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Be heard by your own state legislators!

Kenosha, WI. Are you interested in issues affecting older adults? Join members of the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) and others to help educate state legislators about priority issues impacting Wisconsin's aging population via this year's virtual events!

No experience is necessary. You'll get the training and support you need to speak effectively with state lawmakers in a two-hour statewide online training Monday, May 10. Then put your training to use on Wednesday, May 12, in a short virtual meeting hosted by Kenosha and Racine Aging & Disability Resource Centers.

All state legislators in Senate Districts 21 and 22, are invited to attend the meeting covering Kenosha and Racine counties. Your group will present WAAN's 2021 priorities and share related personal stories.

Your experiences are important and help policymakers understand how specific policy issues and proposals impact older constituents.

Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Online Schedule

Monday, May 10, 1-3 p.m. Advocacy training

Wednesday, May 12, 1-2 p.m. Meet with legislators

Your voice can make a difference!

Aging Advocacy Online 2021 activities focus on connecting aging advocates with their legislators to advocate for this year's WAAN key focus issues:

- **Aging & Disability Resource Center Reinvestment** – includes funding to support the Elder Benefit Specialist program and to expand Dementia Care Specialist services, caregiver support and programs, health promotion services, care transition services, and Tribal Aging and Disability Resources
- **Family Caregiver Support** – includes caregiver tax credit, Family and Medical Leave Act amendments, and expansion of the Alzheimer’s Family and Caregiver Support Program
- **Infrastructure Expansion** – includes transportation support, high-speed internet access, and housing affordability
- **Lowering Health Care Cost** – includes falls reduction funding, prescription drug cost affordability

The key focus issues are subject to change.

Deadline to register is April 26, 2021

Register by the April 26 deadline to ensure enough time for us to schedule your legislative visits and for you to receive the training packets in the mail.

For more information visit <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-online-2021>. Questions may be directed to: Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator, Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.; (715) 677-6723 or janet.zander@gwaar.org.

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