

Wisconsin Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar

November 26th 10 am – 11 am

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10:05 am - Caregiver Post Card Grant Project – Kristin Voss, Family Caregiver, and Center for Caregiver Serenity



**Do you work with family caregivers?
Invite them to participate in the
CAREGIVER POSTCARD PROJECT**

Participate online:
Scan this QR Code: 
or go to: go.wisc.edu/caregiver-postcard

Or participate in-person:
Hosting an in-person event or program? Have caregivers write or draw their experiences with the joys and struggles of caregiving, and send them back to us! Email Kristin Litzelman at litzelman@wisc.edu with questions or to request a batch of postcards or a return envelope.

Spread the word:
Contact Kristin Litzelman at litzelman@wisc.edu for a PowerPoint slide or newsletter blurb to share this project with caregivers

Host a conversation with caregivers:
Conversations with caregivers about these postcards -- about their joys, struggles, and gratitudes in the caregiving role -- can be transformative. Through sharing their experiences, you can give caregivers a voice in the work that YOU do in the community and in policy.

Need a facilitator? Contact Kristin Voss. She is also the founder of the Center for Caregiver Serenity, a professional classroom teacher, and a family caregiver to her daughter with special needs. Contact her at kristinvoss6@gmail.com

Who is running this project?
This project is led by Dr. Kristin Litzelman, a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Kristin Voss. The Wisconsin Family Caregiver Support Alliance is collaborating on this work. The Ira and Ineva Reilly Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment is funding this project.

An opportunity to lift up the voices of caregivers:

- Use art as a quick tool to share your caregiving journey
- Identify moments of joy within hardship
- Share an "in the moment" struggle
- Express gratitude for a resource, conversation, helping hand, etc.
- Responses may become part of public art and research that will raise awareness about the family caregiving experience

- For more details on the Caregiver Postcard Project, you can click here, [Wisconsin Family & Caregiver Support Alliance](#) (WFACSA site).
- ~~Video Storytelling~~

10:15 am Advocacy Update – Janet Zander, Public Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, GWAAR

- Please see “11 November 2024 Advocacy Updates Caregiver Support”.
- In-district meetings or other opportunities for advocacy with local representatives? Please notify Bryn (bryn.ceman@gwaar.org) and/or Lynn (lynn.gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov) so that we can offer support and possibly attend.

10:30 am State DHS and GWAAR Updates – Lynn Gall, BADR and Bryn Ceman, GWAAR

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services Awarded Grant: <https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/acl-announces-awards-initiatives-advance-national-strategy-support>. States Implementing the National Strategy to Support Family Caregiving Grant - DHS received a new National Family Caregiving Strategy Grant from the Administration

for Community Living (ACL) to implement aspects of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. Grant funds will be used to:

- Develop a statewide respite taskforce
 - Reinstatement of the online caregiver training and education platform Trualta (Timeline for reinstatement not yet set)
 - Provide outreach to more underserved individuals
 - Establish two new programs at RCAW (the Nutritious Meals as Respite and Family Caregiver Mental Health and Wellness Program)
 - Create an improved caregiver assessment tool for use by managed care organizations
 - Provide new opportunities to promote caregiver-friendly workplaces, including awarding a “Wisconsin Exemplary Employer Award” to encourage the expansion of caregiver-friendly workplaces.
 - Improvements to websites and communication methods used to reach family caregivers.
 - Hold/Participate in in-district meetings with state reps and local officials to promote the needs of family caregivers and engage support at the state and local level.
- Caregiver program coordinators, DCSs, and others will be notified as new materials are released and new engagement opportunities are launched.
 - Wisconsin’s application to participate in the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Learning Collaborative on Caregiving was approved. The Collaborative is a NASHP-facilitated forum in which states will share and learn from each other. Individuals participating in the collaborative will also be heavily involved in work being done through the new National Strategy grant.
 - 2025 Budgets are due to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services by Friday, Nov. 29, 2024. Questions, reach out to Lynn Gall (lynn.gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov).
- **Peer Place Reminders:**
 - [PeerPlace Guides - Aging](#) includes a “Draft Peer Place Reporting Instructions-Caregiver” document.
 - All webinars will be recorded and available for viewing on demand [here](#), under “PeerPlace training resources for Aging programs”.
 - Updated FAQs on the GWAAR site [here](#), page 21.
 - Contacts for ongoing Technical Assistance for Peer Place – Caregiver would be Carrie Kroetz (GWAAR) at carrie.kroetz@gwaar.org, Megan Takahashi (DHS) at

meganm.takahashi@dhs.wisconsin.gov, and/or Emma Klein (DHS)
emma.klein@dhs.wisconsin.gov

- Updated – legislative issue brief – Hopefully ready and available at the beginning of December.

10:40 am Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) – Rachel

- [RCAW Press Release ACL Grant 10.14.24](#)
- Share further details regarding these grants & any other opportunities to collaborate
- Highlight the need for sustainability and state funding
- Supplement grants targeting underserved populations
- Opportunity for outreach within “underserved populations”

Future Statewide Webinar Dates:

- Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 – How to assess for greatest economic & social need?
 - Review the [OAA Final Rule](#) language from ACL which reads, “[ACL] Clarifies and strengthens provisions for meeting OAA requirements for prioritizing people with the greatest social and economic needs.”
 - Review of [example policy/procedures](#)
 - Share ideas
 - What other supports are considered/assessed at intake?
- Agendas will be forthcoming and posted on the GWAAR [website](#) along with the recordings, notes, and other meeting documents following each meeting.
- Please feel free to email Bryn at: bryn.ceman@GWAAR.org and/or Lynn at: Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov with NFCSP/AFCSPP meeting topics or guest speaker ideas.

