

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Need to Know

Reminder: GWAAR's Draft 2025-2027 Aging Plan public hearing

Wednesday, November 6 | 1:00 -2:30 p.m.

The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) would like your input on the draft GWAAR 2025-2027 Aging Plan. The feedback provided will help improve the quality of the plan, leading to more comprehensive and effective solutions. public hearings are essential for ensuring that plans are developed in a transparent, inclusive, and democratic manner. They help build trust, improve decision-making, and promote the legitimacy and success of plans by incorporating community input and addressing concerns early in the process.



View GWAAR's 2025-2027 Aging Plan draft: https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008356

Here are the ways you can provide feedback on the draft plan:

- Attend the virtual public hearing on November 6, 2024, at 1 pm. At the beginning of the public hearing there will be a brief overview of the draft goals. Here is the login and call information: Microsoft Teams Meeting: <u>https://bit.ly/3NBp3I0</u> | Meeting ID: 288 186 722 849 | Passcode: azvoKN Dial in by phone +1 608-338-1382,,197149728# | Phone conference ID: 197 149 728#
- 2. **Provide feedback through a Survey:** <u>https://forms.office.com/r/ELYw1TVaEL</u>. The survey will conclude on November 7, 2024, at noon.
- 3. You can provide written comments to the address below. Deadline for written comments is November 7, 2024, at noon. Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. 1414 MacArthur Road, Suite A Madison, WI 53714
- 4. You can request a copy of the draft plan by contacting us at info@gwaar.org or (608) 243-5670

This information can also be found on the GWAAR website: <u>https://gwaar.org/gwaar-2025-2027-aging-plan-public-hearing-process</u>

Nice to Know

Leadership opportunities: GWAAR Board of Directors and GWAAR Advisory Council

GWAAR is looking for thoughtful, civic-minded, energetic individuals to serve on its 11-member board and 9-member Advisory Council. Members play a critical role in guiding and overseeing the agency's actions and initiatives. Candidates for these roles must live outside Dane and Milwaukee Counties and be able to devote time and energy to the GWAAR's governance.

Learn more: https://gwaar.org/leadership-opportunities

Reminder: GWAAR employment opportunities: Medicare Outreach Coordinator, VSDP Care Consultant

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 wellbeing of older people in Wisconsin, join us! Open positions can be found at: <u>https://gwaar.org/jobs</u>

Reminder: Medicare Outreach Coordinator employment opportunity

The Medicare Outreach Coordinator, in conjunction with the GWAAR benefit specialist supervising attorney team, provides training and technical assistance to Elder Benefits Specialists and the broader community of State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors. This position supports eligibility benefits counseling and outreach efforts related to Medicare, Medicaid and related health insurance programs. The candidate will work



primarily standard business hours Monday through Friday, with occasional nights, and some statewide travel throughout Wisconsin will be required for conferences or events.

Required Qualifications:

- 1. A Bachelor of Arts or Science degree, preferably in a health or human services related field.
- 2. At least one year of full-time experience in a health or human services field, working with older adults or adults with disabilities.
- 3. Ability to work independently as well as part of a team.
- 4. Strong verbal and written communication, presentation, and advocacy skills.
- 5. Self-starter who can work with limited supervision.
- 6. A valid WI driver license, access to an insured vehicle, and ability to occasionally travel within the state.

Read the full job description: https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008362

To apply, send cover letter and resume to the following:

Richard Lavigne, Legal Services Manager Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources 1414 MacArthur Road, Suite 306 Madison, WI 53714

Email: richard.lavigne@GWAAR.org

Reminder: 2024 Triad of Wisconsin Virtual Conference

The 2024 Triad of Wisconsin Virtual Conference will be held on two mornings, November 8 and 15, with presentations at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The complete list of presentations and speakers is available at <u>https://bit.ly/tcprgm2024</u>

November 8 focus: "Senior Safety in our Digital World"

November 15 focus: "Senior Safety in the Home"

The registration fee is \$10 for the entire conference. You will receive the Zoom link in an email confirming your registration. Attendance certificates can be requested by checking the box on the registration form. Email <u>mthomsen@rsvpdane.org</u> with questions.

Registration: <u>https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/5m2stdc</u> *View the flyer:* https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008364



Advocacy

Janet Zander, Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator

Need to Know

Advocate for essential Older Americans Act programs: New email tool

We recently sent an email to all the individuals who registered for Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day 2024 to offer them the option to use a new tool to reach federal members of Congress while they are back in the state. This action alert is to raise awareness of the importance of fully funding the Older Americans Act.



