

# Call for Workshop Proposals

## About the Conference

The Wisconsin Aging and Disability Network Conference is a statewide event focused on improving the lives of older people and adults with disabilities. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR), this conference provides attendees numerous opportunities to learn, network, and collaborate. The audience includes, but is not limited to, those who work and volunteer with statutory boards and councils, aging and disability resource centers, county and tribal aging units, human services departments, senior centers, advocacy organizations, managed care organizations, and disability services organizations.

## Workshop Format

We encourage creative workshop formats that offer innovative methods of learning and new ideas. Workshops may have up to three presenters and will be **one hour and 15 minutes** long. Those requiring more time may request two back-to-back workshop sessions or a half- or full-day preconference intensive session on Wednesday, September 23. Each presenter will receive a complimentary one-day conference registration.

## Workshop Selection Process

The conference planning committee will review all proposals and reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be made by April 15, 2020.

## Proposal Content and Evaluation Scale

Workshop proposals must be [submitted online](#) by **March 16, 2020**.

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following point system:

### General Description of Presentation **30 pts**

This description is limited to 7,000 characters (approximately two pages) and must include:

- Summary—describe the content of the presentation.
- Format—will the session be a lecture, Q&A, interactive, etc?
- Participant take-aways—what will people learn from the presentation?

### Title and Summarized Description **15 pts**

Provide a title and short description of the workshop that will be used in conference registration materials.

- Title is limited to 15 words.
- Short description is limited to 50 words.

### Alignment with Conference Focus Areas **5 pts**

Describe how the presentation aligns with conference focus areas (described in detail on the next page).

### Total **50 pts**



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# Conference Focus Areas

## Innovation and Futures Thinking

We need to start planning for the needs of the next generation of older adults and people with disabilities in Wisconsin. What innovative ideas or emerging concepts are having a profound impact on the way we provide services? What will services need to look like in 25 to 50 years, and how will we meet diverse needs? What role can leadership and/or technology play?

## Health Equity and Inclusion

In today's diverse communities, social and cultural identities need to be embedded into our service delivery models. How do you identify and serve unique client needs and help people live at the level of independence they desire?

## Pathways of Advocacy

Locally, around the state, and across the nation, advocacy drives change. Whether working with local governments for safer street crossings or speaking at public hearings, effective advocacy improves lives. What has worked for you?

## Healthy Living, Healthy Communities

Addressing the social determinants of health not only improves health outcomes but also builds healthier communities. From community planning to volunteer programs, engaging our communities and partners magnifies our collective impact. What's happening in our networks to build and sustain healthy communities?

## Rejuvenation

Cultures that support self-care and positive working relationships are necessary in order to take care of our mental, emotional, and physical well-being. How do we take care of ourselves and others? How do we avoid burnout and reduce stress? What tools, strategies, or exercises have worked for you?

## Leadership

Future leaders can benefit from learning the many tools and strategies that today's leaders use to succeed. Share your knowledge and experience. What key lessons can you pass along to maintain strong networks and support the aging and disability communities?

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For questions regarding this call for proposals or the submission process, contact our conference planner, Peggy Rynearson, [via email](#) or phone at 608-446-4206.