

A Kenosha County ADRC Benefit Specialist Newsletter

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## **CALENDAR OF ADRC EVENTS**

**\*Registration Required** Call Kenosha County ADRC at 262-605-6646 or 1-800-472-8008 and reserve your time and location.

### WELCOME TO MEDICARE WORKSHOPS

Thursday, May 19, 2022 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., noon Kenosha Southwest Library 7979—38th Avenue—Kenosha, WI

Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Twin Lakes Community Library 110 S. Lake Street—Twin Lakes, WI

## **COMMUNITY EVENT:**

FAMILIES BRANCHING OUT Saturday, April 30 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Kenosha County Center, Hwy 45/Hwy 50,

# **Medicare Saving Programs**

The Medicare Saving Program helps people with limited incomes and assets by paying their Medicare Part B premium (\$170.10). The program may also pay some or all of the Medicare deductibles, coinsurance, and co-payments.

You may qualify based on the income and asset limits below:

	Monthly Income Limit	Asset Limit
Individual	\$1,528	\$8,400
Couple	\$2,059	\$12,600

## **Medicare Extra Help**

Medicare Extra Help is a prescription drug assistance program for people on Medicare who have limited income and assets. This program assists people with Medicare part D premiums, deductibles, and co-payments.

You may qualify based on the income and asset limits below:

	Monthly Income Limit	Asset Limit
Individual	\$1,610	\$14,010
Couple	\$2,177	\$27,950

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### How We May be Able to Assist You

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), provides support in unforeseen circumstances. The Disability Benefits Specialist Program (DBS) is a unique service provided by the ADRC. Younger adults do not always make the connection that our services start at age seventeen and one-half for those who may be intellectually or developmentally disabled.

The Benefit Specialist Program was recently presented with a referral from a neurologist of a client who suffered from a cognitive impairment along with other chronic conditions. The client was recently diagnosed with chronic lung disease and was forced to resign from employment due to the high risk of Covid-19 exposure.

The DBS responsibility is to help prove the individual's claim and to demonstrate the client's inability to work based on their impairment. The DBS reviewed the previous decision by the Social Security Administration and provided a case theory to the Disability Determination Bureau (DDB).

The physician provided a letter and a medical source statement outlying the client's conditions, restrictions, and limitations. The physician also ordered additional testing to provide additional information towards the social security disability claim. In December of 2021, the client's SSI and SSDI were approved.

The connections DBS makes with clients, medical community, and partners are very impactful. The client was very grateful for being connected to the ADRC.

Call the ADRC at 262-606-6646 or 800-472-8008.





#### Meet The Kenosha County ADRC Information & Assistance Unit



Information and Assistance (IAA) Specialists can help with a variety of concerns (regardless of income). Staff can meet with you in person, over the phone, by email, virtually, or in a person's home . Our Services are free.

#### IAA Specialists provide:

- Access to publicly funded programs
- Information on a wide range of topics
- Medical Equipment Loan Closet
- Options Counseling
- Youth Transition Services

#### Who we serve:

- Adults (18 or older) with a physical or developmental disability
- Family members and caregivers seeking long-term care services
- Older adults
- Youth transitioning (prior to age 18) to adult services

Please <u>contact us</u> at 262-605-6646 for questions or further information.

# Monday - Friday • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Appointments available

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