If you were not on this mailing list, but would like to send an email, you can access this tool using the link: *Use the tool to email your members of Congress:* <u>https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/625</u>

View the email: greaterwisconsinagencyonagingresources.cmail20.com/t/i-e-fjlkddl-l-u/

If you use the new tool and would like to share your feedback, please contact janet.zander@gwaar.org.

Nice to Know

Reminder: Virtual Town Hall: Scams & Older Adults

Wednesday, October 30 | 1:00 p.m.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), AARP, and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) are

hosting a virtual town hall on scams. Older adults, families, professionals, and other stakeholders are invited to attend. The event will cover topics like how scams are successful, real-life experience of a scam victim, an overview of Money Smart for Older Adults, and how to protect yourself and others from scam attempts.

Virtual Town Hall Registration: https://forms.gle/qXWKTfLuV7hZPL1L6

Reminder: DHS Seeks Applicants for State Long-Term Care Advisory Councils

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is seeking qualified applicants to fill vacancies on two state long-term care advisory councils. The deadline to apply is Friday, November 1, 2024.

Wisconsin Long-Term Care Advisory Council (WLTCAC)

The WLTCAC serves as an advisory body to DHS on existing and emerging aging, disability, and long-term care systems issues. Members provide advice and make recommendations to the DHS secretary regarding long-term care policy, programs, and services.

Learn more about WLTCAC: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wltcac/index.htm

IRIS Advisory Committee (IAC)

The IAC is a workgroup established to provide recommendations to the DHS program staff on issues related to administration of the IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) program. IRIS is a self-directed long-term care program for older adults and adults with disabilities. IAC members are individuals who have relevant knowledge, experience, expertise, and community relationships that allow them to present ideas, opinions, or facts for the betterment of the IRIS program. DHS is accepting applications to fill one open seat to represent IRIS participants.

Learn more about the IAC: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/iac.htm

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How to apply: If you or someone you know is interested in applying to serve on either of these two councils, applications can be found on the DHS website by clicking on these links:

Application for the WLTCAC (Word): <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wltcac/ltcac-application.docx</u> Application for the IAC (Word): <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/iac-application.docx</u>

If you would like to request a paper application or need an accommodation or assistance with completing your application, please contact DHS Long-Term Care at 608-267-7286 or <u>DHSDMSLTC@dhs.wisconsin.gov</u>. Please include the name of the council to which you are applying.

Data Management

<u>Carrie Kroetz</u> Older Americans Act Consultant – Data Management

Need to Know

Important Dates and information for PeerPlace Training

PeerPlace Training Details:

Key Dates (tentative):

September 16, 2024 - Users will be granted access to the PeerPlace training environment.

October 18, 2024 - WellSky Aging users' deadline for data entry. After this date services entered prior to September 30, 2024 will be locked down to prepare for ACL Federal Reporting.

October 29, 2024 - all WellSky data will be locked down to read-only access to prepare for the transition to PeerPlace. Users will continue to have read-only access through the end of the year.

November 6, 2024 - PeerPlace "go-live" date. Users may begin entering data into the PeerPlace system.

<u>PeerPlace Training Details page</u>, this page contains detailed information related to PeerPlace training including live webinar schedules, live webinar registration links, user group information, and key dates.

Upcoming PeerPlace Functionality Training for Aging program staff:

Volunteer Management Advanced Functionality Webinar on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 2–3:30 p.m. (<u>registration link</u>)

December 4, 2-3:30 p.m.: Advanced Reporting Training registration link

This webinar is highly recommended for all users and will focus on how to create reports from templates developed by PeerPlace, create customized reports, and utilize the PeerPlace View Builder feature.

PeerPlace Drop-in calls (all users)

- Wisconsin: Post Go Live Drop In Call #1 Tuesday, November 12, 2-4 p.m.
 <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2354458358349065054</u>
- Wisconsin: Post Go Live Drop In Call #2 Tuesday, November 19, 9-11 a.m.
 <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3224683328826836827</u>
- Wisconsin: Reporting Advanced Training Wednesday, December 4, 2-3:30 p.m.
 <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/229395332984252503</u>

Note: Links to these webinars will also be sent out via GovD at the end of the week.

