

**Advocacy Update**  
**WI Caregiver Support Community Statewide Meeting**  
**March 28, 2023**

- **Survival Coalition Survey- The Face of Caregiving**

The Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations (of which the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging is a member) is gathering personal stories to help state legislators (who are now developing their state budget priorities) understand the impact the shortage of caregivers is having on people with disabilities, older adults, family caregivers, paid care workers, and others who have been affected. The goal of the survey is to share your stories directly with policymakers as they craft the state budget and with the media to draw attention to the crisis.

If you have been impacted by the shortage of paid (or unpaid) caregivers, please complete the Survival Coalition's short survey using the link or QR code below.

Please complete the survey using this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJDMNDK> or this QR Code:



Please share this survey with others who may also have a story to share.

- **Alzheimer's Association: Alzheimer's Facts & Figures report**

The Alzheimer's Association 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report highlights prevalence, caregiver burden and direct care workforce shortages. The new report released earlier this month shows there were an estimated 191,000 dementia family caregivers across Wisconsin caring for more than 120,000 on a journey with dementia.

Wisconsin statistics:

- Number of Wisconsin residents aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's: 120,000
- Estimated number of Wisconsin residents living with Alzheimer's in 2025: 130,000
- Number of Wisconsin residents serving as unpaid family caregivers: 191,000
- Total hours of unpaid care provided: 213,000,000; Total value of unpaid care: \$3,970,000,000.

Read the full report here: <https://www.alz.org/media/documents/alzheimers-facts-and-figures.pdf>

- Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day



*Join us!*

**Aging Advocacy Day  
May 9, 2023**

<https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2023>



Registration for Aging Advocacy Day 2023 is underway, and we have nearly 100 people registered so far. Don't wait, submit your registration today; this event is only six weeks away! Do you know of an organization or business that might be interested in helping to sponsor Aging Advocacy Day? If so, our sponsorship deadline has been extended to Fri., March 31, 2023. Sponsors are still welcome and needed to ensure a successful event. For more information about Aging Advocacy Day, to locate promotional materials, to register for the event, or to find our sponsorship form, visit: <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2023>.

- Older Americans Month

Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). The 2023 theme is ***Ageing Unbound***, which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes. Join ACL in promoting flexible thinking about aging – and how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent, and included.

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