

Invest in Critical Aging/ADRC Network Funding

What's Happening?

- Aging Units and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) serve older adults and people with disabilities in every Wisconsin County and Tribe.
- Local Elder Benefit Specialists (EBS) provide counseling and assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Food-Shares, housing, consumer debt, and other health insurance coverage issues.
- Local professionals at ADRCs provide individualized community resource options counseling so customers can make informed decisions about their needs.
- ADRCs are the only provider of local, unbiased decision support.
- There are no income or asset requirements to use ADRC services.
- There has been a 22% increase in ADRC customers and growth is expected to continue.

Why Does it Matter?

- Aging Units and ADRCs programs and services provide critical cost savings for taxpayers, individuals and families.
 - The average annual monetary impact of the benefits of one full-time EBS to clients and the community is \$1,831,085.
 - People receiving options counseling at a local ADRC are 89% more likely to access privately paid resources rather than utilizing services through Medicaid-funded long-term care programs.
 - Every \$1 invested into Wisconsin ADRCs leads to a savings of \$2.48.
 - ADRCs save nearly \$1,000,000 per 1,000 customers served. ADRCs had over a half a million contacts in 2020.

Ask Legislators to:

Invest resources in critical Aging and ADRC programs and services to:

- Ensure the increasing number of eligible Wisconsinites can make the most of their own resources;
- Prevent or delay use of Medicaid-funded long-term care programs; and
- Provide older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers the information needed to make fully informed decisions regarding their health, well-being, and care needs.

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