



Your Update from AgeOptions

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Caregiver Collaborative Is Reconvening: Agency Workers Invited to Take Part

The Caregiver Collaborative will be reconvening virtually on February 2. The group's purpose is to bring together and engage organizations to share ideas and resources and collaborate on the needs and issues facing caregivers and their loved ones.

Amanda Wojan, Caregiver Programs coordinator at AgeOptions, says individuals who work for organizations that offer resources, support or programs to help caregivers and their loved ones are encouraged to take part. "Last year the caregiver team at AgeOptions started the group and invited professionals from disease-specific agencies that are outside our traditional older adult network but impact the lives of family caregivers to come together," she said. "The point of this collaborative is to foster interconnectedness and cross referrals and to prevent siloing of all these facets of the social service/health care field, with a specific focus on supports and resources for informal (non-paid) caregivers."

The Caregiver Collaborative meeting will be from 2 to 3:30 pm on February 2. The Zoom link is https://zoom.us/j/92003584880 and meeting ID 920 0358 4880. To dial in, call (312) 626-6779.

Please RSVP or send inquiries to Amanda Wojan: amanda.wojan@ageoptions.org; (708) 383-0258.

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