Together Towards TOMORROW

2017 Aging and Disability Network Conference
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Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources
WELCOME TO THE 2017 AGING AND DISABILITY NETWORK CONFERENCE!

This conference is an opportunity to gather and share common thoughts and concerns, to join forces in making positive change, to build and strengthen new partnerships, and take home new skills and ideas that can be used in the “everyday.”

This year our theme is partnerships, and we’ve named the event “Together Towards Tomorrow.”

Today, perhaps more than ever before, it is important for us as a network to work together to build a common identity and remain active and optimistic in these times of change. Here’s why:

- **The next generation workforce has arrived.** Among us are leaders and thought leaders, innovators and visionaries, doers, diplomats, analysts, and advocates. Having a venue for a new generation to build critical relationships, share unique talents and ideas, and learn about and appreciate what other generations have laid out before us is essential for a network like ours to thrive.

- **Changes are underway.** They may bring small or sweeping changes to our service delivery system. Leadership and innovation in long-term care has always been a strength of the State of Wisconsin. It is important that together we lead through these times of change so that the disability and aging network can maintain, grow, and succeed for the people we serve.

- **You change lives.** Our constituents rely on us to stay focused, active and strong in the services we deliver and the vision we create for the future of our network. You serve as champions in real people’s lives—connecting them with services and supports and delivering what people need to live long, healthy, quality lives. Broadening our knowledge and partnerships allow us, as a network, to serve a population better and for you, as professionals, to continue to change lives—one person at a time.

On behalf of the Department of Health Services and the aging and disability network, I welcome you to join us for the 2017 Aging and Disability Network Conference.

Carrie Molke, Director
Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources
Division of Public Health
SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Board Members: Leadership and Partnership
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Ethics and Boundaries for Social Workers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast (provided) and Networking
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  Welcome
Linda Seemeyer, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Carrie Molke, Director,
Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Plenary Session
The Legacy of Wisconsin’s Aging and Disability Network

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops A1-A6
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Lunch (provided)
Presentation: Building a Legacy of Character

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops B1-B6
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  Refreshment Break
3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops C1-C6

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast (provided) and Networking
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  Concurrent Workshops D1-D6
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Concurrent Workshops E1-E6
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch (provided)
Closing Keynote: The LeRoy Butler Story

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Autograph signing with LeRoy Butler
(one per person, please)
SESSION A

BOARD MEMBERS: LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS

Presenters: Eric Grosso, Demographer/Program Data Analyst, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Janet Zander, Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator, Greater Wisconsin Area Agency on Aging Resources

Independent living centers, county/tribal aging units and aging and disability resource centers have a great deal in common. One of those commonalities is a board that is committed to helping these organizations be successful in achieving their mission. This interactive pre-conference intensive will provide an introduction to Wisconsin’s population, highlight key legislation that impacts all three organizations, and explore ways each organization helps people live better longer. The goals of the session are to provide an opportunity for board members to come away with a broader understanding of their leadership roles and their aging and disability network partners in order to foster collaborations and supports for the people we serve.

SESSION B

ETHICS AND BOUNDARIES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Facilitator: Tracy A. Schroepfer, PhD, Associate Professor, Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Each year the U.S. population grows increasingly diverse, making it critical for social workers to possess the skills and knowledge of best practices necessary to provide culturally sensitive care. This session will explore culturally sensitive approaches for learning about clients’ values, beliefs, and traditions, as well as best practices for honoring them. Potential ethical and boundary issues involved will be considered through discussion and case studies.

