Dane County Aging Survey

The Area Agency on Aging of Dane County is looking for your thoughts and ideas that will help us improve programs and services for the residents of Dane County as they age. Your responses will help us develop a plan for 2022-2024 that will guide our work and funding of existing and needed programs. Thank you for your valuable input!

Q1.   What are the top five issues, problems, and challenges adults age 50 and older living in Dane County are facing now and into the future?
Please check your top five responses from any group

Home
☐1   Lack of professional workforce for in home care
☐2   Lack of enough safe, affordable housing

Health
☐3   Lack of planning for potential medical or other health crisis situations
☐4   Changes to the body or physical capabilities

Financial
☐5   Lack of affordable dental care
☐6   Lack of affordable health care and prescription drugs
☐7   Lack of mental or behavioral health providers who accept Medicare
☐8   Inability to retire and support self/family

Lifestyle
☐9   Meaningful opportunities for staying engaged in the community
☐10   Social isolation/loneliness
☐11   Transportation options after they can no longer drive
☐12   Ageism in employment/meaningful employment

Other
☐13   Lack of knowledge in selecting health care coverage and benefit coordination
☐14   Unawareness of aging resources

☐15   Other (please explain): _____

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Q2. What are the top five things that need to improve to help adults living in Dane County as they age?
Please check your top five responses from any group

Home
☐¹ Affordable home modifications for aging in place
☐² In-home support for daily living, both personal care and chores
☐³ Safe and affordable housing options

Health
☐⁴ Assistance coordinating/managing medical appointments and health care services
☐⁵ Dementia supports and services
☐⁶ Help understanding Medicare and drug plan choices
☐⁷ Preventative health services like blood pressure checks and nail clipping
☐⁸ Ways to keep fit and healthy through physical activity

Lifestyle
☐⁹ Alternative transportation services
☐¹⁰ Delivery/meal options for healthy food
☐¹¹ Social activities to help with social isolation and loneliness
☐¹² Financial and emotional support for family caregivers
☐¹³ Technology assistance/broadband

Other
☐¹⁴ Free legal services to complete wills and Power of Attorney documents for health care and finances
☐¹⁵ Culturally specific services/activities

☐¹⁶ Other (please explain): _____

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Q3.   Please tell us about any services or events offered outside of Dane County that would be helpful to older people living in Dane County.

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Questions 4 and 5 focus on caregiving or helping others. You may leave these two questions blank if they do not apply to you.

Q4.   As a caregiver or "helper" for a partner, spouse, adult family member, or friend who are age 60+, what top five services or resources are most important for Dane County to provide?
Please check your top five responses from any group

For them
☐[1] Adult Day Care
☐[2] Assistance with personal care
☐[3] Assistive devices like lift chairs, stair lifts, alarms, or technology
☐[4] Companionship for your care partner
☐[5] Home modification support to assist aging in place
☐[6] Stimulating activities like music or art therapy
☐[7] Transportation to appointments
☐[8] Meals delivered or prepared in the home
☐[9] Help with housekeeping chores and cleaning
☐[10] Help with heavy chores such as lawn care or snow removal
☐[11] Personal emergency response systems such as Bay Alarm Medical, Life Alert, Medical Alert, MobileHelp, and OneCallAlert

For you
☐[12] Education on caregiving topics like dementia behaviors, showering help, and self-care
☐[13] Respite care for a vacation or regular time away
☐[14] Self-care services such as massage, yoga class, or gym membership
☐[15] Support groups and/or activities for caregivers to meet and share with others

☐[16] Other (please explain): _____

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Q5.   What <u>top</u> **three** resources or services should be available for grandparents and relative caregivers raising children up to age 18 and living in Dane County?
Please check your <u>top three</u> responses from any group

For them
- □¹ Day camps or day care for the grandchild(ren)
- □² Participation fees for the grandchild(ren) to do sports, arts, music, and other activities
- □³ Tutoring for academic classes

For you
- □⁴ Grandparent support groups

For us
- □⁵ Family membership to the YMCA, pool, or similar
- □⁶ Transportation to activities
- □⁷ Home modification to create private space for grandchild(ren)
- □⁸ Assistance with technology

- □⁹ Other (please explain): _____

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Please tell us about yourself.

Q6.   How old are you?

- □¹ 49 or younger
- □² 50-59
- □³ 60-69
- □⁴ 70-79
- □⁵ 80-89
- □⁶ 90 or older

Q7.   Are you a caregiver to someone age 60+?

- □¹ Yes
- □² No

Q8.	Do you or an aging person you care for/help live in Dane County?

☐¹ Yes
☐² No

Q9.	Do you or anyone of the older people you help live in a <u>rural</u> area of Dane County?

☐¹ Yes
☐² No
☐³ Not applicable, no one lives in Dane County

We want to make sure the voices of underrepresented people are heard. Self-identifying into the following categories will let us look more closely at the needs of people like you.

Q10.	I am…

Pick one answer for each row	Yes	No
LGBTQIA+	☐¹	☐²
A person of color (non-white also referred to as BIPOC or POC)	☐¹	☐²
Living in poverty	☐¹	☐²
Living with a disability	☐¹	☐²
Living alone	☐¹	☐²
More comfortable speaking in a language other than English	☐¹	☐²

Q11.	Are you employed by an organization that receives Dane County funding for aging services?

☐¹ Yes
☐² No

Thank you! Please return your survey.

Your response is valuable to us, the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County. It directly contributes to our 2022-2024 aging plan. This plan will be shared on our website in early 2022. You are encouraged to visit the website (https://aaa.dcdhs.com) for more information and to see the plan when it is released.

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