



Advocacy Update
WI Caregiver Support Community Statewide Meeting
January 24, 2023

The challenges facing older adults and people with disabilities, caregivers, and individuals living with dementia are non-partisan issues. It is important for us to get to know new legislators and to continue building relationships with all returning legislators and critical committee leaders and members as the new legislative session and next biennial budget process get underway.

- **New State Legislature & New Congress**

Jan. 3, 2023 was Inauguration Day for Wisconsin's Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and many members of Wisconsin's 106th State Legislature (including every state Assembly Representative, and half of the State Senators whose terms ran on even cycles).

Retirements, resignations, and redistricting lead to many of us having new state legislators. Getting to know your new legislators and beginning to build a relationship with them is an essential first step. To find out who your state legislators are for the 2023-2024 Legislative Session go to the Wisconsin State Legislature [homepage](#) and type in your home voting address in the white box underneath "Who Are My Legislators?".

To find contact information for all state legislators, as well as the names of their staff, biographies of the legislators, and other important information, go here for members of the Wisconsin Senate: [2023 Wis. State Senators](#) and here for members of the Assembly: [2023 Wis. State Representatives](#).

New legislative district maps are now available and can be found here:

- ❖ [Statewide Assembly](#)
- ❖ [Statewide Senate](#)
- ❖ [Wisconsin Members of the U.S. House of Representatives](#)

Members of the U.S. Congress were sworn in to the 119th Congress earlier this month. In the next few weeks, contact information for Wisconsin's Members of the 119th Congress will be updated and available on the GWAAR website [here](#). Contact information for Wis. U.S. Senators can also be found [here](#). To find out who represents you in the U.S. House of Representatives, in the upper righthand corner of this [page](#), enter your zip code in the white box to the left of the red "LOOK UP" box.

Please use the contact information regarding your state and federal legislators to reach out to them and share how issues of importance to you are impacting you, your families, and the community members you serve.

- **Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) State Issue Briefs 2022-2023**

State issue priorities of the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) can be found [here](#). The following issue briefs have been posted:

- ❖ [ADRC Investment 10-2022 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Elder Justice 01-2023 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Falls 10-2022 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Family Caregiver 11-2022 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Home Delivered Meal Services 11-2022 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Housing 11-2022 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Transportation 11-2022 Issue Brief](#)
- ❖ [Voting 11-2022 Issue Brief](#)

Federal issue priorities will be posted at this same location in the coming months.

- **Upcoming Advocacy Days at the State Capitol**

- ❖ **Alzheimer's Association – Wisconsin Chapter**

- Wisconsin Advocacy Day**

Tues., March 7th, 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Opening program at the Best Western Premier Park Hotel in Madison and meetings with your state lawmakers at the Wisconsin State Capitol in the afternoon.

To register, click [here](#)

- ❖ **Disability Advocacy Day of Action!**

Thursday, March 23, 2023

In -Person 10 A.M.– 3:00 P.M.

Monona Terrace, One John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI & the Wisconsin State Capitol

Registrations opens Feb. 1, 2023

Download the flyer - [here](#)

- ❖ **Aging Advocacy Day 2023**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

In-Person Event with virtual option for those unable to come to Madison.

Best Western Premier Park Hotel, Madison & the Wisconsin State Capitol

More information will be posted soon at <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2023>