At the conclusion of this program, participants will:

- Learn to use continual personal introspection to build skills in providing culturally competent care.
- Gain an understanding of how privilege and cultural identity influence communication and service delivery.
- Expand their awareness of the role culture plays in setting appropriate boundaries with clients.
- Acquire knowledge of practical strategies and best practices for providing culturally competent care.
PLENARY SESSIONS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

THE LEGACY OF WISCONSIN’S AGING AND DISABILITY NETWORK
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Facilitator: Carrie Molke, Director, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources
Panelists: Lynn Breedlove, Donna McDowell, Sinikka Santala, Jim Schmidkofer, Lee Schulz, Jim Wahner
As we look “Together Towards Tomorrow,” it is important to examine how we got to where we are. Wisconsin has been a trailblazer in aging and disability rights. We invited some of those trailblazers to share with us their perspective on the history of the movement that brought us this far and give us insights to the challenges ahead.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF CHARACTER
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
Larry Epstein, Chairperson, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Brown County; Cindy M. Nelson, MBA, CSLC, CSMT, Anakh Leadership Coaching, LLC
What does it mean to have character and why is it important in today’s society? Let’s take a closer look at the differences between the four generations that are living and working together right now and identify core virtues and crucial values that need to be passed on to future generations to ensure all persons in society lead successful and happier lives.

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THE LEROY BUTLER STORY
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.
LeRoy Butler
LeRoy Butler will share lessons he has learned during his unique life. From a childhood with health problems and growing up in the projects of Jacksonville, Florida, he made it as a high school and college football All-American and eventually became a football hero with the Green Bay Packers, winning Super Bowl XXXI.
A1  OUTSMARTING THE SCAM ARTIST: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF FRAUD  
Presenter: Jeannie Tucker, Senior Program Specialist, AARP Wisconsin  
How can you outsmart scammers before they strike? This workshop will teach you how to beat con artists at their own game. In this workshop, you’ll learn about:  
- Fraud trends and behavior—understanding how much fraud is out there, here in Wisconsin and beyond, and the behaviors that put you at risk.  
- The con artist’s playbook—a closer look at the strategies and persuasion tactics used by con artists.  
- Prevention strategies—know and practice the most effective prevention strategies to avoid becoming a victim.  
- Resources—how to access and share up-to-date information about fraud identification and prevention and where Wisconsinites can turn if you or someone you know has been a victim.

A2  PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: A MOVEMENT, A PHILOSOPHY, AND PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE  
Presenter: Samir Jaber, Program Attorney, Disability Rights Wisconsin  
This workshop will discuss how to embrace a people-first attitude. It starts with a brief review of the Disability Rights Movement, and leads into a focus on people-first philosophy, language, and culture. People-first approaches ensure that services are truly accessible for people with disabilities.

A3  DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND YOUR PROGRAMS: WHAT’S IN IT FOR THEM?  
Presenters: Betsy Abramson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging; Barbara Michaels, Health Promotion Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Brown County  
Using the lens of health promotion, we’ll explore what it takes to develop and retain partners. Learn how to identify potential partners, think strategically before approaching, prepare a value proposition, make the approach and meet your needs by identifying theirs.
**A4** THE NUTRITION PROGRAM’S JOURNEY IN WISCONSIN: WHERE DID WE COME FROM AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

*Presenters: Sara Koenig, Elder Nutrition Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Pam VanKampen, Older American’s Act Consultant, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources*

This workshop will outline the evolution of the Elder Nutrition Program in Wisconsin, from its beginnings to how it looks today and where it could go in the future. Presenters will begin by outlining the philosophy and intent of the program, as it was designed in the mid-1960s, and how the values of the Older Americans Act still apply today and can be a foundation for new models going forward. This session will encourage innovation and challenge its attendees to forge a path and find their place in the journey to enhance the nutritional and social well-being of older adults in Wisconsin.

**A5** PROMOTING YOUR PROGRAMS: PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

*Presenters: Dianne Jacobson, Director, Oneida County Department on Aging; Kris Krasnowski, Director of Communications and Community Relations, Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging*

We evaluate our programs based, in part, on how many people we engage and serve. But building awareness of and motivating people to utilize services often presents big challenges for busy staff. Get real-world advice and tips for promoting your services by leveraging local resources—using a mix of media outreach, direct and indirect marketing strategies, and targeted messaging—to capture attention and motivate action.

