



Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services

## ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) was created to enhance the lives of informal and family caregivers while helping people with dementia remain living in the community as long as possible.

### HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Funds are available in each county for qualified individuals to provide temporary caregiver respite care and purchase goods and services needed to help care for someone with irreversible dementia.

### WHAT CAN THE PROGRAM PROVIDE?

#### Typical goods and services include:

- Respite care or home care services (personal care assistance, meal prep, medication assistance and monitoring, homemaker services, yard work and snow removal, etc.)
- Emergency response systems
- Transportation expenses
- Incontinence supplies
- Home safety modifications
- Home-delivered meals
- Specialized clothing
- Activities and hobby supplies
- Legal expenses related to guardianship
- Caregiver counseling services
- Caregiver education classes
- Individualized services as approved

Caregiver support groups and caregiver education opportunities are also provided in each community. Contact your local Aging and Disability Resource Center or Alzheimer's organization for events in your area.

### BENEFITS OF ACCEPTING HELP

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease can be stressful. Learning about the disease and accepting help from others can make the task easier.

No person can do everything alone. Caregiver respite care and support services relieve stress, protect the caregiver's health and enhances the joy of caregiving.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

#### Families are eligible if three criteria are met:

1. There is a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia
2. The person with dementia resides in a community or home setting (not a facility)
3. The person with dementia and spouse have a gross annual income of \$48,000 or less (Costs related to dementia-related care may be deducted when calculating gross income)

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact the County or Tribal Aging Office or Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). ADRC Map - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm>, or call 866-843-9810.

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