

State & National Advocacy Resources

Find Your Federal Legislators

To find out who your U.S. Representative is, enter your zip code in the search function at: http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/

To find out who your U.S. Senators are, go to: <u>https://www.senate.gov/states/WI/intro.htm</u>

U.S. Government Official Website - Find contact information for: federal, state, local, or tribal governments and elected officials - <u>https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials</u>

Find Your State Legislators

Wisconsin State Legislature - <u>http://legis.wisconsin.gov/</u> -Enter your home address in the "Who Are My Legislators?" box.

Contact Your Federal Legislators

- US Senate: https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact
- US House of Representatives: <u>https://www.house.gov/representatives</u>
- See <u>Wisconsin Members of the 119th Congress</u> for a complete list of contact information for Wisconsin's federal legislators.

To Contact Your Federal Legislators by Phone

- Capitol Switchboard 1-202-224-3121 (ask to be connected your federal legislator's office)
- Senate phone list http://www.senate.gov/general/contact information/senators cfm.cfm
- House phone list https://www.house.gov/representatives

Contact Your State Legislators

Wisconsin Legislative Hotline (leave a message or indicate a position on legislation): 800-362-9472 (toll-free); 608-266-9960 (in Madison); or 800-228-2115 (hearing impaired)

E-mail addresses:

Senators: <u>https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/legislators/senate</u> Representatives: <u>https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/legislators/assembly</u>

Mailing Addresses:

All Senators P.O. Box 7882 Madison WI 53707-7882 <u>Representatives</u> whose last names begin with a letter from <u>A to L</u>: P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708 <u>Representatives</u> whose last names begin with a letter from <u>M to Z</u>: P.O. Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708

<u>Committee Members</u> – Assembly, Senate & Joint - <u>https://legis.wisconsin.gov/</u>

Governor Tony Evers

115 East Capitol
Madison WI 53702
(608) 266-1212.
To Connect: <u>https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/connect.aspx</u>

State Budget

Governor's budget letter to agencies (2025-27 Budget): <u>https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2025-27%20Governor%27s%20Budget%20Letter%20to%20Agencies%2006072024.pdf</u> (6/07/24)

Governor's Major Budget Policies 2025-27 (Budget Instructions): <u>https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2025-</u>27%20Major%20Budget%20Policies.pdf

Agency Budget Requests and Revenue Estimates for the 2025-27 Biennial Budget: <u>https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2025-</u> <u>27%20Agency%20Budget%20Requests%20and%20Revenue%20Estimates.pdf</u> (11/20/24)

Legislative Fiscal Bureau Overview of State Agency Major Request Items – 2025-27 Wisconsin State Budget: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2025 27 biennial budget/601 overview of state agency major request items december 2024 (Dec. 2024)

Governor's 2025-27 Executive Budget: <u>https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/2025-27%20Executive%20Budget%20UEK.aspx</u> (2/18/25)

Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2023-25 Biennial Budget - Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations (Entire Document):

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2023 25 biennial budget/502 summary of governor s b udget recommendations march 2023 entire document.pdf (March 2023) Updates not available yet.

Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2023-25 Biennial Budget - Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations (By Agency):

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2023 25 biennial budget/500 summary of governor s b udget recommendations march 2023 by agency (March 2023) Updates not available yet.

Legislative Fiscal Bureau Budget Papers – 2023-25: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2023 25 biennial budget/302 budget papers

Joint Finance Committee (Executive Sessions/Hearings -

<u>https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/committees/joint/2920</u> - members, upcoming meetings, papers <u>https://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/budget-papers</u> Updates not available yet.

<u>https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/jfcmotions/2023</u> - adopted motions Updates not available yet <u>https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments/</u> - online portal for submitting budget input/comments

<mark>Updates not available yet.</mark>

<u>budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov</u> – email address for submitting budget input/comments <mark>Updates not</mark> available yet. Follow committee and full Senate/Assembly meetings and votes (Subscription needed for detailed information):

WisconsinEye - <u>http://www.wiseye.org/</u>

Wheeler Report - calendar, news, media stories/releases - <u>http://www.thewheelerreport.com/</u> WisPolitics – news, interviews, podcasts, press releases - <u>https://www.wispolitics.com/</u>

Track Legislation

Federal: https://www.congress.gov/ or https://www.govtrack.us/start

State: Find-www.legis.wisconsin.gov, Track- https://notify.legis.wisconsin.gov/login?ReturnUrl=%2f

OTHER RESOURCES

AARP Politics & Society - Sign up for a free newsletter to stay up to date - <u>https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/</u> or AARP Wisconsin - <u>https://states.aarp.org/wisconsin/</u>

Administration for Community Living (ACL)/Administration on Aging (AoA) Programshttp://aoa.acl.gov/index.aspx

Administration for Community Living – News & Information: <u>https://acl.gov/news</u>

