

Our Mission

To advocate for older adults and enable them to maintain their full potential and enhance their quality of life. To affirm the dignity and value of older adults by supporting their choices for living in and giving to our community. To create and promote opportunities for communication among the entire community.

Our Board & Committees

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of Dane County Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Dane County Executive and the Health and Human Needs Committee. Its mission is to enhance the well-being of older adult residents and to promote the independence and involvement of older adults in their community. Board members are nominated by the County Executive and approved by the County Board of Supervisors. The AAA Board is designated as the planning, policy, and advocacy body of the AAA. The three standing Committees of the Board (Access, Legislative/Advocacy, and Nutrition/Wellness) also welcome community volunteers to serve as members.

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County Department of
Human Services.

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Core Services

AAA develops, coordinates, and advocates for services for adults age 60 and over. AAA:

- Provides information to help seniors make informed choices and preserve autonomy
- Offers leadership in senior advocacy training
- Encourages utilization of Senior Focal Points
- Supports elder rights
- Manages contracts with agency providers to ensure services are cost-effective and accountable
- Determines if existing services are meeting identified needs
- Organizes community responses to gaps in the service system
- Provides *Welcome to Medicare Seminars* throughout the year in locations around Dane County



Caring for Caregivers

The Caregiver Program provides support and resources to family and other unpaid caregivers, including:

- Assistance gaining access to services
- National Family Caregiver Support Program grants
- Resources for working caregivers and their employers
- Referrals to support services
- Resources for grandparents raising their grandchildren
- Online education modules
- Sustainable caregiving resources

Elder Benefit Specialists

The Elder Benefit Specialist Legal Services Program provides information, assistance, research, and advocacy regarding public and private benefit programs, legal rights, and legal procedure to adults age 60+. EBS staff engage in a wide variety of services including: providing information on program eligibility criteria; assisting with applications for public benefits; appealing application denials, terminations or reductions in benefits; conducting initial reviews of agency decisions; and advocating at administrative appeals level.

Dietitian & Health Promotion

AAA's Registered Dietitian assists in menu development and analyzes all Senior Dining menus to ensure proper nutrient requirements are followed. Inspections and nutrition education is provided to all senior dining sites for quality and food safety assurance. AAA also partners with the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) to improve the health and well-being of older adults by offering high-level evidence-based health promotion programs. AAA's Healthy Aging Coordinator plans workshops that address chronic conditions, caregiver support, and physical activity. Free private nutrition counseling is available.

Contracted Services

AAA contracts with local agencies to provide the following services for seniors:

- Case Management
- Congregate, Home-Delivered and Restaurant Site Meals
- Cultural Diversity Programs
- Evidence-based Falls Prevention
- Transportation
- Volunteer Programs