Discussion Panel: Creative Solutions to Grow and Sustain Your Coalitions

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- Health Equipment Lending
- Peer-Based Computer Classes

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- Assistance by phone, e mail, or walk-in
- Educational Seminars and conferences
- Caregiver Support Group
- CaregiverU

www.CaregiverUcentx.org
AGE of Central Texas Is:

- Local Non-Profit Organization
- Funded by Grants & Donations
- Led by a Board of Directors
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About the Caregiver Coalition of Northeast Florida

The Caregiver Coalition of Northeast Florida is a program of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, in partnership with other locally based nonprofit organizations.
Why a caregiver coalition?

- University of North Florida study
- Lack of knowledge
- No focus on caregivers in our area, in Florida
- Need for collaboration
Beginnings: 2007

- Informal partnership of six organizations working together to offer free caregiver conferences
- Created mission and vision: 2008
- Dedicated to caregivers of a senior
- Mission: *to promote awareness and knowledge of, sensitivity to and support for family caregiving in Northeast Florida.*
Caregiver Coalition Members:

- Community Hospice, ElderSource, Aging True, Alzheimer’s Association, City of Jax Senior Services Division, Mayo Clinic Memory Disorders Clinic
- Later added: AgeWell Institute/Baptist Health, YMCA of Florida’s First Coast, Taylor Residences, Brooks Rehabilitation, area Councils on Aging
Caregiver Coalition Programs:

- Free conferences: 58 to date
- Annual Caregiver Expo
- Caregiver Newsletter: “Caregiver Connections”
- Caregiver Support Line
- MyCaregiverConnection.org
- More to come!
• How we are organized
• Charter
• Funding
• Sustaining and Growing
• Best Practices and lessons learned
• Looking to the future
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Outagamie Caregiver Coalition

A Network Dedicated to YOU!

- Providing you with education
- Helping you access resources
- Reducing your stress
- Developing your support systems
**Vision Statement**
Empowering families and friends to care for their loved one

**Mission Statement**
The Outagamie Caregiver Coalition is dedicated to the caregiver by providing needed support through comprehensive education and resources.
Began as a group of independent providers to...

- ...provide more means for Caregivers to receive education and resources and identify as Caregivers

- ...carry out the mission and vision

- ...have active participation in at least one of the sub-committees and/or activities of the group
Projects have been....

Technical College OTA student projects – Caregiver Resource Fairs and Toolkits
Projects Currently Are:

- Caregiver Cafes (Thursday, 9:00, Skyway 265)
- Increased outreach to rural and underserved areas
- Caregiver Resource fairs and presentations at major employers
- Development of an updated “Caregiver Toolkit” to distribute to employers, clinics, etc.
- Development of a distribution list and method of disbursing Caregiver Toolkits
- Ongoing branding and marketing
Funding

Federal

Older Americans Act National Family Caregiver Support (NFCSP)

State

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)

County

Outagamie County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
Other Support: In-Kind Donations

- Facilities – Linwood Commons, Encircle Health, Fox Valley Technical College, Thompson Community Center, Churches
- Printing – Theda-Care Health system, K-C
- Mailing and distribution – ADRC, members
- Partnerships – Kimberly Clark, FVTC, LSS, ADRC
Challenges

- Family Caregivers as members of the group
- Connecting with Caregivers and employers of caregivers
- Members volunteering time for projects
- Reaching and obtaining community and leader support
Goals and Plans

(Determined From Recent Strategic Planning)

- Reach CG’s in rural, underserved areas; create connections with homebound, reach diversity of CG’s
- Create a Caregiver Toolbox and share more broadly
- Create a marketing plan and brand for the Outagamie Caregiver Coalition
- Conduct a focus group to identify Caregiver needs
- Legislative breakfast with community leaders and policy-makers, instrumental groups
- Utilize current County and Prevention programs to distribute materials
  - Strong Bones and Stepping On classes, Meal Sites, Caregiver Cafes, Support groups, etc.
  - Coalition members distribute through own job duties if able
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