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DHS PeerPlace Training

Upcoming PeerPlace Functionality Training for EBS, DBS and DCS program staff:

EBS/DBS Custom Forms Wednesday, October 30, 2-4 p.m. (live webinar link)

Training for all users

PeerPlace Core Functionality Webinar is required for all users.

This required training is applicable for all PeerPlace users in the Wisconsin ADRC, Aging, and Tribal partner network.

These live trainings were held on September 11 and 12, and recordings for these trainings, and all trainings, are located on the PeerPlace Webinar Recordings site.

PeerPlace Webinar Recordings: PeerPlace Overview Webinar recording

https://vimeo.com/showcase/11338036/video/1003271603

Reminder: Data freeze week (from 5 p.m. on October 29 through November 5, 2024)

Beginning at approximately 5 p.m. on October 29, 2024, users will no longer be able to enter or edit data in WellSky. The PeerPlace client management system is scheduled to be available for use on November 6, 2024. During this time, DHS will be working to migrate data from WellSky to PeerPlace. Users will be unable to add data to either system during this "data freeze." Optional templates for recording data during this time have been created for the following roles and can be accessed from the respective PeerPlace Information page for these roles:

- ADRC (I&A) specialists and Tribal ADRS
- <u>Disability benefit specialists (DBS) and elder benefit specialists (EBS)</u>

Note that WellSky information will remain available for viewing and creating reports during data freeze week and through the end of calendar year 2024.

Family Caregiver Support

Bryn Ceman, Older Americans Act Consultant - Family Caregiver Support Specialist

Need to Know

Reminder: National Family Caregiver Month (NFCM) Statewide Marketing Toolkit

The 2024 National Family Caregiver Month (NFCM) Statewide Marketing Toolkit is now available! "This is your one-stop-stop-shop for Marketing Materials!

The Toolkit aims to provide comprehensive resources and materials supporting unified messaging and outreach efforts across Wisconsin's 72 counties and 11 federally recognized tribes during November.



The Toolkit also aims to equip local organizations, agencies, and relevant parties with tools to effectively promote NFCM in newsletters, social media, and print, engaging target audiences and amplifying the reach of the statewide campaign."

Toolkit Messaging:

https://respitecarewi.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Marketing-Toolkit-Messaging-2024.docx.pdf -continuedContent for each week of National Family Caregiver Month: https://wisconsincaregiver.org/

Now available!

Check out the recently released proclamation from Governor Evers naming November as Family Caregiver Month.

View the proclamation: https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008370



Nice to Know

Serving Family Caregivers in Your Transportation System webinar

Wednesday, November 6 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) is hosting a webinar, "Serving Family Caregivers in Your Transportation System". Join NADTC to explore how ridership could be expanded by targeting services to the family caregivers in your community.



This webinar will explore how transportation providers can enhance their services to support family caregivers better. Attendees will learn strategies for identifying, working with, and supporting family caregivers through transportation and hear examples of existing programs that effectively serve caregivers. Highlighted programs include:

- The Supplemental Respite Grant Program Lisa Schneider, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin
- Developmental Mobility Advantage Ride Program Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association
- Melanin Minded Navigator Transportation program Bashir Easter, Melanin Minded, LLC.

Zoom registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9217259871430/WN_2OIMqdiDQmWYNxeSEeMbMg#/registration

Check out the NADTC site:

https://www.nadtc.org/event/serving-family-caregivers-in-your-transportation-system/

Engaging caregivers in your programs

The benefits of evidence-based programs are well known to the aging services network. Reaching caregivers with information and opportunities to participate can be a valuable way to grow the impact of your efforts.



Here are 7 ways to engage caregivers:

https://www.ncoa.org/article/how-to-engage-caregivers-in-evidence-based-programs/

NCEA Webinar on Caregiving, Ethics, and Elder Maltreatment

Wednesday, November 6 | 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Caregiving for a family member, chosen family, partner, or friend can be very rewarding and meaningful. It can also be challenging. As a loved one's needs increase and caregiving duties expand over time, unexpected physical, emotional, or financial hardships may arise. Within this context, critical ethical questions may surface on topics including health care and financial decision-making; self-determination, safety, and autonomy; the changing nature of family relationships; and the link between



caregiving and abuse. Join the ACL-funded National Center on Elder Abuse and the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center for this National Family Caregivers Month webinar exploring these important topics. The webinar will feature a panel discussion on ethical issues in caregiving and practices to prevent mistreatment followed by a Q&A session.

