

2025 Wisconsin Respite Summit Agenda

8:15 am Check-in & Continental Breakfast

Start your day with a light breakfast, coffee, and the chance to connect with fellow attendees before the program begins.

9:00 am Welcome & Opening Remarks

Kick off the Summit with a warm welcome, an overview of the day's goals, and inspiration for why your presence matters.

9:15 am RCAW Overview

Learn about the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin's mission, programs, and current initiatives to expand and improve respite services statewide.

10:00 am State Policy Updates

Hear the latest on state-level policies affecting respite care and family caregivers and learn how these changes could impact your work or care journey.

10:15 am Partner Sharing

An interactive networking activity where attendees share ideas, successes, and challenges with one another to spark collaboration.

11:00 am Networking Break

Take time to connect with other attendees, speakers, and community partners.

11:15 am Caregiver Stories for Valuation and Advocacy

Discover how powerful stories can shape policy, funding, and services. Learn how to collect, share, and use caregiver experiences to create meaningful change and practice crafting your own.

12:30 pm Lunch and Networking

Enjoy lunch while continuing conversations and building connections with other caregivers, providers, and advocates.

Listening to caregivers: Data and stories driving supportive change

1:15 pm Focus on Data

Explore the importance of measurable outcomes in respite care. Learn best practices for collecting and using data to strengthen programs, demonstrate impact, and secure resources.

3:00 pm National Family Caregiver Month Activities

Preview the statewide toolkit, share ideas for raising awareness in November, and discuss how to engage communities in recognizing and supporting caregivers.

3:15 pm Closing Remarks

Wrap up the day with key takeaways, next steps, and ways to stay involved in the movement to expand and improve respite care in Wisconsin.