**A6** MUSIC & MEMORY PROGRAMS IN WISCONSIN: BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME

*Presenters: Jan Piltz, Music & Memory Program Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Barron, Rusk, and Washburn Counties; Julie Hyland, Director of Wisconsin Music & Memory Student Program, Music & Memory; Theresa Anne Menting, Music & Memory Prevention Services Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Fond du Lac County*

Music & Memory is a nonprofit organization providing personalized music to individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, in a variety of settings around the world, to improve their quality of life. Focused in-home programs are taking place in Wisconsin through the leadership of ADRCs. Professionals from these programs have created a coalition known as Music, Memory & Beyond Fusion with the goal of building stronger programs, creating awareness and sharing ideas. Members of Music, Memory & Beyond Fusion will explore the various approaches used by ADRCs around the state to reach individuals living with dementia at home.
B1   BUILDING COMMUNITY-ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY AGING RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTIONS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Presenters: Jill Renken, MPH, CHES, Older Americans Act Consultant and Community Research Associate, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources; Shannon Meyers, CWP, Stepping On Faculty Trainer and Community Research Specialist, Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging

Our nation's aging population continues to grow rapidly, as do their health needs. Using a variety of public and private funding sources, Wisconsin has developed an infrastructure to sustain existing community evidence-based prevention programs for healthy aging and to foster the growth of new ones. These community-based workshop programs empower older adults to implement health behaviors that reduce the risk for chronic conditions and disability, improve self-management, reduce risk of falls, decrease caregiver burden, and increase quality of life. This workshop will highlight the Community Academic Aging Research Network (CAARN) process as well as the active projects within the aging network. This session will discuss the challenges encountered and strategies used to overcome them, as well as other overall successes. This session will be informative, yet open, and will allow many opportunities for discussion and feedback.

B2   RURAL, REGIONAL, AND READY! A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Presenter: Trisha Witham, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Barron, Rusk, and Washburn Counties

In Wisconsin in the year 2020, there will be enough people with dementia to fill Lambeau Field and Miller Park combined! The creation of dementia-friendly communities should be the priority for all, as every sector will be affected. In this presentation, you will learn about Barron, Rusk, and Washburn counties' regional approach to engage the different sectors of our communities to initiate change. You will also learn how to collaborate with key partners to ensure resources are available for people with dementia and their care partners along the spectrum of the dementia journey. Communities are ready to become dementia friendly... will you be the spark?
B3  MORE THAN THE BROCHURE RACK
Presenter: Cori Marsh, Dementia Care Specialist, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County

As information providers, we need to be wary of the allure of the brochure wall. Individuals and families are often already in turmoil or crisis when they reach out for help. The temptation to stand in front of the brochure rack and pull out everything that might help is very tempting. This session will use humor and honesty to talk about engaging the consumer, helping them to determine what they really need now versus next week or next year, and ultimately helping minimize that overwhelmed feeling while still meeting their needs.

B4  BE PREPARED, HAVE A PLAN: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TOOLKIT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) has developed an Emergency Preparedness Toolkit, customized for people with disabilities and the professionals, volunteers, and family members who may assist them during an emergency situation.

At this workshop CPD will present their Emergency Preparedness Toolkit and how it can be used to assist people with pre-planning for emergencies and natural disasters. Workshop participants will receive a copy of the toolkit and related tools and resources.

B5  DON’T LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT’S NEW IN OBVI
Presenter: Kristin Fountaine, Rehabilitation Specialist for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Join the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired (OBVI) staff from around the state in this interactive panel. Workshop participants will learn about the variety of services offered by OBVI, as well as strategies for supporting people with vision loss who live independently in their homes and communities. It is likely that at some point you will encounter someone who could benefit from the services that OBVI provides. Whether you are interested in ways to support a person with a recent significant vision loss or would like to learn what is new in the field of assistive technology, this panel will have something for you.
INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS: WHAT ARE THEY?

