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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:

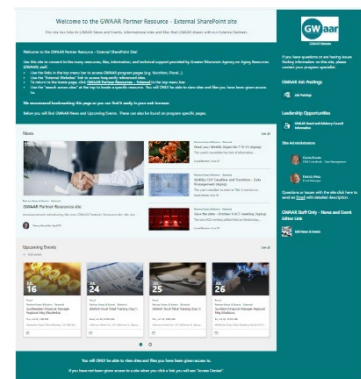
<https://gwaar.org/registration-for-the-gwaar-partner-resource-external-site>

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



Nice to Know

Reminder: 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>



Reminder: VSDP Care Consultant Employment Opportunity

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

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.

Accepting Applications: GWAAR Advisory Council

The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR), is looking for thoughtful, civic-minded, energetic individuals to fill vacancies on its Advisory Council. Advisory Council Members are involved in a variety of activities that support aging programs including promotion of quality improvement of aging services and individual and organizational advocacy. Advisory Council Members are expected to maintain community relationships to promote agency visibility and help achieve agency goals. If you are looking for a challenging volunteer opportunity where your skills can make a difference in program planning, development, and implementation – please see the following and apply.

View the application: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2005628>

If you have any questions about volunteering on the Advisory Council, please contact Nick Musson at nick.musson@gwaar.org.

Reminder: 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 or 608-265-4330.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to help future health care professionals understand the needs and perspectives of older adults? Please volunteer with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing this fall!

Who can volunteer? +

People who are:

- age 65 or older
- live independently
- willing to talk with nursing students about health topics

What would you do?

You would meet one-on-one with a student via phone or video call twice between September and October 2024.

Why volunteer?

You can help bridge the age and social divides and help nursing students provide better care to older adults.

Have questions? Interested?

Please contact us to learn more and sign up!

CARE@son.wisc.edu

608-265-4330

The Center for Aging Research and Education
SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Abuse in Later Life Grant

Nice to Know

Reminder: 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)
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Walworth County Health & Human Services Building
1910 County Road NN, Elkhorn
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Advocacy

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

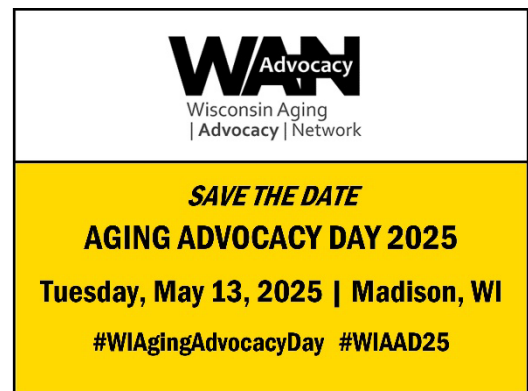
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Save the Date! Aging Advocacy Day 2025 – Tuesday, May 13

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) will hold our 9th Annual Aging Advocacy Day (AAD) 2025 event in Madison on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Citizens from around the state will gather in Madison on Tuesday, May 13 for training, to meet with other constituents from their Senate and Assembly district, and for office visits with their legislators/legislative staff. Following the training, attendees will join others from their state Senate and Assembly district to provide information and share personal stories with legislators and/or their staff to help them understand how specific policy issues and proposals impact individuals, families, and older constituents.

Updates and sponsorship information available at <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2025>



Nice to Know

Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce Releases Full Report

On Aug. 19, 2025, the Governor's Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce released its final report and advisory action plan. The advisory action plan outlines solutions to address the state's longstanding healthcare workforce shortages. The taskforce met six times over the course of six months and adopted 10 recommendations with 26 action items representing a variety of policies and programs to address issues including education, training, recruitment, and retention of health care workers.

The advisory action plan:

- Presents a comprehensive analysis of current and future workforce challenges impacting the health care sector.
- Explores educational and training pathways to create a more diverse, equitable, and sustainable workforce. Identifies strategies to improve patient care and alleviate the burden on our health care workforce.
- Recommends solutions, including new policies and programs, modifications to existing programs, and necessary changes to state statutes.

View the advisory action plan -

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hc-workforce/gov-taskforce-hcwf-report-2024.pdf>

View a short summary of the action plan -

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hc-workforce/gov-taskforce-hcwf-onepager-2024.pdf>

I hope you will join me in supporting the action plan and sharing it widely.

DCTS: Crisis Hostels Preliminary Public Hearing and Comment Period

Feedback deadline: August 23, 2024

Work is underway to create an emergency and permanent state administrative rule for the certification and operation of crisis hostels. This program type was created with the enactment of 2023 Wisconsin Act 249. Crisis hostels are intended to act as a mental health stabilization program with a maximum of 15 beds that provide services to an adult on a voluntary basis to prevent or reduce the individual's mental health needs and avoid admission of the individual to a more restrictive setting.

The public is invited to share feedback on the statement of scope for the emergency and permanent state administrative rule.

Feedback will be accepted at a virtual preliminary public hearing August 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. or anytime in writing now through midnight August 23, 2024.

