



Wisconsin Caregiver Coordinator Statewide Meeting

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

NOTES

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

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

- [7-2026 Attachment 1 - Advocacy Update Statewide Caregiver Coordinators Mtg](#)
- To subscribe to the GWAAR Newsletter: [Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources: Sign Up to Stay in Touch](#)

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*

- Tualta Funding
 - [7-2026 Attachment 2 - Tualta Wisconsin Executive Summary Q2 2026](#)
- 2025 Unspent NFCSP Funds; mini grant
 - Almost all awarded; 15 counties across the state
 - [*2025 NFCSP Unspent Funds - Scopes of Services and Application Overview & Instructions](#)
- AFCSP Mid-Year Report Webinar, 3:00-4:00 pm on July 27 (Monday)
- A/NFCSP Funds:
 - Can be used for room A/C (extreme summer heat) and heaters (extreme cold)
- ACL States Implementing National Strategy to Support Family Caregiver (application process)
 - DHS & WFACSA partnership – inviting anyone interested (Steering Committee as well as workgroups); we operate with no budget.
 - Many priorities in ACL grant application including Tualta
- 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.
 - [7-2026 Attachment 3 - Youth Caregivers in Wisconsin Training Presentation](#)
 - Register for this upcoming training opportunity: https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/_fQBqfnBSFKrX8kDStLoeg#/registration

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
- Pending review by DHS to confirm that separate enrollment form is not required for AFCSP if we have a documented enrollment process that incorporates all necessary information.
 - Narrowed down to the critical and required components of AFCSP enrollment form:
 - Verified diagnosis
 - Verify that individual lives in a community setting
 - Signature not a requirement
- Planned updates to assessment form:
 - Combine the ADL/IADL table currently on registration form with the needs assessment to reduce duplication of documenting care recipient needs
 - Discussion questions to the top as start of assessment
 - Consider building in the budgeting component that has been included in the AFCSP enrollment form and/or potential for “Welcome Letter” as a best practice.
 - Need to address Caregiver Needs Assessment for Grandfamilies/Kinship Caregiver (no care recipient data needs to be gathered).

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**
- September - 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.