



The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network is a collaborative group of individuals and associations working with and for Wisconsin's older adults to shape public policy to improve their quality of life.

Core member organizations:

Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW)

Alzheimer's Association SE Wisconsin Chapter

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 Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA)

Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA)

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Elder Benefit Specialist Support

To avoid further reduction in access to these highly trained experts helping older persons with the extensive and complicated paperwork that is often required in benefit programs

WAAN's Position: Provide an increase in state program funding to account for significant increases in population growth, increasing complexity of access to programs, and growth in demand for services.

Direct Care Workforce Shortage

To help fund workers providing in-home and residential services and ensure the agencies they work for stay in business so older adults and people with disabilities have quality options to receive care where they want and need it

WAAN's Position: Increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for Personal Care Services, Family Care providers and residential services to direct additional resources to support direct care workers. Examine other options to improve workforce recruitment and retention efforts including training reimbursement, shared/supported transportation, and access to affordable health insurance.

Family Caregiver Support

To provide physical, financial and emotional support for people caring for a friend or family member

WAAN's Position: Strengthen support for family caregivers by 1) passing the CARE Act; 2) creating a tax credit for family members spending personal resources to care for a loved one; and 3) expanding dementia care specialist services statewide.

Healthy Aging Grants

To support researched and proven programs that improve health, reduce costs, and prevent or delay the need for long-term care

WAAN's Position: Provide a permanent \$600,000 annual budget appropriation to make researched and proven health promotion programs available and accessible in counties and tribes statewide and for a statewide clearinghouse and support center.

Long Term Care Investment Fund

To help people plan and prepare for future long-term care needs

WAAN's Position: Develop a tax-advantaged state long-term care investment fund.

Loneliness & Social Isolation Study

To investigate the full impact of social isolation in older adults and to seek out solutions to address this widespread and emerging concern

WAAN's Position: Form a Joint Assembly and Senate Committee to study the issue of social isolation and create policy solutions to improve the well-being of isolated older adults and reduce the cost of associated health care.

Transportation Support

To provide reliable, accessible, affordable transportation to help people stay independent

WAAN's Position: Improve transportation services by 1) including a 10% increase in transit and specialized transportation funding to counties and tribes and ongoing increases of at least 3.5% annually to account for accelerating population growth; 2) incentivizing coordination among local and state transportation systems; and 3) introducing legislation to clarify the insurance requirements of volunteer drivers and ensure protections under the Good Samaritan Law.