

Mid-year 2025 Report to the
Service Delivery Committee of the
Commission on Aging
DINE OUT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT



Please share a success from the first half of 2025.

A key success of our Dine Out program in the first half of 2025 has been the continued engagement of older adults who appreciate the culturally diverse meal options. We have also seen a significant increase in seniors attending multiple meal sites, which reflects greater program engagement and choice. Seniors have given positive feedback about the program's efforts to reflect the cultural backgrounds of the community.



Please share a challenge from the first half of 2025.

One challenge we've faced in the first half of 2025 is securing restaurant partnerships for our Dine Out program, particularly with Southeast Asian and Spanish restaurants.

Language differences and limited familiarity with the program's requirements have made it difficult for some restaurants to fully engage as partners.

Additionally, our reimbursement budget does not always align with the financial expectations of these establishments, which can limit their willingness to participate. These challenges have affected our ability to expand culturally relevant dining options that reflect and serve the diverse older adult communities throughout Milwaukee.



Report on 2025 Performance Objectives

	Goal/Actual
Objective 1: Attract and Serve an average of 8 new diners of color per month	48/86



**MILWAUKEE
COUNTY**

Funding Summary

- Total Agency Budget -\$5,635,620
- ADS funding amount - \$45,000
- Percentage of agency budget – .9%
- Contract spending - \$18,032



Please share one service improvement or planned change for the second half of 2025.

For the second half of 2025, we are considering expanding our congregate dining program by partnering with food trucks at local farmers markets. This planned expansion aims to increase access to fresh and culturally diverse meals in community-centered settings. Partnering with food trucks allows us to reach more older adults with diverse, culturally relevant meal options in a flexible and inclusive way.

Additionally, this initiative encourages seniors to visit farmers markets, promoting access to fresh produce and supporting local vendors. While the expansion may not happen this year, we are beginning to identify potential food truck partners and start conversations to lay the groundwork for a successful and sustainable program in the future.

