

Many positions in Wisconsin will be up for election in November 2026, including offices for the **Governor**, all **8 members of the U.S. House of Representatives**, all **99 members of the State Assembly** (two-year terms) and **17 seats** (odd-numbered districts – four-year terms) **in the State Senate**. The November 2026 election will determine who controls Wisconsin's executive branch, as well as the State Senate and Assembly, and who will control the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. The outcomes of the election will shape future policy for older Americans and our nation's family caregivers.

With **state legislators** generally back in the districts from April – November, and gubernatorial candidates active before the August primary, this is a great time for you and other members of your community to meet with them to educate on and discuss the issues most pressing to you and others you care about and/or for. To learn when your Members of Congress will be working back home in their districts see the [2026 House Calendar](#) and the [2026 Senate Calendar](#). Try to schedule visits with your federal legislators and watch for their scheduled events when they are in recess and back in their districts.

By sharing your thoughts and questions, you are informing the candidates about existing needs and about how current policies (programs/services) impact you and your community. Candidates develop platforms related to their official statements and policy positions they will promote during their campaigns. These platforms outline the candidates' stances on various issues, helping voters understand their **priorities** and **vision**. Your ideas could help shape candidates' platforms and encourage them to consider how their policies and priorities impact the quality of life of older Wisconsinites and family caregivers.

Below are some suggested questions for you to consider asking candidates during 1:1 meetings, in-district forums, listening sessions, and town hall meetings.

### **Federal Candidates (U.S. House of Representatives)**

If elected/re-elected...

- Last year, Congress passed, and the President signed, H.R. 1, which implements cuts to Medicaid and SNAP over the next several years. What steps will you take to ensure older people and family caregivers can continue to access Medicaid and SNAP benefits in the coming years?
- Wisconsin has a robust Medicaid waiver program, providing long-term care services to tens of thousands of older adults and individuals with disabilities. What will you do to support home and community-based services and Medicaid waiver services, so those in need of long-term care services will be able to access the care they need?

- What steps will you take to increase safe, affordable, accessible housing for people of all ages living with disabilities?
- What is your position on mail-in voting, absentee ballot boxes, and use of accessible machines for voting in Wisconsin?

## **State Candidates (Governor, State Assembly, State Senator)**

If elected/re-elected...

- How are you planning to address the state budget shortfalls that are coming?
- Most older Wisconsinites want to remain in their homes and communities as they age. How will you help Wisconsinites live in their homes and communities throughout the lifespan?
- Many of our Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Aging Units (AU), and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are seeing an increased demand for services, leading to the creation of waitlists for certain programs, particularly home-delivered meals. How will you ensure that our community-based ADRCs, AUs, and AAAs have the resources they need to provide these vital services?
- Transportation is crucial for older adults and individuals with disabilities who need reliable access to specialized services to get to work, medical appointments, and other social support programs. What is your plan to address transportation challenges and opportunities to use transportation to connect older adults across the state?
- Family caregiving affects approximately [63 million Americans, nearly 1 in 4 voting aged adults](#). Many family caregivers provide unpaid care while balancing employment, financial responsibilities, and their own health and well-being. What policies do you support to help family caregivers balance caregiving responsibilities with work, financial, and other family obligations?

### **Core member organizations**

*Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW) • Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter  
Board on Aging and Long Term Care (BOALTC) • InControl Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association (WADSA) • Wisconsin Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A)  
Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists (WABS) • Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND)  
Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) • Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA)  
Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) • Wisconsin Senior Advocates  
Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA) • Wisconsin Tribal Aging Unit Association*

### **Mission**

*The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) works with and for all older adults by educating community members and policy makers on priority issues while advocating for meaningful change.  
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