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Nearly 200 Advocates Participated in Aging Advocacy Day 2024

(Madison, WI) - Yesterday, nearly 200 advocates from across the state participated in the 8th annual Aging Advocacy Day. Community members and aging network professionals gathered in the morning to prepare for their legislative visits and then walked to the State Capitol for afternoon meetings with their state legislators.

Advocates shared five priorities for the 2025-2027 state budget with legislators. The priorities include:

- Investing in Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs),
- Caring for Wisconsin's Caregivers,
- Safeguarding Nutrition Supports,
- Reducing Falls Among Older Wisconsinites, and
- Supporting Increased Funding for Specialized Transportation



More information about the event and the budget priorities can be found at <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2024>

Aging Advocacy Day was organized by the 13 core member agencies/organizations of the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network and is supported by over 50 volunteers and the following generous donors: AARP Wisconsin, Milwaukee Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services - Aging & Disability Services, Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance, Area Agency of Dane Co., Greater Wis. Agency on Aging Resources, Wauwatosa Senior Commission, Wis. Association of Benefit Specialists, and Wispact. Additional support was provided by the Aging & Disability Professionals Association of Wis., Wis. Association of Nutrition Directors, Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers, Wis. Adult Day Services Association, Alzheimer's Association – Wis. Chapter, UAW Milwaukee Metropolitan Retiree Council, TMG, Village Caregiving, Wis. Senior Advocates, Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging, and the Wis. Senior Corps Association.

Core member organizations

Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW) • Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter Board on Aging and Long Term Care (BOALTC) • Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association (WADSA) Wisconsin Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A) • Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists (WABS) Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND) • Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) • Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) Wisconsin Senior Advocates • Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA) • Wisconsin Tribal Aging Unit Association

Mission

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) works with and for all older adults by educating community members and policy makers on priority issues while advocating for meaningful change. Learn more at <https://gwaar.org/waan>.