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As winter is transitioning into spring, I have to admit that I am ready for spring's arrival. As I think of the winter I immediately am grateful to CLA's direct care workforce who bravely battled the elements to provide services to our clients. I am amazed to learn, after each weather event, the extra efforts that personal care workers take to ensure their clients are cared for. Once again, I find myself in the position of wanting to express my gratitude and to state how very proud I am of CLA's dedicated and caring direct care workforce.



2017 is a promising year for direct care workers to be recognized by the state of Wisconsin for their daily contribution in supporting individual's independence and ability to remain in their homes. I am grateful that the **proposed** Governors budget recognizes the workforce crisis and its impact on our state and disability and aging community. The Governor is **proposing after nine years** without a rate adjustment to increase the MA Personal Care rate 2 percent in 2017 and an additional 2 percent in 2018. Various coalitions which CLA is a member, such as The [Wisconsin Personal Services Association](#) (WPSA) and the [Wisconsin Workforce Alliance](#), are advocating that the proposed increase is not enough to support our workforce and the growing need for your services.

March 21 is Disability Advocacy Day. It is designed to connect people with disabilities and those that support them with legislators. This is a great opportunity to be heard and to identify the issues that matter most to you. You, and the individuals you provide direct care services to, are encouraged to attend. Disability Advocacy Day has proven to be a great day of empowerment. To Register click [here](#) or to Volunteer click [here](#).

Finally, I wanted to share my excitement in announcing that CLA's Board of Directors will be hosting the second annual Caring for the Caregiver FUNraiser on May 11th. The event will take place at the Brink, please visit CLA's website and look for flyers in our lobby for more details and how to win free tickets! I hope to see many of you at this fun event!



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UPCOMING MADISON AREA EVENTS

March 21
9:30a-3:30p

Disability Advocacy Day @ Monona Terrace
1 John Nolen Dr., Madison, WI
Register @ www.survivalcoalitionwi.org

April 18
5:30p-7p

Advance Care Planning Seminar: Completing your Power of Attorney for Healthcare
Monona Clinic, 6408 Copsps Ave., Monona, WI
Contact: Care Coordination Dept. 608-417-6027



Special Needs Emergency Shelter Program
evacuation assistance and care for individuals with special needs

2017 Annual Required Standard Precautions

This year, CLA is offering all employees 2 options for completing the 2017 Annual Required Standard Precautions (SP) Training:

1. Standard Precautions Training material will be mailed out to you on **Monday, April 10, 2017**. Review the material and complete the competency and required signatures in the convenience of your own home and then mail or drop off the completed paperwork to CLA by **Friday, May 19, 2017**. **OR**
2. Register to attend one (1) of the three (3) Standard Precautions classroom sessions that will be held at Community Living Alliance on the following dates: **May 3 from 6-7:30pm**; **May 12 from 10-11am**; and **May 15 from 3:30-5:00pm**

Choose the method of completion most convenient to you!

Both the Standard Precautions Training Packet and the 1½ hour SP classroom session include information on Annual OSHA Standard Precautions Training requirements as well as policy and procedure updates.



Be On the LOOK Out for SP notices in your paystubs.

SP Registration for classroom sessions begins **Friday, April 14, 2017**. After receiving the Standard Precautions material, if you have any questions, please contact **Dona Potters** at (608) 242-8335 x1203 or pottersd@clanet.org.

Please note: Annual Standard Precautions Training Completion is required to maintain employment with Community Living Alliance.



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TAXACT HELPS MAKE TAX PREP LESS TAXING

For the 2017 tax preparation season, your Perspectives Ltd. Employee Assistance Program WorkLife Website offers you and your family **TaxACT** – an online tool for easy tax preparation and filing. TaxACT offers a variety of support and filing options including the option to prepare, print, and e-file your federal tax return for free.

To access this beneficial resource, log on to your EAP WorkLife Website, click on WorkLife Online and select the TaxACT Center from the list of Centers on the home page.

By filing with TaxACT, the accuracy of your return is 100% guaranteed. If you are assessed a penalty due to a TaxACT calculation error, TaxACT will reimburse you the penalty and interest associated with that calculation error. **Log on and get started!**

EAP Helpline TOLL-FREE: 800-456-6327

WEBSITE: www.perspectivesltd.com

Log in & Click on: [TaxAct–Why Use It?](#)



In the Spotlight: [PCW Open Shifts](#)

Please Note: MC=Male Client; FC=Female Client

East:	FC: R 9a-3p, F 12:30-3p & NPD 10a-5p; MC: F 6-8p & PD 8-10a
North:	FC: T/R 6-8p & PD 7:30a-12p & 6-8p; MC: M-F 5-6p
Downtown:	FC: M/R 9-10a, W 5-7p & NPD 8-10a; MC: PD 8-10a & 12-1p
Wauwaukee:	MC: 2 wkdys/mo 9:30a-1:30p; MC: TWF 11:30a-1:30p&PD/NPD 11a-1p
Oregon:	FC: PD/NPD 9a-12p; FC: M 4-5:30p/T 3-5p/W 3-6p/R & F 3-5p & PD/NPD 4-5:30p
Fitchburg:	FC: PD 8:30a-12:15p; FC: M-F 6:30–9p
Clients Under 18 years of age:	
South:	FC: M-F 4:30-8p; FC: M-F 8-11a & 4:30-8p
Oregon:	MC: MTRF 3-7p
Stoughton:	FC: TR 6-7:30a, M-F 6-8p, PD/NPD 6-7:30a & 6-8p
Middleton:	MC: M-F 6-7a, T 5:30-9p & PD/NPD 6-7a
West:	MC: M-F 7:30-10a & 5-8:30p, PD/NPD 7:30-10a & 5-8:30p

Free Help With Your Taxes ([Resource Wise–Winter 2016 ADRC](#))

Have your taxes prepared for FREE at the Richard Dilly Tax Center. Provided through a partnership between AARP, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Dane County UW-Extension Financial Education Center, and the City of Madison; this free service is targeted to low-income, elderly and/or people with disabilities. Contact the [ADRC](#) to find help near you!

Personal Care Workers

- ~At least 18 years old
- ~High school diploma or equivalent
- ~6 mo. favorable work experience in last 2 yrs.
- ~Wages starting at \$12.50 per hour (non-family)

Home Care Specialists – Full & Part Time

- ~High School Diploma or equivalent
- ~Current CNA licensed in WI preferred
- ~Minimum of 6 months experience as PCW or completion of a clinically-based training program

Ask about the Hire Bonus for this position!

CLA is always looking for talented and passionate individuals to join our team. In addition to recruiting for Personal Care Workers, we often have openings for a variety of professional, clinical, administrative and licensed healthcare positions. If you are interested in working for a company that makes a difference in the lives of your fellow community members, visit the [CLA website](#) for detailed information about current open positions. CLA is an affirmative action and



Blue Bags: Preventing Adverse Drug Events Project

In 2015, accidental poisonings killed more Dane County residents than automobile accidents. One effective way to reduce accidental poisonings is removing old medication from the home.

CLA has partnered with the [Dane County Community-Based Care Transitions Coalition](#) and the [Dane County Police](#)

[Department](#) to distribute [Blue Med-Drop Off Bags](#) to our clients and families. Each bag has instructions for what can go inside and addresses of drop-off locations. CLA has ordered 100 bags and needs help to identify and distribute bags to those who could benefit from them.

For more information, email Shawn Tandon, CIP Department Student Intern, at tandons@clanet.org. Please consider joining our efforts in making the community a safer place!

Note – CLA employees are **NOT** allowed to transport bags once medications are inside. It is up to the client or family member to drop off filled bags.