Presenters: Maureen Ryan, Executive Director, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers; Kitty Barry, Assistant Director, Options for Independent Living; Tim Sheehan, Executive Director, Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin

This workshop will provide a general overview on independent living (IL)—the background, history, and IL philosophy. Other topics will include: what independent living centers (ILC) are, what services and supports ILCs provide, and what the IL Network is in Wisconsin.

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3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL: PROMISING APPLICATIONS IN WISCONSIN’S AGING NETWORK

Presenter: Jane Mahoney, MD, Director, Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute

It takes a village! The collective impact model provides a useful framework for how partners can work together to achieve large goals. Learn about the theory and science behind the collective impact model and its application to the aging network. We will discuss what we have learned from studying its application to health promotion programming in Wisconsin, as well as past, present, and emerging uses of it in Wisconsin, from falls prevention to health promotion programs to dementia-friendly communities. By the end of the session, participants will understand how the collective impact model can help individual aging units, independent living centers, and ADRCs achieve their goals.

UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCES IN DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA: MUSIC AS A KEY TO AMAZING OUTCOMES IN CONSUMER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITIONS

Presenter: John Hartman, Music Therapist, Milwaukee Center for Independence

What crucial role does music perception play in rehabilitation, and what sets it apart from any other approach? In this workshop, we will discuss what diagnostic criteria is and how it predicts and defines practice and long-term outcomes for consumers. We will define keys to reach individual maximum development, specific skills, and true independence. We will also discuss how can we plan and implement effective service to foster this independence across special education, adult services, and long-term care settings: a vision for options planning that empowers consumers, reduces disability, increases independence, and produces dramatic health care cost savings.
C3 WHAT’S NEW IN MANAGED CARE AND IRIS

Presenters: Jody Brassfield, Section Chief, Office of IRIS Management, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; JoAnna Richard, Associate Director, Bureau of Adult Long Term Care Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Learn about the latest updates for the programs serving long-term care customers, including how Family Care and IRIS are reaching all of Wisconsin’s counties.

C4 HEALTHY WISCONSIN

Presenter: Melanie Johnson, Director, Office of Policy and Practice Alignment, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Healthy Wisconsin includes both a state health assessment and improvement plan to help communities identify strategies to make Wisconsin healthier. The state health improvement plan addresses five health priorities: alcohol, nutrition and physical activity, opioids, suicide, and tobacco. There is an additional focus on adverse childhood experiences and resilience. This session will explore how the aging and disability communities can engage with the initiative.

C5 TRIBAL INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER PROGRAM

Presenters: John Nousaine, Director, North Country Independent Living; Sunshine Lemieux, JD, Program Coordinator, Native American Independent Living Program, North Country Independent Living; Doug Defoe, Native American Independent Living Specialist, North Country Independent Living

North Country Independent Living was one of three independent living centers (ILCs) awarded a three-year demonstration project to better serve Indian Country in the delivery of ILC services. The project focuses on the tribal communities of Red Cliff, Bad River, St Croix, and Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO). The project has an advisory committee and is staffed by three tribal members from the LCO, Red Cliff, and Bad River Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa. Come to this session to learn about this new exciting project, meet the staff, learn what services ILCs can provide, and learn more about the tribal communities this new project serves.
C6 PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS IN RURAL TRANSPORTATION

Presenters: Denise Larson, Regional Mobility Manager, Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin; Bob Olsgard, Mobility Manager/Transportation Coordinator, North Country Independent Living; Carrie Porter, Transportation Specialist, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Rural Wisconsin presents serious challenges for service providers. Transportation services for medical appointments, shopping, and day-to-day errands is crucial for the residents who are older, poorer, and have disabilities in sparsely populated areas of the state. Lack of adequate transportation services compounds the challenge and increases the cost of providing a service that most of us take for granted.