View the statement of scope [Wisconsin Legislature: SS 080-24](#)

<https://bit.ly/3XbBFeA>

Wisconsin Legislature: SS 080-24 Notice of Preliminary Hearing: See the notice of preliminary public hearing and comment period for information on how to join the preliminary public hearing or submit written feedback: <https://bit.ly/4cwYUnl>



Family Caregiver Support

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

Nice to Know

Families Like Mine 2024: Relative Caregivers for Children Conference Registration is now open!

Saturday, September 14 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- Office of Children's Mental Health
- Understanding the Juvenile Court Process: CHIPS & Minor Guardianship Cases
- Considering Forgiveness in an Unforgiving World
- Tabletop Discussion/Connection for relative caregivers
- Resources and Respite for Relative Caregivers of Children
- Wisconsin Wayfinder: A New Way to Find Resources
- An Introduction to Kids Matter Inc. Services



Families Like Mine 2024:
Relative Caregivers for Children Conference

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Chula Vista Resort—Wisconsin Dells

Registration is now open!

Questions? Call us at 1-800-762-8063 or email

info@wifamilyconnectionscenter.org

<https://flm2024.eventbrite.com>



Registration and more information: <https://flm2024.eventbrite.com/>

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

Need to Know

Reminder: Wellsky Title III data deadline Oct. 18

This year's deadline to enter in Title III services to Wellsky/SAMS AND make sure all client and service data is accurate for the reporting period **October 2023-September 2024** is **October 18th!** For fiscal claim forms, your September (and all prior monthly claims) are due by **November 8th!** This information is then used for the GWAAR region and State of Wisconsin Federal Older American's Act Report.

If, upon reviewing and correcting data, services are removed from Title III to Title VI, NOAA or Family Care, as examples, you must let your fiscal staff know as it will impact your claim forms.

The list of Error and Informational reports to run can be found on the GWAAR Data Management "old" SharePoint Site, along with an instructional guide. We are continuing to work on providing users access to the new GWAAR Partner Resource site.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued work on this and all the hard work you put into it throughout the year! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or book an appointment with me.

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[Carrie Kroetz - Appointment Scheduler \(office365.com\)](#)

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Health Promotion

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

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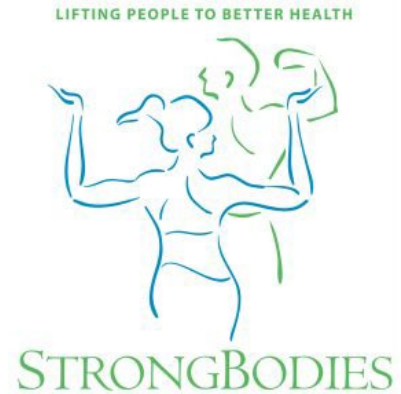
Online Health Promotion Programming Opportunity for OAA Title III D and ARPA D Funding

UW Madison Extension Virtual StrongBodies Series

- Offered via Zoom
- Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. weekly for 11-12 weeks
- AU/ADRC's can reserve individual spots for county residents (\$50/participant)

Reserve spots here: <https://bit.ly/3RmQjfc>

- After Extension receives your request for spots, you will be mailed invoice for payment, flyer for upcoming virtual series (customizable for local information) and link to online registration for the virtual class so you can register local residents.
- Participants demographic information will be sent to you for your Wellsky (SAMS) reporting after the registration deadline for each series.
- Participants will need to complete an attendance form and return it to the AU/ADRC to enter into Wellsky (SAMS). Several AU/ADRC's send the attendance log along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to collect the voluntary contributions.



Find out more about StrongBodies here: <https://healthyliving.extension.wisc.edu/programs/strongbodies/>

Upcoming 2024 Virtual StrongBodies series: Fall Series: October 1 - December 19 (registration deadline Friday, October 25 - to be a completer) For more information, contact Jen Whitty, Health Promotion Programs Coordinator, Health & Well-Being Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension at jennifer.whitty@wisc.edu

Guardian Support Center

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

Nice to Know

Reminder: 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 been also been published.

Comparison of Living Will/POA (rev. 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>



Nutrition

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

Nice to Know

Just Released: New Handouts Highlighting Food Sources of Key Nutrients

New handouts listing foods and beverages that are some of the highest sources of calcium, potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin D, and iron are now available on DietaryGuidelines.gov

These printable handouts focus on the 5 dietary components of public health concern identified in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025. These dietary components are important for health and many people in the United States do not get enough of them. Calcium, potassium, dietary fiber, and vitamin D are dietary components of public health concern for the entire U.S. population. Iron is also a nutrient of public health concern for people who are pregnant and infants starting at about age 6 months who are fed mostly human milk and don't get enough iron from infant foods.



Check out the new handouts: <https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/professional-resources#foodsources>

Reminder: Malnutrition Awareness Week is Sept 16-20, 2024

GWAAR has once again partnered with ASPEN, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, for ASPEN Malnutrition Awareness Week (MAW).

The goal of Malnutrition Awareness Week is to educate healthcare professionals on early detection, prevention, and treatment of malnutrition and educate consumers to discuss their nutrition status with healthcare providers.

#ASPENMAW24. **For more information, visit** <https://www.nutritioncare.org/MAW/>

