

Wisconsin Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar

January 28th 10 am – 11 am

NOTES

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

- [Caregiver State Issue Brief 12-2024](#)
- [01 Attachment 1 – 1.2025 Caregiver Support – Statewide Call Advocacy Update](#)
- [01 Attachment 2 – 1.2025 Action Alert: Medicaid Cuts Will Harm Wisconsinites](#)

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

- Link to submit 2024 Annual Fiscal Report will be coming in February.
- Planning for an in-person training this fall.
 - Volunteers to help plan

10:20 am Ideas to assess for greatest economic & social need and develop local policy – All

- Review of example policy/procedures: [*Examples - Local Procedure Policy Examples Caregiver Grant Programs – NEW!](#)
- Share ideas
- What other supports are considered/assessed at intake?
- CGs with the greatest need may get a larger allocation than others with more support. Other supports may include access to LTC Programs, private funding, hospice, VA, Kinship, etc. Or waitlist policies could dictate that CGs with support are put on the waitlist while other CGs have immediate access to NF/AFCSF services and funding because there is zero support.
- *To implement or update a local policy or procedure you'll want to (1) review with your governing board (2) train staff who work with the caregiver programs to ensure policy is carried out equitably, and (3) allow for flexibility. Example of flexibility would be to review balance around August, if there are more funds than budgeted/expected be sure have a process to spend those funds – reaching out to CGs on the programs to learn of additional needs and/or enrolling CGs on the waitlist.*
- *Resources for those CGs on the waitlist: [telephonic, virtual, and online supports](#) and [resources found at WisconsinCaregiver.Org](#), as well applying for two RCAF grants: [respite care](#) and [supplemental respite](#); and [Trualta](#). Additional resources: Parkinson's Disease grant: [WI-APDA-Patient-Aide-application-2021.pdf](#), ASL Association: [Microsoft Word - Brian Trinastic Memorial Grant Program Application revApril17.doc](#), and Alzheimer's [HFC Application Manager - HFC In-Home Care Grant Application](#).*
- *Up front conversation about policy and expectations so CGs are aware of what to expect.*

10:45 am Trualta Re-Launch

- 1.24.25 and 1.29.25 – Staff Training, will be recorded
- Re-Launch presentation



- [Trualta](#), [WisconsinCaregiver.Org](#) or for professionals [Family Caregiver Support](#) → To register or log in

Future Statewide Webinar Dates:

- Tuesday, March 18th, 11 am – 12 pm – Trualta modules & resources specific to avoiding caregiver burnout and/or how to manage caregiver stress.
- 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/AFCSF meeting topics or guest speaker ideas.