. A floor vote by the Senate is unlikely until there is agreement between the House and the Senate on a final bill. Watch for advocacy alerts in the coming weeks encouraging the House Committee to advance their reauthorization bill.

OAA reauthorization bills typically do not come to a floor vote until there is agreement between the House and the Senate on a final bill. So, our advocacy focus now shifts to the House. Watch for new advocacy alerts in the coming weeks!

## Nice to Know

### Elections are More than Voting Webinar

Tuesday, August 20 | 12:00 p.m.

Voting is an important way to participate in our democracy, but there are many other ways to have an impact. Join our webinar to get some ideas for getting involved in the election process, from talking to friends and family to becoming a poll worker.

We will also provide the latest updates and make sure you're a prepared voter!

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/DVCMoreThanVoting> or scan the QR code on the flyer.

**View the flyer:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008284>



### Register Today!

#### Elections are More than Voting Webinar

Voting is an important way to participate in our democracy, but there are many other ways to have an impact. Join our webinar to get some ideas for getting involved in the election process, from talking to friends and family to becoming a poll worker.

We will also provide the latest updates and make sure you're a prepared voter!

August 20, 2024 | 12:00 - 12:45 pm Via Zoom

Register at <https://bit.ly/DVCMoreThanVoting> or scan the QR code below.



SCAN ME



Stay tuned for future webinars!

Sign Language Interpreters will be available.

Visit us at [DisabilityVote.org](https://DisabilityVote.org)

or email us at [info@DisabilityVote.org](mailto:info@DisabilityVote.org)

Need help with voting?

Contact the Wisconsin Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline at 844-DIS-VOTE / 844-347-8683

## Family Caregiver Support

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

### Nice to Know

#### Reminder: 34th Institute on Aging Annual Colloquium

Wednesday, September 18 | 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Gordon Dining & Event Center (2nd Floor) | 770 W. Dayton St., Madison, WI 53706

Open to anyone interested in positive aging, including the general public and professionals working with older adults. Topics include:

- Health and Psychological Well-Being of Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Impacts of Lifelong Caregiving
- Musculoskeletal Health with Aging: Perspective of an Aging Clinician Researcher
- Caring for My Abuser: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Intergenerational Caregiving
- Expansion, Equity, and the Economy of U.S. Higher Education since the 1960s

#### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration opened on Monday 08/5/24, spots fill up fast! If your plans change, please cancel before Sept. 3, 2024, so there is time to register someone from the waiting list. No walk-ins will be accepted.

**Registration:** [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7Uq0yONTzLrNZMW](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Uq0yONTzLrNZMW)

The flyer for the 34th Institute on Aging Annual Colloquium features a grid of speaker profiles and event details. The top right shows hands clasped in prayer. The bottom right contains contact information for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute on Aging.

Keynote	Health and Psychological Well-Being of Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Impacts of Lifelong Caregiving		
	Marsha Adcock, PhD, UW-Madison Recent CDC estimates show that about 17% of US children have developmental disabilities, a group of conditions due to impairments in physical, learning, language, or behavior. Examples include autism, Down syndrome, epilepsy, and intellectual disabilities. This talk focuses on those parents, who often experience high levels of stress due to the special needs of their children. Because developmental disabilities are lifelong conditions, these challenges extend across the parent's life course and increase their health risks as they age. Greater understanding of these risks and the specific needs of social support that will help enhance their quality of life.		
Musculoskeletal Health with Aging: Perspective of an Aging Clinician Researcher	Caring for My Abuser: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Intergenerational Caregiving		
	Neil Binkley, MD, UW-Madison Independence is valued by older adults. Loss of bone and muscle strength threaten our independence. Our strategies leading to weak bones and muscles will be reviewed and approaches to optimize musculoskeletal health considered.		Jocelyn Kong, PhD, UW-Madison Prof. Kong will share highlights from her research on later-life intergenerational relationships when there is a history of trauma in the family system. The presentation will introduce conceptual and empirical evidence about adult children who survived childhood abuse/neglect at the hands of a parent and how, as adults, provide care to their parent. Research findings regarding the prevalence and characteristics of such caregivers in national surveys and how caregiver health status they experience will be discussed. The presentation will conclude with key messages and insights about the potential for resilience and growth in later-life relationships.
	Adam Helman, PhD, UW-Madison Access to higher education and workforce opportunities across the life course. Such access hinges on a wide range of personal and policy conditions, including public support to manage the costs of higher education. This talk examines the economy of U.S. higher education since the 1960s, notes that as student enrollment grew, public subsidies did not keep pace, increased participation was accompanied by a shift from public aid to private loans, which translated an increasingly diverse student body. The impact, among the black, largely urban and male students, benefited from publicly supported higher education, the higher, increasingly non-white and female students born more proximal costs. These national trends raise important questions for the future: will a more diverse electorate translate the public's will to entire public aid to higher education?		

**Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024**  
8:30am-1:30pm on the UW-Madison campus  
Includes a speaker, a Health & Resource Fair with local aging organizations, and a Prayer Session showcasing recent aging research.  
**FREE & OPEN to the PUBLIC**  
Registration opens the first Monday in August and usually fills up quickly  
Sign up to receive event details at [aging.wisc.edu](https://aging.wisc.edu)  
or contact: (608) 262-1818 [aging@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:aging@ssc.wisc.edu)  
Hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute on Aging

SPACE IS LIMITED • REGISTRATION OPENS THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST: 8/5/24



## Health Promotion

---

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

### **Need to Know**

---

#### **Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar Reminder**

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

Register today for the upcoming Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar. Please see the agenda below:

- Welcome and Introductions - *Angie Sullivan, MS, CHES/ OAA consultant GWAAR*
- Reframing Aging (\*\*Change to previous Agenda)
- Countering Ageism by Changing How We Talk About Aging  
**Learn more:** <https://www.reframingaging.org/>
- Panel Discussion - ARPA D Spending from the field *Kari Dombrowski, Aging Services Supervisor, ADRC of Ozaukee County/ Nicki Scharrig, Assistant Director, ADRC of Door County, Chetney Blaszczyk, ADRC Nutrition & Health Promotion Coordinator, Walworth County Health and Human Services*
- GWAAR Updates Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Self-Assessment Summary ARPA D and OAA Title III-D Updates
- WIHA Updates

**View the agenda:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008288>

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

## Guardianship Support Center

---

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

### **Nice to Know**

---

#### **Updated Do-It-Yourself Consumer Guide for the Power of Attorney for Health Care available**

We recently updated our Do-It-Yourself Consumer Guide for the Power of Attorney for Health Care and that is now available:

<https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2005992>.

Several of the included documents, like the “Power of Attorney: An Overview,” “25 Suggested Topics,” and “Comparison of Living Will and Power of Attorney for Health Care” are available separately and updated versions of those have also been published.

**Comparison of Living Will/POA (rev. 8-2023):** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2004332>

**25 Suggested Topics:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2005653>

**POA-HC Overview:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2004343>

Guardianship Support Center: <https://gwaar.org/guardianship-resources>



## 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.

August's Idea of the Month is "Medicare Open Enrollment Period Outreach." 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 August Idea of the Month:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008271>

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

## Nutrition

---

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

### **Need to Know**

---

#### **Meal prioritization data reminder and office hours**

Just a gentle reminder that if you are using the meal prioritization process, please record data at the links found in this attachment: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008286>

We need this data to show we are meeting our outcomes.

Also, if you are using the process, please let us know by answering a few questions at [this link](#) so we know who is using the process. <https://bit.ly/3VQBq1>

I will review this on our next Meal Prioritization Office Hours 8-16-24, from 9 to 10 am. Please also note the meeting dates and office hour calls on the date saver thru the end of 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**2024 Meeting dates and login information:** <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008287>

### **Nice to Know**

---

#### **Share your stories about nutrition challenges**

Did you know that one out of every two older Americans may be at risk for malnutrition? There are multiple root causes for malnutrition, it is more than not having enough food to eat.

For example:

- Medicines can alter taste, cause dry mouth and nausea.
- Poor dental health can lead to chewing and swallowing problems.
- Arthritis and other conditions can cause fatigue and inability to prepare meals.
- Individuals who live alone, may have no appetite or desire to cook and so many more....

We're collecting stories from professionals, older adults, caregivers, and families.

Please share your stories about eating and nutrition challenges from older adults, their caregivers, and families. These stories are powerful and can help us raise awareness, educate and advocate for better nutrition care.

**Share your nutrition challenge story form:** <https://bit.ly/3YJc0d>

## **Incorporating Food Safety into Healthy Eating Programs webinar**

*Wednesday, August 14 | 1:00 p.m.*

Access to healthy and safe food is vital for our well-being. Without access to safe, healthy food, people may find themselves at risk for foodborne illness and numerous diet-related and chronic conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease and certain forms of cancers. Join us for this free webinar where experts will discuss healthy eating programs that improve access to safe and affordable healthy foods. Attendees will also learn how to ensure effective food safety messages and information are included as a key part of healthy eating programs. Guest speakers will include Tabitha Benefield, RDN of FMI, The Food Industry Association, Jenn Parlin with Pima County Cooperative Extension, and Katie Weston of the Partnership for Food Safety Education. Register now to earn free CEUs from ANFP, CDR and NCHCE!



### **Registration:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Q7mWi0-yRNO\\_DI\\_SUcO2Gg#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q7mWi0-yRNO_DI_SUcO2Gg#/registration)