



National Family Caregiver Month Statewide Toolkit
Monday, November 21 - Wednesday, November 30

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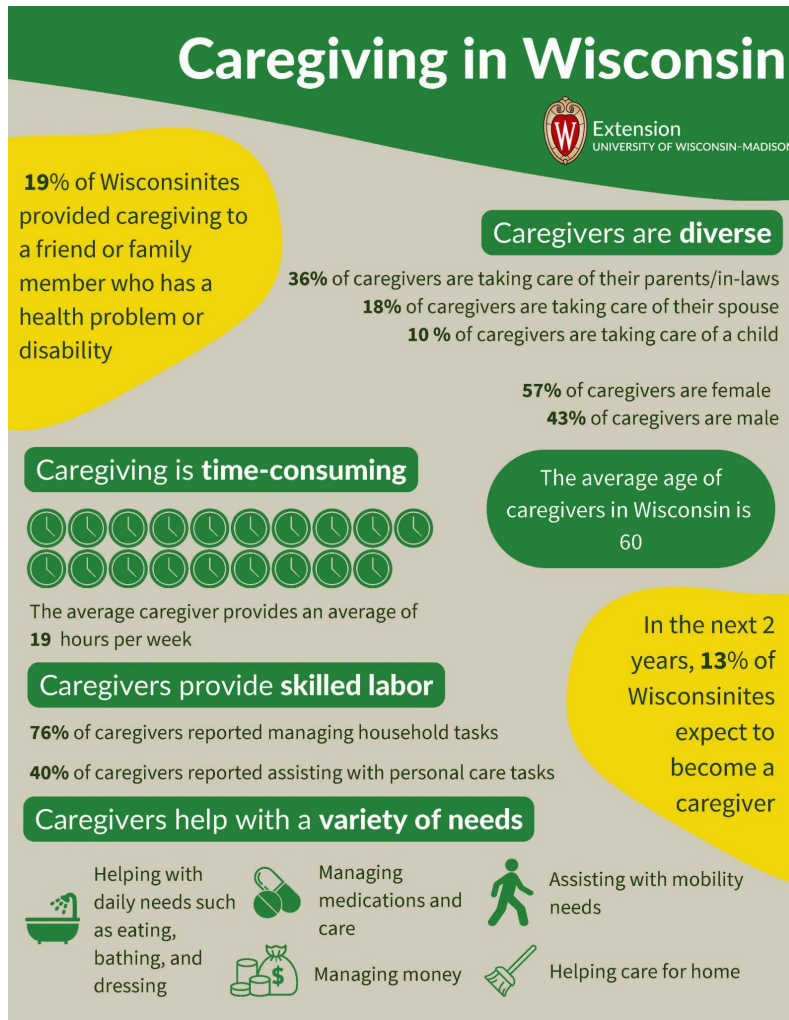
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- [CARE Act Infographic - Final \(wisconsincaregiver.org\)](http://wisconsincaregiver.org)



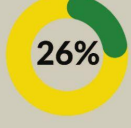
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Caregiving in Wisconsin





54% of caregivers are in the workforce



26% of caregivers have children under 18 in the household

Many caregivers are **informal caregivers** - they are not paid to take care of their care recipient

Caregivers may have jobs, young children, or other responsibilities. They must balance these roles with caregiving.


Help Support Caregivers

Guide caregivers to national, state, and local support services and organizations such as:

- Their local Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Extension’s educational programs for caregivers, families, and individuals across the lifespan
- The Wisconsin Family Caregiver Support Alliance

Learn about other actions you can take to support caregivers from the US Recognize, Assist, Include Support, and Engage (RAISE) Act Family Caregiving Advisory Council

Scan this QR Code for links to these caregiver resources:



- [Kinship Navigator | Wisconsin Department of Children and Families](#) – find resources specifically designed for grandparents and other relatives acting as the primary caregivers for grandchildren or other child relatives.
- How Do I Provide The Best Care? Trualta addresses real issues, showing you how with in-depth lessons, practical steps, and guided support from their eLearning Platform. This resource is FREE to Wisconsin Family Caregivers. <https://wisconsin-caregiver.trualta.com/login>
- [Statewide Paid Family and Medical Leave Program](#)
- [Paid Leave for Wisconsin](#)

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- Learn more Home | paidleaveforwi.org about the [RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council](#). Wisconsin’s very own Lynn Gall is a Non-Federal Advisory Council Member! Find out about any “Upcoming Full Advisory Council Meetings.”



Lynn Gall, founding member and former Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance Co-Chair, Appointed to the Administration for Community Living’s RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council

AUGUST 14, 2023

Lynn Gall, former Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) and current Family Caregiver Support and Lifespan Respite Programs Manager for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has been appointed to a three-year term on the federal RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council.



The RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council was established by the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act in 2018. In its first term, from 2019-2022, the advisory council developed the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers, which was delivered to Congress in September 2022 and included nearly 350 federal actions and more than 150 state and local actions to strengthen supports for family caregivers.

