

## Invest in Aging/ADRC Network Funding

### What's Happening?

- Aging Units and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) serve older adults and people with disabilities in every Wisconsin County and Tribe.
- Local Elder Benefit Specialists (EBSs) provide counseling and assistance with Medicare, private health insurance issues, Social Security, housing, consumer debt, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and FoodShare.
- Local professionals at ADRCs provide individualized community resource options counseling so customers can make informed decisions about their needs.
- ADRCs are the only provider of local, unbiased decision support.
- There are no income or asset requirements to use ADRC services.
- There has been a 22% increase in ADRC customers with no state funding increase.

### Why Does it Matter?

- Aging Units and ADRCs programs and services provide savings for taxpayers, individuals and families.
  - ♦ The average annual monetary impact of the benefits of one full-time EBS to clients and the community is \$1,831,085.
  - ♦ Every \$1 invested into Wisconsin ADRCs leads to a savings of \$2.48.
  - ♦ ADRCs save nearly \$1,000,000 per 1,000 customers served. ADRCs had over a half a million contacts in 2020.
- People receiving options counseling at a local ADRC are 89% more likely to access privately paid resources rather than utilizing services through Medicaid-funded long-term care programs.

### Ask Legislators to:

- Increase state funding for Aging and ADRC programs and services to:
  - ♦ Ensure that as our populations ages, the increasing number of Wisconsinites served can make the most of their own resources;
  - ♦ Prevent or delay use of Medicaid-funded long-term care programs; and
  - ♦ Provide older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers the information needed to make fully informed decisions regarding their health, well-being, and care needs.

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