



Family Caregivers

When someone is hospitalized, it is often family caregivers who support them as they return home. Care needs and medications can be complex and overwhelming.

ASK Require hospitals to provide in-person instructions to family caregivers who will be providing those medical tasks for their loved ones at home. **Pass the Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act (AB 584/SB 516)**



Support the recommendations of the Governor's Taskforce on Caregiving. Wisconsin has a caregiving crisis and needs to support its caregivers.



Guardian Training

Guardians need support to know their role. SB 734/AB 786 provides free online training to family and volunteer guardians about their role and responsibilities before they are appointed.

ASK Schedule a Senate floor vote and pass these bills.

JOBS Employment

People with disabilities want to work, and Wisconsin employers want to hire them, but often people need supports like a job coach to learn a job. Wisconsin has a lack of supported employment providers, especially in rural areas.

ASK Pass SB 733/AB 845



ABLE Accounts

Wisconsin ABLE accounts could help people earn and save money for disability-related expenses while also keeping essential benefits. Wisconsin is one of only nine states that do not have its own ABLE program.

ASK Pass AB 912/SB 776



Dental Therapy

People with disabilities need dental care. SB 89/AB 81 expands the pool of professionals that can provide basic dental care.

ASK Pass these bills.



Mental Health

Establish Regional Crisis Centers

Wisconsin's mental health crisis system lacks local resources to evaluate and support a person in crisis. Local capacity results in better outcomes and reduces the time commitment for law enforcement.

ASK Invest in regional crisis centers closer to home so people in crisis can avoid a costly and traumatic transport to Winnebago Mental Health Institute.



Education

Wisconsin school districts spend \$1 billion per year on special education costs beyond what is reimbursed by the state. The state's share of special education funds has gone down steadily over the last decade – now at only 30%. Families report special education quality continues to erode.

ASK The state should fund 60% of special education costs.



THANK YOU for supporting and passing legislation that put in place common sense changes to the Seclusion and Restraint Law for Public Schools.



Voting

Wisconsinites with disabilities want to vote but have a hard time getting to the polls to vote for various reasons. Reduced federal funding has meant significantly fewer accessibility audits at polling places in Wisconsin - from 1,614 audits in 2011-2012 elections, down to only 48 audits in 2019.

ASK Increase state funding to expand the Wisconsin Election Commission's accessibility audit program.

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Invest in transportation solutions for non-drivers.

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Invest in resources for families of children with disabilities.

