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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

Nice to Know

Reminder: 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, including:

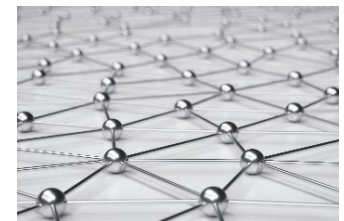


- Serve at least one 3-year term on the board.
- Attend multiple meetings per year, often centrally located in the state. (Necessary expenses covered by GWAAR.)
- GWAAR's Board of Directors has 6-8 meetings/year
- GWAAR's Advisory Council has a minimum of four meetings/year

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

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.



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

View all open positions and application instructions: <https://gwaar.org/jobs>

Advocacy

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

Need to Know

Reminder: 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.

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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: <https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/625>

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: AARP WI Virtual Advocacy Summit

Wednesdays, December 4 & 11 | 9:00 a.m.

Register today! AARP Wisconsin invites you to join its 2024 Virtual Advocacy Summit. The Legislative Advocacy Summit will be held virtually on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. This will be an opportunity to review our work in 2024 and dive into our 2025 legislative priorities. Hear from local experts, national guest speakers, and legislative champions about the policies impacting Wisconsinites 50+.



There will be opportunities for participant input, so come prepared to participate in our legislative discussions. Register to receive all materials and links below. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Martin with any questions mshernandez@aarp.org

Wed., Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m. registration: https://events.aarp.org/event/SummitDay1_Advocacy/summary

Wed., Dec. 11, 9:00 a.m. registration: https://events.aarp.org/event/SummitDay2_Advocacy/summary

Data Management

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

Need to Know

Webinar: 2023-2024 EOY Variance Federal Reporting

Tuesday, November 19 | 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

I will be conducting a webinar to address the form and how to complete it. Until the form is ready, I would recommend running the variance Review Report 25 in WellSky to start the process of reviewing client and service data to be prepared to complete the form.

2023-2024 EOY Variance Federal Reporting - Registration: <https://bit.ly/4eu9EUG>

Reminder: Important Dates and information for PeerPlace Training

[PeerPlace Training Details:](#)

November 6, 2024 - PeerPlace “go-live” date. Users may begin entering data into the PeerPlace system. Note that WellSky information will remain available for viewing and creating reports through the end of calendar year 2024.

Log in

On November 6, when PeerPlace goes live, you will log in using a new website address: <https://peerplace.dhs.wisconsin.gov>. **Do not use** "dhs-apps.wisconsin.gov," the link you have been using for the training site.

Please check the status page the morning of November 6 to be notified of any important information.



DHS PeerPlace
Training

[PeerPlace Training Details page](#), 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:

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.
- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2354458358349065054>
- Wisconsin: Post Go Live Drop In Call #2 - Tuesday, November 19, 9-11 a.m.
- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3224683328826836827>
- Wisconsin: Reporting Advanced Training - Wednesday, December 4, 2-3:30 p.m.
- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2293953332984252503>

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

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. All users should watch these trainings before continuing to their program area training.

For training information, such as user guides, please see the [ADRC/Aging SharePoint site](#) and the PeerPlace page for your program area.

Visit ADRC/Aging SharePoint site (registered users):

<https://share.health.wisconsin.gov/ltc/teams/ADRC/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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-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.



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Toolkit Messaging:

<https://respitecarewi.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Marketing-Toolkit-Messaging-2024.docx.pdf>

Content for each week of National Family Caregiver Month: <https://wisconsincaregiver.org/>

View the governor's proclamation: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008370>



2024 NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH
Statewide Marketing Toolkit

YOUR GRAB & GO ONE STOP SHOP!

The WFACSA Toolkit is designed to offer comprehensive resources and materials that support consistent messaging and outreach efforts across Wisconsin's 72 counties and 11 federally recognized tribes throughout November.

It equips local organizations, agencies, and key partners with the tools they need to effectively promote National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) through newsletters, social media, and print. By doing so, the Toolkit helps engage target audiences and expand the statewide campaign's reach.

This year, the Toolkit will feature weekly themes aligned with the Five Goals of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers, ensuring a focused and impactful approach.

Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance

Find the the Toolkit here!
 **Our Website**
www.wisconsincaregiver.org

Nice to Know

Caregiver Action Network: Free Webinar

Wednesday, November 20 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join their free webinar on November 20th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST (or 2 - 1 p.m. EST) to learn about Waterlily. Waterlily helps individuals forecast care needs, create a step-by-step plan for their families, and explore funding options to cover costs. Meet the Waterlily founders and see how Waterlily makes planning easier and less stressful.

After learning more about this Artificial Intelligence (AI) personalized long term care planning tool you can share this resource with caregivers. If they are enrolled in AFCSP and NFCSP funding for caregivers who are interested could be paid for via the grants.

