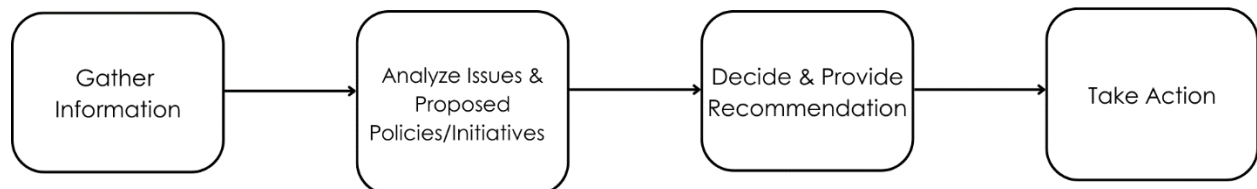


Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection

Policy Champions Committee

The purpose of the Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection's Policy Champions Committee is to make timely decisions on supporting policy initiatives that increase social connections for older adults and people with disabilities in Wisconsin and nationwide.



Policy Champions can be/represent...

- Older adults.
- People with disabilities (developmental and/or physical).
- Organizations that serve older adults and/or people with disabilities (ADRCs, healthcare, public health, community-based organizations, etc.).
- Underserved populations (LGBTQ+, veterans, immigrants, different racial/ethnic backgrounds).

The Policy Champions will be engaged to...

- Gather information on current policies/initiatives aimed at addressing social isolation and loneliness for older adults and people with disabilities.
- Analyze issues and provide a recommendation to the Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection.
- Provide resources for the coalition to act on policy/advocacy efforts.

Policy Champions commitment:

- Be involved in Disability Advocacy Day and/or Aging Advocacy Day (or other related advocacy day e.g. Alzheimer's, transportation, etc.).
- Time commitment will vary, depending on the legislative process and proposed issues.

The Policy Champions decision-making team:

- The Policy Champions will provide a recommendation or propose an issue to the decision-making team, which will be comprised of representatives from:

- o Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA), Wisconsin Department of Health Services- Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (DHS BADR), AARP Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI-BPDD).
- The decision-making team will then provide a recommendation to the Coalition who will take action and provide information and resources to the Network.

