**Wisconsin Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar**

September 24th, 10 – 11 am

**NOTES**

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

* Please see attachment [09 September 2024 Advocacy Update Caregiver Support](https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008327)

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

* Caregiver Post Card Grant Project - Kristin Voss, Family Caregiver, and Center for Caregiver Serenity. Video storytelling presentation in November.
* Folders were handed out to Directors/Supervisors following the ADILN Conference on 9/18/24. Folders have the information needed to learn more about the Caregiver Postcard Project.
* Kristin is happy to help plan with AU/ADRCs for future events including the NFCM related to the postcard ideas of gratitude, acceptance, & courage,
* In November she will be sharing the value and healing aspects of video storytelling.
* Kristin Voss can be reached at [kristinvoss6@gmail.com](mailto:kristinvoss6@gmail.com) or 608-843-8299.
* Question: Will DHS REDCap be affected by the transition to PeerPlace? Initially, “no” back in July. Now, there is an opportunity to **transition REDCap to PeerPlace to streamline work**.

**10:15 am Caregiver Friendly Employers and Workplaces** *– Harriet Redman Founder/Director of Special Projects,* [*WisconSibs*](https://wisconsibs.org/)

* [HR CareKit](https://wisconsincaregiver.org/_data/media/76/hr-carekitr.pdf)
* Please see the attachment titled “Working Caregivers Presentation- Using the HR Care Kit by WFACSA” for the presentation. If you know of a caregiver-friendly employer, please email Harriet Redman at [harriet@wisconsibs.org](mailto:harriet@wisconsibs.org) or Lynn Gall at [Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov)
  + [Home - Schreiber Foods](https://www.schreiberfoods.com/) – offers a caregiver support group for employees; Brown Co ADRC has presented to them in the past.

**10:45/10:50 (if there is time) New Older Americans Act (OAA) Regulations** – *All*

* ‘Close the Loop’ – share ideas for match and capture further thoughts….
* From July’s meeting:
  + 9/2025 – implementation of changes (match cannot come from a means-tested or income-based program, such as AFCSP)
  + DHS – requesting an extension to get us through 12/2025.
  + Match cannot be federal dollars as match.
  + Can use County levy – some counties already using this instead of AFCSP.
  + **Ideas for match**: 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 for state caregiver program, see [2024 Family Caregiver Issue Brief](https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008154).
  + Collect participant contributions; per OAA **cannot** be required, but participants could offer financial contributions and/or volunteer time, etc.

**Future Statewide Webinar Dates:**

* **Tuesday, November 26th** – National Family Caregiver Month Celebration! We will learn about visual storytelling and the value it holds for caregivers. We welcome additional ideas for the celebration and recognition month!
  + Agendas will be forthcoming and posted on the GWAAR [website](https://gwaar.org/wisconsin-caregiver-support-community-monthly-calls) along with the recordings, notes, and other meeting documents following each meeting.
  + Please feel free to email Bryn at: [bryn.ceman@GWAAR.org](mailto:bryn.ceman@GWAAR.org) and/or Lynn at: [Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov) with NFCSP/AFCSP meeting topics or guest speaker ideas.
* **Tuesday, January 28th, 2025** – No agenda yet.
  + What Caregiver Classes are being offered across the state? (Kristine in LaCrosse)
  + Additional topics provided (Linda FDL)