

Priorities for Disability and Aging Advocates for David Crowley

- Protect and defend the rights and supports of people with disabilities and older adults from federal administration threats.
- Ensure children and adults with disabilities and older adults can access the services and supports they need to live full, independent lives.

Community Life

1. Protect and expand investments in home and community-based services.
2. Increase support for family caregivers.
3. Strengthen the direct care workforce through better wages and benefits.
4. Make Wisconsin more accessible and inclusive across public spaces, including transit, and digital services.
5. Expand transportation options, including accessible transportation and other mobility services.
6. Ensure polling places and voting processes meet accessibility requirements.
7. Advance the development of affordable accessible housing statewide.
8. Increase funding for programs that enable older adults to remain in their own homes.
9. Increase investments in aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs), benefit specialist and home-delivered meal services.



Health

1. Expand Medicaid to improve access to essential health and community services.
2. Strengthen mental health and substance use disorder services so people can get help earlier and avoid crises and inpatient care.
3. Promote a robust and diverse network of services to address loneliness and social isolation, improve health, and build stronger communities for older adults and adults with disabilities.
4. Increase resources for older adults and people with disabilities experiencing chronic pain and opioid abuse.
5. Expand awareness and delivery of evidence-based practices and programs that support falls prevention and self-management of chronic diseases that disproportionately affect older adults.
6. Oppose additional punitive state rules related to the Medicaid Estate Recovery law.



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Education

1. Support our public schools by ensuring special education funding is adequate to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Require private schools that take state dollars to meet the standards of the the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



Employment

1. Support employment opportunities and end the waiting list for employment supports for people with disabilities.



Safety

1. Expand awareness of and enforcement of both civil and criminal remedies to address:
 - a. Physical Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities
 - b. Financial Abuse and Exploitation of Older Adults
2. Strengthen the oversight and accountability for programs and facilities purporting to provide specialized Dementia Care.

