

How to Participate

If you are interested in becoming a Senior Statesman, contact the Program and Policy Coordinator at the Milwaukee County Department on Aging.

All participants are asked to:

- Affirm the values of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging as expressed in the Older American's Act.
- Participate in the full schedule of training activities.
- Commit to be an active Senior Statesman upon graduation.

This program is offered free of charge and is open to all residents of Milwaukee County age 60 and over. Call for accommodations.

Sign up today.

Contact Dan Idzikowski at: (414) 289-6546
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 or apply online: county.milwaukee.gov/aging



2019 Senior Statesman Training: Wed. April 25th - Fri. April 27th

- We'll begin with a tour of the Transit Center and a discussion of the future of transit in Milwaukee.
- Have lunch with the County Executive and attend a Milwaukee County Board meeting.
- Hear about advocacy from the perspective of state Senators and attend a Commission on Aging meeting.



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SENIOR STATESMAN PROGRAM



MILWAUKEE COUNTY Department on Aging

Committed to the Independence and Dignity of
 Older Adults Through Advocacy,
 Leadership and Service.

Be a Senior Statesman

"Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."

- Nelson Mandela

A Senior Statesman is "an eminent senior member of a group or organization especially; a retired individual who unofficially advises current leaders." You can become a Senior Statesman for your generation through the Milwaukee County Department on Aging's Senior Statesman program.

The Senior Statesman program will:

- Provide you with an understanding of government decision-making, particularly through the legislative process
- Equip you with tools and strategies to influence these decision-makers
- Inform you of the most pressing public policy issues facing older adults today.



The Program

Senior Statesman Program 2019

Wednesday, April 25th at 8 a.m.
through Friday, April 27 at 1 p.m.

Wed AM: Tour the Milwaukee County Transit Center.

Wed. PM: Lunch with the County Executive at the County Courthouse;
Meet with County Board Chair & officials.

Thurs. AM: Attend County Board meeting and have lunch with state senators.

Thurs. PM: Advocacy Training.

Fri. AM: Attend Commission on Aging meeting and have lunch with Wilson Senior Center guests.

Milwaukee County Department on Aging staff will facilitate follow-up meetings with your federal, state, or local representatives and elected officials as requested.

MCTS bus transportation will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday between the transit center and the courthouse.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants each day.

What's Next

Upon becoming a Senior Statesman, you will be asked to put your training into action.

Opportunities abound to advocate and advise policy-makers on issues of importance to seniors.



Participants at the 2018 Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day.

Milwaukee County's Commission on Aging and its committees need your membership, support, and involvement. You may be asked to serve on one of these governmental bodies or volunteer in another capacity.

Use your voice to advocate for your generation by building a relationship with your local, state, and federal representatives.

You will be asked to attend the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day, receive public policy action alerts, and become a member of the Wisconsin Aging Network.