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Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network Aging Advocacy Day

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*)

(MADISON, WI) Older adults and aging advocates from around the state will gather at the state Capitol Wednesday, May 18, for Aging Advocacy Day. Advocates will be meeting with their state legislative offices to share the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's (WAAN) priority public policy issues impacting the health and well-being of the state's older adults.

May is Older Americans Month, the perfect time to celebrate older adults and acknowledge their many contributions to our communities, state, and nation. WAAN is using this opportunity to raise awareness about important issues impacting the quality of life of older adults and their ability to remain living at home and in their communities.

"Aging Advocacy Day is an ideal occasion for aging advocates to share with policy-makers how proposed changes to the state's long-term care system will impact them or their loved ones," said WAAN Chairperson, Robert Kellerman. "Long-term care concerns, voting issues, caregiver support needs, and increased transportation are all top concerns raised by older adults across the state."

Aging Advocacy Day begins with check-in at 9:30 a.m. and will include an overview of aging issues and communication training from 10 a.m. to noon. At 12:45 p.m., participants will pick up their legislative packets and meet with others from their district to prepare for their meetings. Advocates will gather at 1:15 p.m. to don their bright yellow WAAN sashes before heading out to begin their legislative visits.

Aging Advocacy Day is organized by the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network—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.

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