

AARP – Wisconsin

AARP's mission is to empower people to choose how they live as they age. A major focus of AARP is *livable communities*. A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and offers supportive community features and services.

Find out more: <https://local.aarp.org/wi/>

Arts Wisconsin

The mission of Arts Wisconsin is to serve and enrich people and communities as Wisconsin's community cultural development organization, providing a forum for advancing the local and statewide creative economy, integrating the arts and creativity in education, educating entrepreneurs and activists, and catalyzing dialogue and action

Find out more: <https://artswisconsin.org>

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)

GWAAR is a nonprofit agency committed to supporting the successful delivery of aging programs and services in 70 counties and 11 tribes in Wisconsin. We provide training, technical assistance, and advocacy to ensure the availability and quality of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older people in Wisconsin.

Find out more: <https://gwaar.org>

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC)

RWHC is owned & operated by 42, rural acute, general medical-surgical hospitals. The Cooperative's emphasis on developing a collaborative network among both freestanding & system affiliated rural hospitals distinguishes it from alternatives.

Find out more: <http://www.rwhc.com>

United Way – Wisconsin (UWWi)

UWWi is the statewide organization providing member support services to the local & independent United Ways in WI. Through UWWi member support services, local United Ways have capacity to individually & collectively build stronger communities.

Find out more: <https://unitedwaywi.site-ym.com/>

UW-Extension

Through UW-Extension, people of WI & beyond can access university resources & engage in learning, wherever they live & work. Fundamental are partnerships with the 26 UW campuses, county & tribal governments, & other public & private organizations.

Find out more: <https://www.uwex.edu>

Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP)

The mission of WISCAP is to advance the work of our member organizations to help people and communities become economically secure. The association was founded on the principal that bringing about economic self-sufficiency for the state's low-income households should be a coordinated endeavor.

Find out more: <https://wiscap.org>

Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC)

WCC is a community of Christian denominations that covenant to engage in a common ministry focused on church unity, peacemaking, social and economic justice for Wisconsin's most vulnerable residents, and revitalizing congregations.

Find out more: <https://www.wichurches.org/>

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)

WCA is the foremost voice of county officials representing all 72 counties in Wisconsin. We are a financially well-positioned, highly visible civic force with a well-informed and motivated membership governed by a diverse Board.

Find out more: <https://www.wicounties.org>

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)

Quality early care and education is fundamental to creating a better world. WECA works to advance positive change for children by focusing on the professionals who provide child care for well over 70% of Wisconsin's children.

Find out more: <https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org>

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association (WPHCA)

The mission of WPHCA is to improve health through the work of Community Health Centers and their partners. To accomplish this mission, activities and services include information and public education, government relations and legislative advocacy, training and technical support, and guidance and support opportunities.

Find out more: <https://www.wphca.org/>



Kickapoo Conversations

Region: Includes Cashton, Westby, Viroqua, La Farge, Ontario

Mission: To bring about positive change in our community through the enduring broad-based relationships that make bold action possible

Recent Actions:

- **Shared Services Network for Child Care:** WEESN is enrolling providers and expanding beyond the initial area, after earning a significant multi-partner grant.
- **Flood Recovery & Response:** Relationships developed in KC proved invaluable in streamlining flood recovery efforts across more than 10 local communities.
- **Rural Housing Summit:** More than 90 participants from multiple sectors and communities convened to take action on workforce housing, senior housing, and creative/nontraditional approaches.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- **Community Connectedness:** Building multi-sector relationships across communities in the region, both with 1x1s and with community gatherings.
- **Leadership:** Inviting new participants to the “breakfast club”.
- **Flood Recovery:** Continuing relational and asset-based approach to recovery.

Southwest Partners

Region: Includes Richland Center, Rockbridge, Hillsboro

Mission: To create a healthy forward thinking culture for attracting, retaining, and nurturing people and their dreams in our region

Recent Actions:

- **Community Forum, Controversy to Community:** Brought community together to look at past & envision future, with a focus on the aquatic center & grocery store.
- **Community Prosperity Alliance (CPA):** Hosted Economic Development Summit to bring business, city, and county leaders together for greater Richland County.
- **Community Foundation:** Created a community foundation to re-invest wealth in the community for the benefit of the community. A special IRS status allows the foundation to take equity positions in new & expanding business ventures.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- **Leadership:** Increasing leadership within SWP through a relational effort.
- **Safe Routes:** Developing walking & bicycling trails to work places and to schools outside the city proper.
- **Aquatic Center:** Partnering with the City of Richland Center to create a new \$5 million aquatic center in 2019.

Stronger Together Fox Valley

Region: Includes Fox Cities, Oshkosh

Mission: A network of citizens building relationships that make bold action possible

Recent Actions:

- **Community Connections:** Events included Dignity & Respect campaign; Latino Simulation; Living Room Conversation; relational workshop.
- **Neighborhood-School Partnership:** Connected local residents and neighborhood churches with middle school, to include a mentoring program and parent night, supporting kids, teachers, and parents with community.
- **Nonprofit Status:** Gained assets and infrastructure of previous fiscal sponsor.
- **Child Well-Being:** Facilitated conversations, highlighted area mentoring, and participated in regional coalition for End Child Poverty in Wisconsin.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- **Intergenerational Connections:** Holding two community conversations around intergenerational relationships, including mentoring.
- **Early Childhood:** Educational efforts around early childhood experiences, traumas, and needs, including Brain Architecture game and film screening.
- **Youth Transportation:** Organizing a program with World Relief to provide transportation for refugee students at “adopted” middle school.

In progress: Green Lake / Ripon / Berlin Area

Wisconsin Partners had dozens of conversations with members of our associations and hosted a Training Intensive in Green Lake in July 2019. Since then, a group of active, multi-sector, multi-generational citizens has convened about once a month. Wisconsin Partners has been providing initial support and ongoing training opportunities, as the group continues to build relationships, seek common ground, and catalyze bold thinking in the community.

