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FREE “SIMPLE WILL” AND “POWER OF ATTORNEY” CLINIC FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS AGE 60+

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The State Bar of Wisconsin, GWAAR Elder Law & Advocacy Center, and the Elder Benefit Specialist Program are happy to announce an upcoming opportunity for Jefferson County Seniors. “**Wills for Seniors**” is a program designed to assist low-income seniors prepare basic estate planning documents at no charge.

GWAAR is hosting the “Wills for Seniors” Clinic at their office in Madison on Friday, June 27. The ADRC of Jefferson County is now scheduling appointments for this free event. Participants will be required to watch a 45 minute presentation on powers of attorney prior to meeting with the attorney. Witnesses and notaries will be available to execute the documents at the end of the appointment.

Seniors age 60+ with incomes below 250% of the federal poverty level (\$2,431.25 for a household of 1 or \$3,277.08 if married, household of 2) and with combined assets of \$650,000 or under are eligible for this event*. Participants will be able to draft a basic will, power of attorney for finances, and power of attorney for health care and Authorization for Final Distribution (if desired).

*To enable us to offer this service efficiently and at no cost to the consumer, estate planning documents prepared by this program do not cover planning for people with large or complicated estates, beneficiaries with special needs, or beneficiaries who are unable to handle their own finances. This program is also not appropriate for people who want to set up or require sophisticated trusts, Medicaid planning, estate recovery planning, tax planning, or business succession planning. We reserve the right to screen out participants who are not appropriate for a basic will.

An appointment is **required** for participation in this free event, scheduled for Friday, June 27. Jefferson County Seniors may contact the ADRC at 920-674-8734 to schedule the appointment. An estate planning questionnaire will be mailed to you in advance and must be brought along to the appointment.