

GWAAR: Governor signs Bipartisan Guardian Training Bill into law

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The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) thanks the legislature and Governor Evers for making free training available to prospective guardians to help them be better prepared to understand and carry out their new role and responsibilities.

The bill signed into law today establishes initial training requirements for guardians before they are appointed and calls for the development of free, web-based online guardian training modules.

“With this training, guardians will be better prepared for the complexities of the guardianship system and their associated responsibilities,” said Robert Kellerman, Executive Director of GWAAR, “Going forward, guardians will be more fully aware of their role and responsibilities which will also improve the well-being of people under guardianship.”

The legislation training requirements include alternatives to guardianship; legal roles, responsibilities, and requirements of guardians; rights of wards; and where to go for resources and support. These trainings will be developed in plain language and will be available to prospective guardians and the general public.

The collaborative effort of aging and disability advocacy organizations, older adults and people with disabilities, family members/caregivers, and the support of state officials in the legislature and executive branch made the success of this important bipartisan legislation possible.

About GWAAR

The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. is a nonprofit agency committed to supporting the successful delivery of aging programs and services in 70 counties and 11 tribes in Wisconsin. We provide lead aging agencies in our service area with advocacy support, training, and technical assistance to ensure the availability and quality of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older people in Wisconsin.