



Statewide Caregiver Support Webinar
Advocacy Updates
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Aging Advocacy Day 2024 – Registration Now Open!

Are you interested in speaking out on issues affecting older adults and family caregivers? On **May 14, 2024**, join members of the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN), aging network professionals, older adults, and family caregivers at an **in-person Aging Advocacy Day (AAD) 2024** event in Madison to “tell your story” and help educate your state Senator and Assembly Representative and/or their staff about issues impacting Wisconsin’s aging population. **Your voice matters!**

For more information and to register, go to: <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2024>. Registration closes on April 29, 2024.

Pre-Advocacy Day Virtual Training

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The virtual training is not required to attend Aging Advocacy Day, but is recommended.

To help attendees prepare for legislative visits, the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network is hosting a virtual information session with a brief overview of this year’s issues and talking points. Those unable to attend Aging Advocacy Day in-person are also welcome to attend the virtual event and are encouraged to contact their state legislators independently or as part of a local, in-district meeting.

Additional information on in-district meetings will be posted online at <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2024> the week of April 22.

Older Americans Act Reauthorization

In 2025, the Older Americans Act (OAA) will celebrate its 60th anniversary! The OAA is currently reauthorized through Sept. 30, 2024. A strong OAA reauthorization is key to ensuring a network of national, state, tribal, and community-based organizations can plan for and implement programming that aims to ensure all older adults, especially the most vulnerable, can age well with health and economic security.



The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), of which U.S. Senator Tammy Balwin is a member, is overseeing the 2024 reauthorization of the OAA. The HELP committee held a hearing on Thursday, March 7. You can view the hearing [here](#).

Following the hearing, the HELP Committee Chairman Sanders (I-VT) and committee members released a bipartisan [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to give stakeholders an opportunity to help shape the goals and priorities for OAA reauthorization. The Committee is specifically seeking feedback on the effectiveness of pandemic-era flexibilities and policies from the 2020 reauthorization. If you are interested in sharing your feedback, written responses can be sent to OAA@help.senate.gov. The **deadline for submitting feedback is March 21, 2024**.