Registration for NCEA Webinar on Caregiving, Ethics, and Elder Maltreatment: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i6h1lwk_TcecSVe-qov10w#/registration

Fiscal

Carrie Kroetz Older Americans Act Consultant – Data Management

Need to Know

Reminder: GWAAR Fiscal Fall Training (in-person only)

Friday, November 1 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please note, this training will not be available virtually.

Registration Deadline EXTENDED: TODAY, October 29, 5:00 p.m.

Join us this November for our Fiscal Fall Training! This is our kick-off to next year's regional trainings, where the theme will be "Making Cents of the Funding Puzzle," focusing on the fiscal changes ahead that will be happening in the aging network. (These trainings will be for Aging contracts, not Elder Abuse.)



View the flyer for agenda and hotel information: <u>https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008347</u>

DATE: Friday, November 1st, 2024 | TIME: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM LOCATION: The Commons - 2801 Hoover Road Stevens Point, WI 54481 FEE: No cost | LUNCH: Will be provided *Fiscal Fall Registration Form:* https://bit.ly/4feGsBX

GWAAR Fiscal Follow-up Webinar

Monday, November 4 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This webinar will be a follow-up from the In-Person training on 11/1 for anyone, but especially for those unable to attend to receive highlights and updates from the training.

Fiscal Follow-up Webinar Registration Form: https://bit.ly/3BRzWTn

Other updates:

- The 2024 Re-Ob/De-Ob Request form link was posted last week on the Fiscal Resources site. This form will be used to request to de-obligate and re-obligate funds from Title III B-C1-C2-D-E, SSCS, Alzheimer's*, EBS, or Elder Abuse contract funds. (*Only if your contract is with GWAAR.) Please complete by December 15th, 2024.
- If you are completing a Re-Obligation request, by completing this form you are requesting additional contract funding, if available, which must be spent by December 31st, 2024, for expenses from January-December 2024. By completing this form, you also understand that any requests are not guaranteed and must be claimed by the Final Claim form, due March 5th, 2025.

2025 Preliminary Budget: Update posted Oct. 7

Due to recently applied changes, an updated 2025 Preliminary Budget was posted on 10/7 on the <u>GWAAR</u> <u>Partner Resources - External SharePoint site</u>. Please make sure you are using the most recent version.

GWAAR Partner Resources - External SharePoint site: https://gwaar.sharepoint.com/sites/PartnerResources

All Aging Units and Elder Abuse sub-recipients are required to submit a Preliminary Budget by November 8, as well as a Final Budget - deadline to be determined in the spring.

Upcoming

- The Variance Report will be a document separate from the September claim. This document will be forthcoming with additional information and training on how to complete the form deadline for submission by November 29th. This information is required as it is shared with BADR and ACL on the NAPIS Federal Report.
- The Budget to Actual document will also be forthcoming shortly. This document compares your submitted Final Budget for 2024 against the actual expenses reported. We will host a webinar to assist Aging Unit Fiscal staff in reviewing the information and how to address inconsistencies.

Nice to Know

Dollars & Sense

Check this section for the answers to your Fiscal questions. Watch upcoming issues of the newsletter for more updates!

Q: How often does match need to be met?

A: While GWAAR Fiscal staff encourages match to be met monthly, match in the form of Cash (e.g., county or tribal funds), In-Kind (volunteer hours estimated cost) or the use of AFCSP expenses as Match must be met by the end of each quarter for each contract (not necessarily each service line). **In 2025 AFCSP used as match will be discontinued.



Q: We have more Cash Match (tax levy) in our Home Delivered Meals program than needed to meet the minimum requirement. Can we apply the over-match difference to our Homemaker program?

A: Match cannot be expensed in one service and applied in a different service. By incorrectly applying match can over or under report the true costs of that service and skew data for the Federal Report.

Health Promotion

Angie Sullivan, Older Americans Act Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Need to Know

Register Today! Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar

Tuesday, November 19 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Register Here: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdOqorTsiE9xGw-QQmuuACkK6iN81PstW

Join us for GWAAR's next Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar. If you are the health promotion contact person for your county, attending the Quarterly Health Promotion Webinars will provide you with valuable information.

