



WLTCWA GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CAREGIVING UPDATES 2/10/2021

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Development

*Governor's budget proposal directs more than \$140 million over
biennium to address childcare quality, affordability, and access,
invests more than \$600 million in long-term care infrastructure*

GOVERNOR EVERS 2021-23 STATE BUDGET SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN CAREGIVING

- Allocating more than \$77 million of the previously mentioned \$240 million investment in nursing homes to the direct care cost center of the nursing home rate to support the caregiver workforce;
- Investing over \$200 million to support family caregiving by creating a Caregiving Tax Credit that provides up to a \$500 credit for qualified caregiving expenses;
- Providing \$77 million over the biennium to support personal care services
- Providing an additional \$77 million in funding to increase the direct care and services portion of the Medicaid capitation rates in Family Care
- Providing additional funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers, expands the dementia care specialist program statewide, expands the tribal aging and disability resources specialist program, the tribal disability benefit specialist program, and extends caregiver support services to address the needs of caregivers of adults with disabilities who are age 19 to 59;



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- Directing DHS to develop a statewide minimum rate band that establishes equitable and sustainable rates for home and community-based long-term care supports; and
- Providing additional funding to support the Office of Caregiver Quality, which helps to ensure Wisconsinites have access to high quality caregiving services



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- Developing a pilot program to identify standards of practice for training options within the caregiving industry, including a career ladder leading toward CNA certification
- Allowing direct support professionals to disregard a portion of their income related to caregiving without losing eligibility to the Wisconsin Shares childcare subsidy program through the Department of Children and Families.



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS

- Share the Task Force report and the Governor's proposed budget

<https://gtfc.wisconsin.gov/gtfcfiles/docs/gtfc-report.pdf>

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2021/gov-evers-announces-hundreds-of-millions-in-investments-supporting-wisconsins-kids-families-and-caregivers/>

- Think about ways you/your organization can publicize budget recommendations you support through social media, your newsletter, in meetings or event, etc.
- Reach out to your policymakers (i.e. state legislators) letting them know that you support the Governor's proposed budget on caregiving. It will be important to promote these items to ensure they stay in the budget.



NEXT STEPS

- Next Task Force Meeting- February 25



QUESTIONS