This workshop will feature solutions that have worked to successfully overcome these challenges through partnership. Three of Wisconsin’s most experienced mobility managers will present approaches, experiences, and insights that have achieved solutions that show success is not just possible, it’s happening every day! All over rural Wisconsin nonprofits, government agencies, private companies, and consumers work together to get their friends and neighbors where they need to go. The presenters bring more than three decades of experience in mobility management to share with workshop participants.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

D1 VOLUNTEER UTILIZATION AND RECRUITMENT PLATFORMS

Presenters: Kaylynn Stahlbusch, Volunteer Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County; Carrie Porter, Transportation and Volunteer Specialist, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

The world of volunteerism is changing rapidly. Volunteers are looking for work that is meaningful, fulfilling, and flexible. This session will cover a variety of ways in which an individual or organization can utilize and retain volunteers to meet their needs. Through expanding how we operate and think about volunteer programs, we can attract more volunteers and provide options for our returning volunteers. This interactive session will cover:

- Volunteer job examples and descriptions.
- The significance of keeping volunteer roles flexible.
- Options in job type, upward mobility, flexible time commitment, and home-based activities.
- Online systems for recruitment, retention, and organization of volunteers.
- Volunteers’ communication styles.
- Obstacles for volunteer jobs (legality of volunteer work, background checks, etc.) and overcoming them.
D2  THE FUTURE OF CAREGIVING

Presenters: Lynn Gall, Family Caregiver Programs Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Jane Mahoney, MD, Older Americans Act Consultant, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources; Janet Zander, Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Family caregivers are the backbone of America’s long-term care system. An estimated 40 million family members provide 37 billion hours of unpaid care with a value of $470 billion each year. What family caregivers contribute to our society is so important that losing their contributions would be devastating to our population and to our economy. This is why state and national family caregiver strategies are being developed specifically to help family caregivers continue doing what they do. Workshop participants will learn about the challenges facing family caregivers and the work that is being done to support them.

D3  TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE: ADULT LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEMS APPROACH

Presenters: Leah Klein, Aging and Disability Resource Unit Manager, Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services; Shannon Kelly, Deputy Director, Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services

Workshop participants will learn the basics of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC). The presenters will walk participants through various aspects of the adult long-term care system, tying in the basic understanding of ACEs and TIC. Presenters will also share tips on how to approach specific position responsibilities through a trauma-informed lens, from receptionists to advanced practice social workers and supervisors. The presentation and materials will be focused on examining current practices and adapting them according to the nine cornerstone principles of TIC.

D4  WHAT IS A BENEFIT SPECIALIST?

Presenters: Lisa Galvan, Disability Benefit Specialist Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Phoebe Hefko, Legal Services Developer, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Benefit specialists are an integral part of Wisconsin’s aging and disability network, helping people navigate a wide array of benefit-related issues. This session will feature a panel of attorneys and staff from the Disability Benefit Specialist, Elder Benefit Specialist, and Work Incentive Benefit Specialist programs. If you have questions about scope of services, attorney roles, staff supervision and training, referral processes or confidentiality requirements, this session is for you!
D5  YOGA FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Presenters: Bette Mentz-Powell, MS, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Paul Mross, E-RYT 200, LMT; Jennifer Fischer, Manager, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Dane County; Mary Mezera, Regional Director, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin

This workshop will inform participants about a new collaboration between ADRCs and the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, offering Yoga for deaf and hard of hearing customers. The presentation will cover the collaboration between agencies, cultural competencies of working with the deaf and hard of hearing, and lessons learned regarding the new project.

D6  WHAT MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING IS NOT (AND WHY THAT SHOULD EXCITE YOU AS A HELPER)

Presenter: Helen Samson, LCSW, Quality Specialist, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Kenosha County

Motivational interviewing is a collaborative, person-centered form of guiding to elicit and strengthen motivation for change. Motivational interviewing is not a way of tricking people into doing what you want them to do, practice as usual, easy to learn, a technique, or a panacea. It can, however, lead to a decrease in personal frustration and burnout and to improved outcomes for the people we serve. This session will provide an overview of the benefits and challenges of this evidence-based practice, including interactive examples and suggestions for next steps.

