Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources



State Agency Mission and Vision

Mission: The Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Services is part of the Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS' mission is to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.

Vision: Everyone living their best life.

Populations Served

- **☑** Older Adults
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- **✓** Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- ✓ Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- **✓** Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Organizational Structure

The director is a career, non-appointed employee and oversees a staff of 75 FTE.

Local Network

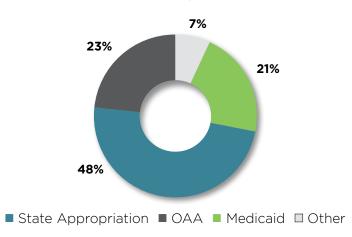
- **3** Area Agencies on Aging
- **72** County Aging Units
- **11** Tribal Organizations
- **48** Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- 8 Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

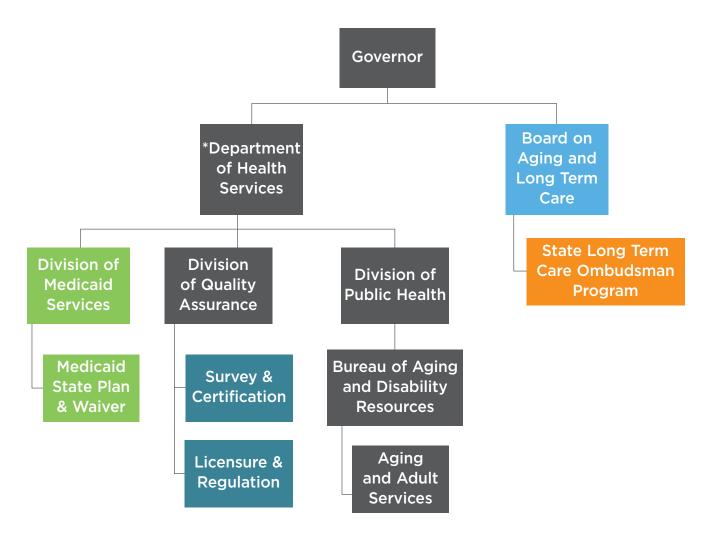
- **1.** Addressing Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Services
- 2. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
- 3. Mitigating Social Isolation
- 4. Supporting Caregivers
- **5.** Senior Hunger

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$135,147,818



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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight

- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/ indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	1
Set statewide disability policy	1
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	1
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	1
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	1
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	1
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	1
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	1
Provide Elder Protective Services only (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	1
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	√
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	1
Manage No Wrong Door system	1

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	1
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	
License HCBS providers	
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

Wisconsin's Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources has initiated a six phase systems change effort called the Aging and Disability Long-Path Initiative. The goals of this project are to:

- Set a future vision and develop initiatives in preparation for the next generation of older adults and people with disabilities.
- Work with diverse partners and communities across the state to anticipate future needs and plan for system changes that may be necessary to respond to those needs.
- Build healthy communities where all older adults and people with disabilities can thrive.

The Long-Path thinking is not just an initiative, but a practice. It employs futures, transgenerational and telos thinking. The effort shifts from a "one-size-fits-all" State plan to giving communities the tools they need to address local needs and plan for their own healthy futures.

The six phases are:

- 1. Leader Development
- 2. Community Engagement
- 3. Local Systems Change
- 4. Evaluation
- 5. Quality Improvement
- 6. State Systems change

