

Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Aging Services Director's Report – June 2025

Administration

- Attended Milwaukee County **Age Friendly Communities** Steering Committee meetings and contributed data to the facilitators.
- Celebrated opening of the **new Marcia P. Coggs Human Services** building.
- Supported DHHS, County Executive, Parks, Economic Development and Administrative Services regarding **MKE HUBS re-envisioning initiative**, including data and testimony at County Board of Supervisor hearings.
- Supported recruitment of new **Aging Advisory Council** members.

Advocacy

- Submitted comments to the draft 2026-2028 Wisconsin State Plan on Aging.
- Hosted training on advocacy updates opportunities for Milwaukee County Aging vendors and wellness workshop facilitators.
- Onboarded one new volunteer SHIP (Medicare) Counselor; continued planning/training for volunteer SHIP counselors to host community presentations and individual counseling.
- Attended and presented on Milwaukee County aging programs and services with Transportation Coordinator at the Family Generations Expo.
- Continued planning and outreach for the "Are You Prepared?" conference with core planning team of AAA and ADRC staff.

Social Support Services

- Scored responses to the **Serving Older Asylees and Refugees** Request for Proposal and will recommend vendor at CoA meeting.
- Met with new **Executive Director of Serving Older Adults** to increase collaboration.
- Assisted vendor staff to complete program data entry into **PeerPlace**.

Transportation

- Training new Administrative Assistant to help with processing of **OATS referrals** and data entry.
- Submitted budget amendment to release county tax levy to secure local match for purchase of **3 additional accessible vehicles** through the federal FTA 5310 grant award.
- Continued to support **ERAS Senior Network** to implement **mileage reimbursement** program for their **Volunteer Driver Program**.

Senior Centers

- Attended community listening sessions to explore development of **new senior center & affordable housing** in **McGovern Park**.
- Facilitated tour at Kelly Senior Center for Continuum architects for the planning of a new senior center at **Bucyrus Erie** in South Milwaukee.
- Facilitated a listening session with **Kelly senior center** participants regarding the development of a new senior center & programming.
- Coordinated the repair of external **cameras at McGovern** senior center.

Nutrition Services

- Completed the **2025 meal cost tool** to determine actual per meal costs.
- Cooking demonstration at **new Washington Park senior center kitchen**.
- Initiated advanced **malnutrition screening** with congregate dining participants.
- Reviewing Latino and Asian inspired restaurants for **Dine-Out program**.

Health & Wellness

- Elected tri-chair for the **Milwaukee County Falls Prevention Coalition**.
- Hosted **5 heart health education sessions** at Milwaukee County-owned senior centers with various partners from Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, Froedtert Healthcare, Progressive Health Center, and Hunger Task Force.
- Delivered tables and chairs to support new blood pressure monitor kiosks to all five Milwaukee County senior centers.
- Hosted **Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative** wrap up meetings.
- Hosted **8 Health & Wellness** workshops including **Boost Your Brain & Memory**.

Caregiver Support

- AAA and ADRC staff are working collectively to host the **"Are You Prepared event"** on June 28th. This event will be a "one stop shop" for support and resources for **end-of-life planning** for Milwaukee County residents.
- Caregiver Support participated in the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network Advocacy to **advocate for policies and funding to support older adults and family caregivers**.
- Caregiver Support team and Dementia Care Specialists are hosting an upcoming virtual **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** course.
- The Caregiver Support Team has established **170 Caregiver Support Grants** with families in 2025 as of 6/12/2025. AFCSP funds have been fully allocated to families for 2025.

Outreach

Are You Prepared? conference on **Saturday, June 28**. The conference is an informative and supportive community event designed to assist Milwaukee County residents—particularly older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers—with preparing for end of life. This day-long conference will feature sessions on end-of-life decision-making, funeral planning, probate, palliative care, and more! Light breakfast and lunch are provided. Registration is required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/are-you-prepared-conference-tickets-1353360249939>

Virtual Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Tuesdays, 7/15/25-8/19/25 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Location: Virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams platform.

To register: 414-309-7179 email: caregiversupport@milwaukeecountywi.gov

In-Person Spanish language Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Mondays, 6/2/25-7/7/25 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Location: Mitchell Street Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St. Milwaukee

To register: 414-514-4787 email: caregiversupport@milwaukeecountywi.gov

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