

What are Wisconsin's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)?

Adult Family Homes and Community-Based Residential Facilities

A residence where one to four adults who are not related to the operator live together. They receive care, treatment or services beyond basic room and board. Each resident may receive up to seven hours of nursing care per week.

Day Services

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Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Advocacy Group

Recognizing the need to strengthen and support all HCBS services, regional providers formed the Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Advocacy Group. We work collaboratively with state legislators and the Department of Health Services to elevate the real-world impact of state funding decisions on care for seniors and people with disabilities.

**Together, let's end
caregiver shortages and
stabilize day services
for Wisconsin's
most vulnerable.**



Thank You for Your Ongoing Support

Your commitment to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) for people with disabilities and seniors makes a lasting impact. Because of you, thousands of Wisconsinites can live with dignity, choice and independence.

We invite you to visit us, and those we care for in your district, today!



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Wisconsin FAMILY CARE

The State's Most
Cost-Effective Care and
the Right Care

About Family Care

Family Care impacts 11,000 HCBS providers and their caregivers, serving 57,000 Wisconsinites statewide.

Wisconsin's Family Care Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) providers include adult family homes, community-based residential facilities and day services. We deliver high-quality, cost-effective care for seniors and people with disabilities.



Thank You for Your Support!

We appreciate the legislature's recent commitment to fund the minimum fee of \$15.75 (an investment of approximately \$212 million in the 2025–2027 biennial budget) for **24/7 care providers**. **This was a critical step forward.**

Our Next Challenge: Family Care & Day Services Remain Underfunded :

- **Rising Costs:** Care expenses continue to climb.
- **Outpacing Ability to Pay Workers:** Current rates can't keep pace with increasing demand.

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Day services are typically not provided by the 24/7 providers in adult family homes or community-based residential facilities.



What are the Benefits of Day Services?

- Enhance quality of life
- Reduce isolation, anxiety and depression
- Foster independent living skills and maintain dignity
- Save taxpayers millions vs. alternative and more expensive care
- Support more affordable options for people to live at home longer
- Relief for caregivers: Caregiver support reduces stress, absenteeism, and keeps Wisconsin's workforce strong.

How Can You Help Solve The Challenges Facing Family Care & Day Services?

Secure Additional Funding: Approve a \$12 million state increase, unlocking an \$18 million federal match. This ensures these life-changing services remain available, **strengthens Wisconsin's workforce** and costs the state less than operating state-run facilities.



Stop Service Denials: Add clear language to DHS/MCO contracts to **prevent duplication rules from blocking day services and programs.**

The Impact

Caregiver workforce shortages and low pay create a care crisis. With additional funding, organizations are able to stabilize to offer the most cost-effective way to meet the needs of Wisconsin's most vulnerable.

