



Caring for Caregivers

DANE COUNTY CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE 8.01.22

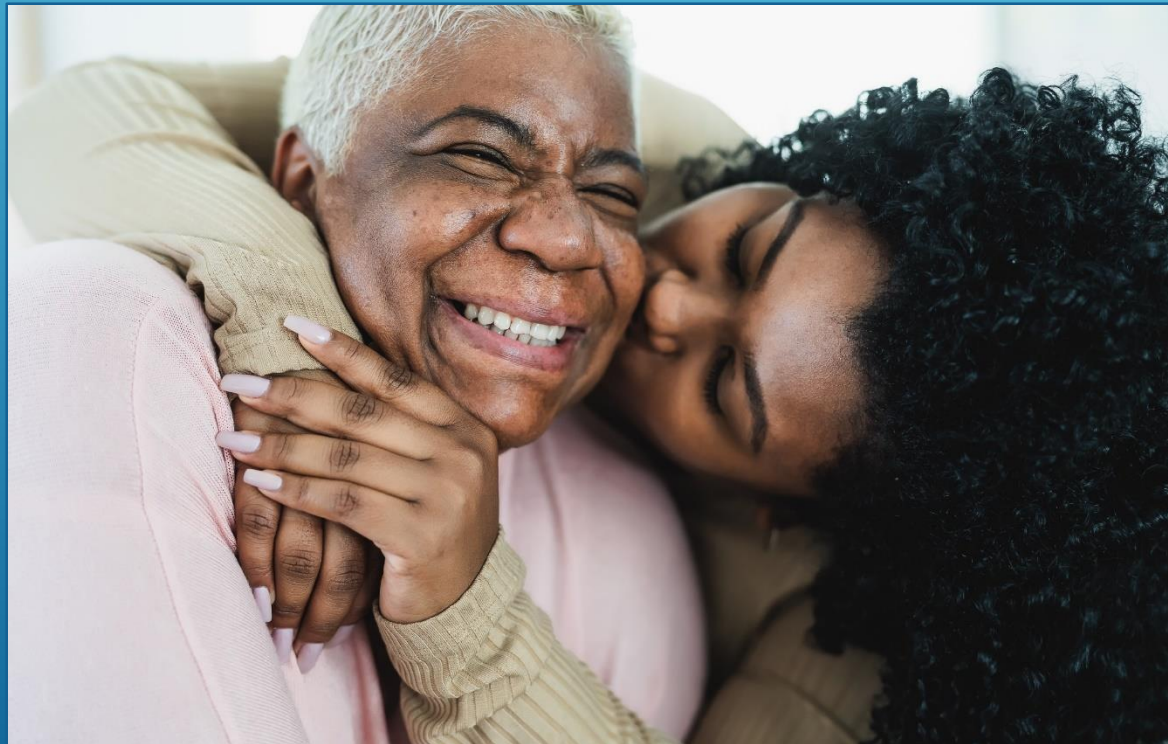


WHY ARE CAREGIVERS CRITICAL TO OUR COMMUNITIES?

580,000 unpaid family caregivers in Wisconsin provide *490 million* hours of care, valued at *\$6.9 billion*



- **One in five Wisconsinites are Family Caregivers**
- **80% of all care in Wisconsin is provided by families**



Caregiver Age	
18 - 30	0
31 - 40	0
41 - 45	4
46 - 50	1
51 - 55	4
56 - 59	8
60 - 65	15
66 - 75	18
76 - 80	6
81 - 85	3
86 plus	1
Total	60



Caregiver Grandparents

55 - 60 3

61 - 65 0

66 - 70 2

71 - 75

75 plus 1

Total 6

Care Recipient Age	
Grandchildren & adult disabled child	7
55 - 65	5
66 - 75	8
76 - 80	10
81 - 85	10
86 - 90	8
91 - 95	8
96 plus	4
Total	60

Caregiver Race or Ethnicity

Asian	1
Black/Non-Hispanic	3
White	53
Hispanic/White	3
Total	60

Care Recipient Race or Ethnicity

Asian	1
Black Non-Hispanic	3
White	52
Hispanic/White	4
Total	60

Caregiver Gender

male	14
female	46

Care Recipient Gender

male	25
female	35

Care Recipient has Alzheimer's or Dementia

Yes	21
No	39

ARPA Funding Provides a Unique Opportunity

- Air conditioner grants
- Complete cost for care partner moves from old homes to Independent Living
- Bathroom remodel to convert tub to zero-entry shower
- Cost of in-facility stay so caregiver can take vacation
- Cover significant increase in time for Adult Day Care
- Provide in-home care for the caregiver post hospital stay
- Cover complete cost of day care or summer camp for grandchildren

Grant Funding Approved - Comparison

2022

\$171,338.79

64 grants total (August 1, 2022)

\$2677.17 average grant (2.3 times higher)

2021

\$ 81,526.45

70 grants total

\$1164.66 average grant

Impact of COVID-19 on Wisconsin Caregivers


- During the pandemic, caregivers of adults were more likely to report that COVID-19 is a threat to their communities and household than non-caregivers
- Caregivers took more precautionary behaviors, used fewer coping behaviors, and were more likely to forego healthcare than non-caregivers
- Caregivers also had significantly greater levels of stress than non-caregivers and continued to report an increase in feelings of burnout over the course the pandemic
- Caregivers with better community-based support had lower levels of distress during the pandemic

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Caregiver Advisory Board

Set out to increase grants to caregivers in marginalized communities

As a result of meeting, shifted focus to gathering information on what Black, Hmong, Hispanic, LGBTQ, and other caregivers from marginalized communities really need

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Our society must acknowledge and address the intensifying and negative economic effects of family caregiving on women, particularly within marginalized communities.

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77% of 2022 Dane County caregivers are women