National Strategy & Wisconsin's 2024 Administration for Community Living (ACL) Award

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Caregiver Coordinator Statewide Meeting

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2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers

- Developed through the RAISE Family Caregiving Act
 - Bipartisan supported
- Input from 15 federal agencies and hundreds of caregivers/organizations
- Outlines nearly 500 actions
- Supports (now) **63 million U.S. family caregivers** in maintaining:
 - Health
 - Well-being
 - Financial stability

2024 ACL State Grant

- \$490K/2 years to 4 states: CA, MD, MA, & WI
- Collaborate across agencies
- WI Focus areas: 4 of 5 core values
 - Awareness & outreach
 - Partnerships & engagement
 - Services & supports
 - Workplace & financial security
 - (Data & research)

Anticipated Deliverables

- Statewide Marketing Campaign
 - <u>Videos</u>, updated <u>WisconsinCaregiver.Org</u> website, NFCM Toolkit (<u>*2025 National Family Caregivers Month Marketing Toolkit (Preview)</u>
- Engagement with legislators (WFACA is an active core member of the <u>Wisconsin Aging</u> <u>Advocacy Network</u> or WAAN); promote the <u>Advocacy Toolkit</u> & in-district meetings
- Advancing caregiver workplace efforts
- Direct services for caregivers like respite through <u>Healthy Meals</u>, <u>Healthy Minds</u>
 (HMHM) Grant Program
- Collaboration with new partners (e.g., Long-Term Care) and professional/health care partners to train on more caregiver inclusive approaches.

Bringing It All Together

- Objective 1.1: Expanding awareness & outreach to family caregivers
- Objective 1.3: Launching a statewide caregiver awareness campaign
- Objective 1.4: Reaching underserved caregiver populations
- Objective 2.3: Building partnership & engagement across systems
- Objective 3.1: Strengthening caregiver services & supports
- Objective 4.1 & 4.2: Advancing financial & workplace security

Advocacy: Elevating caregiver voices in policy and practice

We'll ask you...

- Based on what you will learn today, brainstorm one realistic activity or outreach strategy you can implement in your local caregiver program that supports your focus area.
- Bonus if it's something simple, free, or already underway.