



Wisconsin Priorities for the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers Survey

Paper Survey Instructions

The Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) is a grassroots alliance of people working together to get things done for family caregivers in Wisconsin. The steering committee is comprised of individuals from the following:

- Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR),
- Wisconsin Board for People with Development Disabilities (BPDD),
- WisconSibs, Inc.,
- Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW),
- Community Living Alliance (CLA),
- Milwaukee County DHHS - Aging Services,
- Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resource, Inc. (GWAAR).

This survey is a crucial platform for family caregivers to voice their needs and rank the importance of the five main goals of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. Your input is invaluable and will directly influence the direction of our efforts. WFACSA, despite not having paid staff or an office, is committed to this cause. Individuals from the alliance have generously volunteered their time to send, receive, and input data from paper copies of the survey.

The preferred method of survey responses is electronic, and the link can be found by visiting <https://forms.gle/wERoXyrn9duYhDog9>. However, if you do not have access to the internet, and prefer to complete and submit a paper version, please send to:

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The survey will close on JULY 31 AT MIDNIGHT. Your timely response is crucial to ensure your voice is heard and your needs are considered in the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers.

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This survey, sponsored by the [Wisconsin Family & Caregiver Support Alliance](#), solicits input from **FAMILY CAREGIVERS telling us what they need**. In late 2022, the federal government released our nation's first [National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#), which Wisconsin is now implementing.

Your responses about the [five core goals](#) of the National Strategy will be used to design future family caregiver supports and to advocate on behalf of the needs for caregivers. It is not necessary to read the entire National Strategy to take this survey. However, this list of [Actions for States, Communities, and Others](#) may be of interest.

Anyone who is, has been, or may one day be caring for a family member or friend in any capacity is encouraged to complete this survey.

Some of the survey questions are required, and some are not. Thank you for participating!

Have questions? You can contact us via email at wfacsa@gmail.com

* Indicates required question

1. 06/03.2024 *

Example: January 7, 2019

2. Name *

3. How long have you been a family caregiver? *

0-1 years

1-3 years

3-5 years

5+ years

Please **rate** (1-5) which [five core goals](#) of the National Strategy activities Wisconsin **should prioritize**.

One = least important, and five = most important.

4. **1.) Increase awareness and outreach**

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- Education and awareness campaigns for professionals and the public
- Increased caregiver self-identification
- Culturally competent outreach to unserved and underserved caregivers
- Inclusion of family caregivers in state, territorial, tribal, and local planning
- More public-private partnerships that drive family caregiver support

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1 2 3 4 5

Least Most Important

5. **2.) Build partnerships and engagement with family caregivers.**

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- Use of evidence-based tools to assess and capture family caregiver needs and preferences
- Recognition of family caregivers as essential care team partners
- Inclusion of family caregivers in care plans
- Consideration of family caregivers during policy changes
- Training for professionals on ways to interact with family caregivers

Mark only one oval.

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Least Most Important

6. **3.) Strengthen services and supports.**

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- Increased person- and family-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent services
- Flexible and accessible respite care
- Education, counseling, and peer support
- Access to safe homes, nutritious meals, transportation, and technology
- Leverage volunteers for family caregiver support
- Family caregivers' and care recipients' needs addressed in emergency response
- Resources to improve planning for future care needs
- Increased support for the direct care workforce
- A child welfare system that recognizes kin- and grandparent-led families

One most important and five least important.*Mark only one oval.*

1 2 3 4 5

 Least Most Important

7. **4.) Ensure financial and workplace security**

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- Financial planning specifically for family caregivers
- Employee-centered, flexible workplace policies and practices
- Help with planning for the long-term needs of care recipients
- Affordable long-term services and supports

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

 Least Most Important

8. **5.) Expand data, research, and evidence-based practices**

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- Shared data systems with consistent data sets
- More research on practices that benefit family caregivers
- Translation of research into interventions to support family caregivers

Mark only one oval.

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Least Most Important

9. Is there anyone else you recommend we connect with to learn more about work being done in Wisconsin to support the goals of the National Strategy? If so, please provide their name and contact information.

On behalf of WFACSA ([Wisconsin Family & Caregiver Support Alliance](#)), we thank you for providing your invaluable feedback and for taking the time to complete the *Wisconsin Priorities for the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers* survey.

Once you have submitted the survey, you will automatically receive a copy of your responses to your email.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at wfacs@gmail.org

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