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SURVIVAL COALITION 2023-2025 BUDGET PRIORITIES

ADULT LONG TERM CARE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Family Caregiving

- Create an employee-funded state insurance fund to offer paid Family and Medical Leave for part time and full-time employees.
- Expand who can use Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) to include grandparents, grandchildren, and siblings.
- Establish a family caregiving tax credits.
- Increase respite funding throughout Wisconsin.
- Investigate how many hours of care are being provided by family members or are unfulfilled due to lack of paid service providers.

Long Term Care Waiver Programs

- Ensure all increases to Direct Service Professional and Personal Care rates cover workers across all HCBS waiver programs (CLTS, IRIS, Family Care). Workers should be compensated equally, and funds should be distributed to support workers and participants regardless of the program they are in.
- Ensure rates for services for children with significant complex needs follow them from the CLTS system to adult LTC. Although the individuals needs have not changed, rates for services can be up to 50% lower in the adult versus children's system making it impossible to retain workers.

Protecting People's Rights and Responding to Abuse and Neglect

- Increase funding for Adult Protective Services to account for increasing reports of abuse and neglect of Adults and Elders at Risk.
- Provide funding for stakeholders to develop required Guardian training and funding to increase the capacity for the Guardianship Support Center to provide technical assistance to families and others about guardianship and alternatives to guardianship.
- Increase oversight for 1-2 bed AFH's.

- Expand Elder Abuse Helpline to cover all ages and increase funding to accommodate increased call volume and conduct a public awareness campaign.
- Funding for DOJ to use their expanded Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCUs) authority to detect, investigate and prosecute Medicaid patient abuse in non-institutional settings and increase the ability to screen complaints or reports alleging potential abuse or neglect

Planning to move on from Institutions

- Plan for closure of state Developmental Disability Centers and make sure people can be supported in their own homes in the community.

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