Aging and Disability Resource Centers – Wisconsin - https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm

Aging Services – Wisconsin - <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/index.htm</u>

Alzheimer's Association – <u>https://www.alz.org/</u>. Also see, "Becoming an Advocate" - <u>https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/advocate/become an advocate</u>. There are local chapters throughout the U.S. – Wisconsin Chapter - <u>https://www.alz.org/wi</u>

Badgeraginglist- A listserv for the aging network. Serves as a source of advocacy material related to older adults, information on aging-related issues, a location to engage about aging matters, to exchange ideas, post aging network jobs, etc. To subscribe go to: <u>https://archives.simplelists.com/subscribe/badgeraginglist/</u>

Ballotpedia - for unbiased information on elections, politics and policy - https://ballotpedia.org/Main Page

Benefit Specialists – Disability/Elder - help older adults and people with disabilities with questions and problems related to benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, FoodShare, and health insurance: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/benefit-specialists/index.htm

Caregiver Action Network - https://www.caregiveraction.org/

Caring Across Generations - https://caringacross.org/

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities - a research institute that conducts analyses on government policies and programs: <u>http://www.cbpp.org/</u>

Center for Medicare Advocacy - http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/

Dane County Area Agency on Aging - Legislative/Advocacy Committee: <u>https://dcdhs.com/AAA-Board-and-Committees</u>

Disability Rights Wisconsin - http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/

Families USA - A leading national, non-partisan voice for health care consumers, dedicated to achieving highquality, affordable health care and improved health for all. <u>https://familiesusa.org/</u>

Family Caregiver Alliance - <u>https://www.caregiver.org/</u>

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources – General - <u>https://gwaar.org/</u>; Advocacy and Grassroots Resources: <u>https://gwaar.org/advocacy-and-grassroots-resources1</u>

Independent Sector- Policy & Advocacy - https://independentsector.org/policy/

Institute for Women's Policy Research - https://iwpr.org/

Justice in Aging - http://www.justiceinaging.org/

Kaiser Health News- Nonprofit news service covering health policy issues at the federal and state level: <u>https://kffhealthnews.org/</u>

Kaiser Family Foundation - Health Policy Research - http://kff.org/

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin - Issues & Advocacy https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/IssuesAdvocacy.aspx

Meals on Wheels America (MOWA) - http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/take-action/advocate

Medicare Rights Center - https://www.medicarerights.org/

Milwaukee County Commission on Aging – Advocacy Committee https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/Older-Adults-Services/Get-Involved

My Vote Wisconsin - <u>https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/</u>

National Alliance for Caregiving - http://www.caregiving.org/advocacy/

National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare - http://www.ncpssm.org/

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care - https://theconsumervoice.org/

National Council on Aging (NCOA) - Advocacy Basic - <u>https://www.ncoa.org/advocates/public-</u>policy/advocacy-basics ; Advocates - https://www.ncoa.org/advocates

OWL – The Voice of Women 40+ - https://statusofwomendata.org/partners/owl-the-voice-of-women-40/

Survival Coalition - http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org/

The Wheeler Report online news service that publishes articles and editorials concerning Wisconsin politics - <u>http://www.thewheelerreport.com/</u>

United States Senate Special Committee on Aging - <u>http://aging.senate.gov/</u>

Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. – Advocacy Resources; janet.zander@gwaar.org

USAging - Advocacy Alerts: <u>https://www.usaging.org/advocacyalerts</u>

VOTE 411 Wisconsin – nonpartisan information about the candidates and personalized voting information - <u>https://www.vote411.org/wisconsin</u>

Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network - http://gwaar.org/waan

Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care (BOALTC) - advocate for the interests of the state's long term care consumers, to inform those consumers of their rights, and to educate the public at large about health care systems and long-term care - <u>http://longtermcare.wi.gov/</u>

Wisconsin Budget Project - http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) - https://www.wicounties.org/

Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Programs and Services for Older Adults -<u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/index.htm</u> - Aging programs and services, <u>https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm</u> - Aging and Disability Resource Centers, <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/caregiver.htm</u> - Family Caregiver Support, <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/long-term-care-support.htm</u> - Long Term Care and Support

Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition - http://www.disabilityvote.org/

Wisconsin Elections Commission (Voting/Elections) - https://elections.wi.gov/

Wisconsin Ethics Commission (Lobby information) - https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx

Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance - https://wisconsincaregiver.org/alliance

Wisconsin's Family Caregiver Support Programs - http://wisconsincaregiver.org/

Wisconsin State Legislature (legislators, committees, bills, maps, Blue Book, Session calendar & much more) - <u>https://legis.wisconsin.gov/</u>

To find other advocacy tips and tools, check out GWAAR's Advocacy Toolkit online at: https://gwaar.org/advocacy-toolkit