Below is our agenda for the upcoming webinar:

- I. Welcome
- II. Guardian Support Center (GSC) Overview Polly Shoemaker, GSC Attorney
- III. AARP Senior Planet Licensing Opportunity for WI Kristina Demery, AARP OATS
- IV. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Health Promotion Angie Sullivan & Panel
- V. GWAAR Updates Angie Sullivan
 - 1. External SharePoint Site
 - 2. OAA Reauthorization -- Evidence-based guidelines
 - 3. Fidelity restrictions & participants with disabilities
- VI. WIHA Updates Jill Renken

Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging 2025 Training Schedule Released

Facilitator trainings for 2025 evidence-based health promotion programs has been released. Take a look at the schedule and register early. Registration closes four weeks before all trainings.

Register for a training:

https://wihealthyaging.org/for-professionals/become-a-facilitator/

2025 Training Schedule – Facilitators & Master Trainers: <u>https://bit.ly/4f0rq3c</u>

Save the Date: 2025 Healthy Aging Summit

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Learn more: https://wihealthyaging.org/healthy-aging-summit/





Nice to Know

Get Ideas for Promoting Social Engagement This Holiday Season

Use the engAGED Calendar of Social Engagement Opportunities to find ways to promote social engagement throughout the year.

This calendar lists some of the many outreach opportunities that can be used to build awareness of the value that staying active and engaged in the community provides for older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and communities.

View the calendar: https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewfile/id/2008369 Visit the website: https://www.engagingolderadults.org/search?q=baking

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The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults

Reminder: Join Us in Raising Awareness of the Importance of Social Connection!

Social

Wisconsin's Social Connection

Awareness Week is November 10-16. The Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection has created customizable resources you can use in your community. In addition, the WCSC will

be hosting several free webinars throughout the week where you can learn about state and local efforts to provide meaningful connections for older adults and people with disabilities.

Find all this and more on the WCSC's website. Social Connection Awareness Week November 10-16.

Learn more: https://connectwi.org/for-professionals/awarenessresources/

View the flyer: https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008368

Guardianship Support Center

Polly Shoemaker, WI Guardianship Support Center Attorney

Nice to Know

Reminder: Read "The Guardian" for in-depth news and updates The October 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/2008355

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





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Medicare Outreach and Assistance

Nice to Know

Reminder: Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Outreach Idea

GWAAR Medicare Outreach Coordinator, Alyssa Kulpa, shared this MIPPA outreach idea. October's Idea of the Month is "National Council on Aging (NCOA) Outreach Resources." 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 October Idea of the Month: <u>https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008334</u> View past ideas: <u>https://gwaar.org/idea-of-the-month</u>

<u>Nutrition</u>

<u>Pam VanKampen</u>, Older Americans Act Consultant - Nutrition Specialist/Senior Center Representative Nice to Know

Reminder: Theme for 2025 March National Nutrition Month[®]

National Nutrition Month[®] is an <u>annual campaign</u> established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

Learn more about National Nutrition Month: https://www.eatright.org/about-national-nutrition-month

This year's theme is "Food Connects Us." What a perfect theme to help promote our Senior Dining Sites!

Food is a connecting factor for many of us. Food connects us to our cultures, our families and our friends. Sharing a meal is an opportunity to learn about its preparation, who made it and where the ingredients were sourced. Health, memories, traditions, seasons and access can all impact our relationship



with food. While these factors influence the foods we eat, the foods we eat also affect our health.

Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) and Nutrition and Dietetics Technicians, Registered (NDTRs) play a critical role in helping people understand the connection between the foods individuals and communities eat, and how these foods impact health throughout life.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has a list of 50 ways to celebrate the month: https://bit.ly/3NBkUDO

Learn more about next year's theme that will highlight the connection between health, access, traditions and food across all stages of life: <u>sm.eatright.org/NNM</u> Check back to the site often as they will be posting a social media toolkit, videos, and a catalog with promotional items.

Visit the site: https://www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month

Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol

Ingrid A. Kundinger, Senior Medicare Patrol Program Director

Nice to Know

Medicare open enrollment resources from Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol

A reminder that the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) has information related to Medicare's Open Enrollment Period available for use. Our Fall newsletter, The Scoop, features information about Open Enrollment and our website has some additional resources as well.

Fall Newsletter:

https://www.smpwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SMP-Scoop-Newsletter-Fall-2024.pdf

It's Time to Review Your Medicare Plan! *Read the blog post:* https://www.smpwi.org/its-time-to-review-your-medicare-plan/

General Information: https://www.smpwi.org/



Preventing Medicare Fraud