Waterlily site: <https://www.joinwaterlily.com/>

To register for the Caregiver Action Network webinar:

<https://www.caregiveraction.org/simplify-long-term-care-planning/>



Fiscal

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

Need to Know

September Claim Submission

All January through September 2024 claims should have been submitted by now. Please reach out to fiscal staff if you have not submitted your claims or are having issues.

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Other updates:

- The 2024 Re-Ob/De-Ob Request form link is available on the Fiscal Resources site. This form is 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 Dec. 15, 2024.
- If completing a Re-Obligation request, by completing this form you are requesting additional contract funding, if available, which must be spent by Dec. 31, 2024, for expenses from Jan.-Dec. 2024. By completing this form, you understand any requests are not guaranteed and must be claimed by the Final Claim form, due March 5, 2025.

Upcoming

- 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.

Health Promotion

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

Need to Know

Reminder: Register Today! Quarterly Health Promotion Webinar

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

Register Here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/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**

Nice to Know

Creating communities to support healthy aging webinar

Tuesday, November 19 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

In the next decade, adults over the age of 65 will exceed the number of children in the U.S. Older adults can face difficult choices - like deciding to pay for food or medicine - because of economic, social and environmental conditions such as access to affordable housing. These conditions are shaped by our cultural norms, laws and policies, and ultimately can limit people's ability to live long and well. Age-friendly communities can create conditions across all ages, incomes and abilities. In this webinar, you will learn how public health can support policies and systems that create age-friendly environments.

Registration:

https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/9017286814104/WN_7guRpyKxSCGvwZOJqqtOfw#/registration



Medicare Outreach and Assistance

Nice to Know

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

GWAAR Medicare Outreach Coordinator, Alyssa Kulpa, shared this MIPPA outreach idea. November's Idea of the Month is "Prioritize Your Health with Medicare's Preventive Services."

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 November Idea of the Month: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008358>

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

Two new Nutrition training modules available in GWAAR ED

Anybody who is currently a registered GWAAR ED user can access these two new courses from your learning library in GWAAR ED. If you previously enrolled in the Nutrition courses, these courses will be added as required courses.

If you would like to register for GWAAR ED, the registration form and instructions can be found on <https://gwaar.org/gwaar-ed>.

Module 1- Overview of Malnutrition in Older Adults

This module is for ALL disciplines that work with community based older adults.

Our nutritional journey can be quite complex. Anyone can become malnourished!

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According to defeatmalnutritiontoday, up to 1 out of 2 older Americans are at risk for malnutrition. Malnutrition can worsen chronic conditions and make it difficult for older adults to remain independent. Malnutrition can result from multiple factors, such as food insecurity, and poor appetite but there are many more! The good news is that it can be PREVENTED or improved if we know more about what to look for and how to intervene. The Aging Network has an incredible opportunity to help decrease the prevalence of this devastating condition by increasing our awareness and working together to address the prevalence of this devastating condition.

By the end of the learning module you should be able to:

- Understand the prevalence of malnutrition in older adults.
- Better identify the root causes and contributing factors that can lead to malnutrition and nutrition risk.
- Understand the consequences of malnutrition.

Module 2- What Can WE do About it?

This module is specifically for the WI Elderly Nutrition Program providers, but it can be viewed by others.

We take a deeper dive into interventions and resources that can be offered once someone has been identified to be at risk.

By the end of the learning module you should:

- Be aware of basic screening tools and how they can be used in The Aging Network.
- Identify at least one intervention that can help decrease risk.
- Identify at least one resource to increase awareness & enhance understanding.

Please join us on December 17 for the Home Delivered Meal Assessor Peer Sharing call

Tuesday, December 17 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

We are excited to host the second Home Delivered Meal Assessor Peer Sharing call on Dec. 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. This call is for anyone who does the HDM initial and annual reassessments.

Tentative Agenda:

- How do you handle No Shows or not canceling meals?
- Other agenda items? Please send to pam.vankampen@gwaar.org

[Click here to join the meeting](https://bit.ly/3AsrSbz) | <https://bit.ly/3AsrSbz> Meeting ID: 214 394 008 477 | Passcode: dgk4rb

Dial in by phone | [+1 608-338-1382](tel:+16083381382), [685336459#](tel:+16083381382) United States, Madison | [Find a local number](#)
Phone conference ID: 685 336 459#

Nice to Know

November 8 Meal Prioritization replay available

Registered SharePoint users can access the November 8 call in the Nutrition section of the site.

<https://gwaar.sharepoint.com/sites/PartnerResources> | Aging Programs | Nutrition | [Click here to access Nutrition Files | Meal Prioritization | Call Recordings | Meal Prioritization Wait list \(i.e. Right Meal for You\) Nov 8th-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

If you are not a registered user, learn more about eligibility and access here: <https://gwaar.org/gpr-ext>

Reminder: Theme for 2025 March National Nutrition Month®

National Nutrition Month® is an [annual campaign](#) 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!

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

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