



Wisconsin Caregiver Coordinator Statewide Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th, 2026, 10 – 11:30 am

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AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcome & Review of Agenda, Bryn Ceman, Caregiver Programs Specialist, GWAAR

- Brief update

10:05 a.m. Advocacy & Public Policy Updates, Emily Petersen, Advocacy & Public Policy Director, GWAAR

10:10 DHS and GWAAR Updates, Lynn Gall, Family Caregiver Support and Lifespan Respite Programs Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources/Office on Aging, and Bryn Ceman

- Trualta Funding
- 2025 Unspent NFCSP Funds; mini grant
- AFCSP Mid-Year Report Webinar, 3:00-4:00 pm on July 27
- September's Meeting - Focus: Building Partnerships with Health Care and Hospital Systems
 - Help us identify successful partnerships with hospitals, clinics, and healthcare systems that connect family caregivers to AFCSP and NFCSP services.
 - We are looking for counties and tribes willing to share effective referral processes, outreach strategies, and lessons learned.
 - Strengthening these partnerships will help us reach more family caregivers earlier, improve access to available support, and ensure caregiver grant funds are used equitably across Wisconsin rather than needing to be redistributed at the end of the year.

10:25 a.m. Youth Caregivers in Wisconsin: Identification, Screening, Resources & Supporting Families, Dr. Melinda Kavanaugh, Professor, Social work Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Hannah Hutler-Boyd, Research Coordinator, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Leslie Thede, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin, and Bryn Ceman

- Why Youth Caregivers Matter to Wisconsin Caregiver Coordinators
 - You may already be serving youth caregivers without realizing it.
 - Supporting adult caregivers can reduce caregiving responsibilities for children and teens.
 - Early identification helps connect families to resources before they reach a crisis.
 - Caregiver Coordinators are in a unique position to recognize youth caregivers and strengthen community referral pathways.



11:10 a.m. AFCSP/NFCSP Forms Workgroup Updates, *Kayla Stienke, Caregiver Support Coordinator, Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services - Aging Services, and Bryn Ceman*

- Progress update from the Forms Workgroup
- Review of draft tools and resources
- Next steps and opportunities for feedback

11:30 a.m. Thank you for your time and for all you do to support Wisconsin family caregivers. Adjourn!

Future Statewide Webinar Date:

- Due to several conflicts in 2026, we're moving our statewide Caregiver Coordinator meetings to the **second Wednesday every other month at 10:00 a.m. Central Time**, beginning in March of 2026.
 - **September 9, 2026, | 10:00 a.m. CT**
 - **November 11, 2026, | 10:00 a.m. CT**
 - **January 13, 2027, | 10:00 a.m. CT**
- Building Partnerships with Health Care and Hospital Systems
- Future agendas & notes 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/AFCSP meeting topics or guest speaker ideas.