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Wisconsin Independent Living Network

2027–2029 Policy Priorities

A Briefing Guide for Candidates, Elected Officials and Legislative Staff

Helping Wisconsinites Remain in Their Homes and Communities, Regardless of Age or Ability

Across Wisconsin, people with disabilities and older adults face challenges that can make it difficult to live independently in the communities they call home.

Finding accessible housing, securing reliable transportation and obtaining appropriate long-term care services can determine whether someone is able to remain at home, participate in community life and make decisions about their own future.

The **Wisconsin Independent Living Network (WILN)** has developed 13 policy priorities for the 2027–2029 legislative biennium. These recommendations identify opportunities to strengthen community living, expand access and preserve individual choice.

We invite candidates, elected officials and legislative staff from across the political spectrum to review these proposals, consider their potential effects on Wisconsin residents and engage in informed discussions about their implementation.

Three Areas of Focus

LONG-TERM CARE — 7 Priorities

Strengthen community-based services, address gaps in long-term care coverage, improve access to personal care and protect individuals' ability to direct their own services.

TRANSPORTATION — 3 Priorities

Support reliable public and specialized transportation, improve coordination among funding programs and explore regional approaches that better connect communities.

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING — 3 Priorities

Encourage accessible design in new construction, support modifications to existing homes and expand opportunities for affordable, accessible homeownership.

What's Included in This Briefing Kit

Executive Summary — An overview of WILN's policy agenda and the challenges the recommendations seek to address.

13 Priorities at a Glance — A concise reference outlining each proposed policy change.

Detailed Policy Briefs — Individual issue sheets providing additional background, recommendations and supporting information.

Let's Continue the Conversation

WILN welcomes opportunities to discuss these recommendations, answer questions and provide additional information about their potential effects on Wisconsin communities.

Representatives of Wisconsin's Centers for Independent Living can offer policy expertise and connect interested offices with people who have firsthand experience of the issues addressed in this agenda.

For questions, additional information or to request a policy briefing:

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