Over the next three years, Gall and other advisory council members will build upon this historic strategy. Their charge is to gather and review information about the real-life situations of family caregivers and the promising practices to help support them and the people in their care. The council will advise ACL and its partners across the federal government on caregiving issues and promote and track the implementation of the 2022 National Strategy. In addition, they will craft the first update to the national strategy, which will be delivered late next year.

The newly appointed council members represent the diversity of America’s family caregivers: People who receive support and a range of other constituencies, including direct care workers. These new members are experts in caregiving through lived experience or their professional background, and sometimes both.

As manager of Family Caregiver Support and Lifespan Respite Programs, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources/ Office on Aging, Wisconsin Department of Health, Gall administers and oversees state and federal funding contracted to Wisconsin counties and tribes. She manages include the Older Americans Act National Family Caregiver Support Program, Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Family Caregiver Support Program, and state and federal Lifespan Respite funding.

Gall was a founding member and Co-Chair of WFACSA during the Alliance’s first five years, and now serves as Co-Chair for WFACSA’s Employer Engagement Workgroup which is working to create business and community partnerships to create more flexible and supportive work environments for employees supporting and caring for family members.

<https://wisconsinacaregiver.org/alliance>

Our mission is to raise awareness of family and caregiver support needs and increase the availability of and access to services and supports which will keep people across the lifespan engaged in their community as long as they desire.


- [Executive Order Expands Access to Community Living Services. Supports Family Caregivers.](#)
- The Caregiver Advise, Record, and Enable (CARE) Act asks hospitals to do three things:
 1. Ask patients if they have a family caregiver they wish to have noted on their chart,
 2. Contact that person if the patient is to be discharged or transferred, and
 3. Teach the family caregiver how to provide the care they will

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	<p>need to provide the patient after discharge. To learn more read this press release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Caregiver Video. • Wisconsin Public Radio Episode • The Empowered Caregiver Archives - Civic Media • How to contact your legislatures regarding topic that are important to you! To find out who represents you in the state legislature go to: https://legis.wisconsin.gov/ and enter your address in the box underneath “Who Are My Legislators?”.
<p>Wednesday, Nov 29</p> <p>Link to the image provided</p> <p>All links can be saved as a PNG and used on social media and newsletters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource to share from Forbes – Want To Keep Your Top Talent? Better Support Working Parents And Caregivers. https://www.forbes.com/sites/garydrenik/2023/01/26/want-to-keep-your-top-talent-better-support-working-parents-and-caregivers/?sh=369c0bed4ce8 • Do you want to make life better for older adults and people who have a disability? You can help by providing care. DHS has developed a new program to train Certified Direct Care Professionals (CDCP). Workers can gain marketable skills that apply from one employer to another without retraining. The goal is to certify at least 10,000 new workers in the profession of direct care. https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/caregiver-career/index.htm • Respite Care Association of Wisconsin offers a variety of free online training courses for caregivers and respite workers on many topics. These courses are divided into five categories: Respite Care Provider Training, KIT for Caregivers, KIT for Respite Providers, Specialized Training, and Monthly Minis. Free Training Courses (respitecarewi.org) (see next page for image)

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<p>Thursday, Nov 30</p>	<p>Caregiving Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin's Caregiver Crisis: What happens when no one shows up? MADISON MAGAZINE channel3000.com • The Caregiver Crisis hits the LGBTQ Elderly and Disabled People the Hardest Op Ed: https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2023/01/27/the-caregiver-crisis-hits-lgbtq-elderly-and-disabled-people-hardest/ • Caregiver Support Video Series • Resources for sharing from @AmericanCancerSocietyofAmerica - Caregivers are a crucial part of any cancer care team. The goal of this video series is to provide educational support to caregivers as they assist with the everyday needs of cancer patients and provide self-care techniques to improve their quality of life. Caregiver Support Video Series American Cancer Society • How to contact your legislatures regarding topics that are important to you! To find out who represents you in the state

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- Let’s advocate for family caregivers by increasing the pool of trained respite care providers!

**Make a difference in your community.
Become a respite care provider.**



- Help families in need
- Choose your hours
- Earn extra money
- Change lives

Everyone needs a break, especially people caring for someone they love.

FREE Respite Care Training

The FREE Respite Care Provider Training program will help you provide respite care as a job or volunteer activity.

If you enjoy caring for others, you can give them that break...

You’ll learn everything you need to know about working with people with disabilities of all ages and their families.

When you learn how to become a respite care provider.

Learn more about creating a profile on the Wisconsin Respite Care Registry by visiting www.respitecarewi.org

No experience is necessary—anyone can learn!

This FREE training will give you the knowledge and skills to provide respite care to others. To learn more, visit <https://wisconsin-respitecarewi.talentims.com>. A certificate of completion is provided for those who successfully complete the course.



RCAW offers this free training to expand the pool of trained respite care providers to help family caregivers get the break they need.

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