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10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

E1  PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS WITH OPIOID MISUSE

Presenters: Emily Gilbertson, Manager, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County; Carleigh Olson, Health Educator, Eau Claire County Health Department

As part of a grant project to protect and promote the health and safety of individuals in the Eau Claire community, the ADRC of Eau Claire County and the Eau Claire City-County Health Department worked in collaboration to get medication lock boxes to 40 older adults to assist in the reduction of medication and opioid misuse among older adults, caregivers, and children.

Come learn about the initiative and how you might duplicate this effort in your community.
E2 WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS: A VITAL PART OF WISCONSIN’S AGING NETWORK

Presenters: Bob Powers, President, Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers, and Executive Director, Colonial Club Senior Center; Donna Calhoun, Director, Portage County Senior Center; Catherine Kiener, Director, Port Washington Senior Center; Anne Hvizdak, Statewide Coordinator of Evidence-Based Health Promotion Programs, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Are you aware of the many things that are happening at Wisconsin Senior Centers? The Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers help older adults age in place by collaborating with the Wisconsin aging network to provide activities and programs that prevent social isolation, provide food security, and host evidence-based health promotion programs and life-long learning opportunities. Come learn more about local examples.

E3 LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: HOW OUR NEIGHBORHOODS CONTRIBUTE TO PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Presenter: Sam Wilson, State Director, AARP Wisconsin

What does a community need to have in place to support older adults living independently? An initiative by AARP promotes the development of safe, accessible, and vibrant environments often called livable communities. Livable communities’ policies address issues such as land use, housing, transportation, and broadband—all of which facilitate aging in place. Learn more about how your community scores on the Livability Index and what you can do to facilitate improvement.

E4 MY LIFE WITH AUTISM

Presenter: Dakota Maynard, National Speaker

Learn about autism first hand, from Dakota Maynard! Dakota is a 22-year-old man with Asperger syndrome. He is very high functioning but still has many autistic characteristics that impact his life on a daily basis. Dakota talks about growing up with autism and the obstacles he has faced, the goals he has accomplished, and the dreams he hopes to achieve. Dakota will explain the different symptoms of this disorder while giving examples from his life. He will discuss how he was diagnosed, explain how autism has affected his family, share some of his interests, and tell how he copes with daily living. Dakota and his parents will be available for questions at the end of his presentation.
E5 WISCONSIN’S MODEL APPROACH TO MEETING THE LEGAL NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS

Presenter: Phoebe Hefko, Legal Services Developer, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

The Older Americans Act requires every state to provide legal assistance to vulnerable older adults. How well do we fulfill this mandate in Wisconsin? This workshop will discuss Wisconsin’s efforts under a Model Approaches grant from the Administration on Aging to assess our population’s current needs and identify areas for improvement within our existing service structure.

E6 WIOA 101: FORWARD!

Presenters: Pam Jenson, Transition Improvement Grant Project Coordinator, CESA2; Sarah Lincoln, Program and Policy Analyst, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Monica Snittler, Senior Employment Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Health Service

Join the Department of Public Instruction, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Division of Public Health to learn about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the positive impact the new regulations will have on interagency collaboration. It is an opportunity for all partners to work better together to improve employment outcomes of our youth with disabilities and older adults.
CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

SOCIAL WORKER CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS (CEH)
Attendance at the Wednesday Ethics and Boundaries session will earn 4 CEHs.
Attendance at the conference will earn 7 CEHs on Thursday and 4 CEHs on Friday.

AUDIENCE
The conference programming is designed for professionals and governing boards/council members within the aging and disability network.

Note: Please be considerate of others who may have a sensitivity to fragrances (perfumes, scented lotions, etc.)