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State Innovations to Support Family Caregivers

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Agenda

Highlight efforts in Wisconsin that align with recommendations from the RAISE Family Caregiving Council



Public, Private Partnerships

**Efforts to Join Together in Support of Family
Caregivers in Wisconsin**

WI Family & Caregiver Support Alliance

www.wisconsin caregiver.org



Wisconsin's **Family Caregiver** Support Programs

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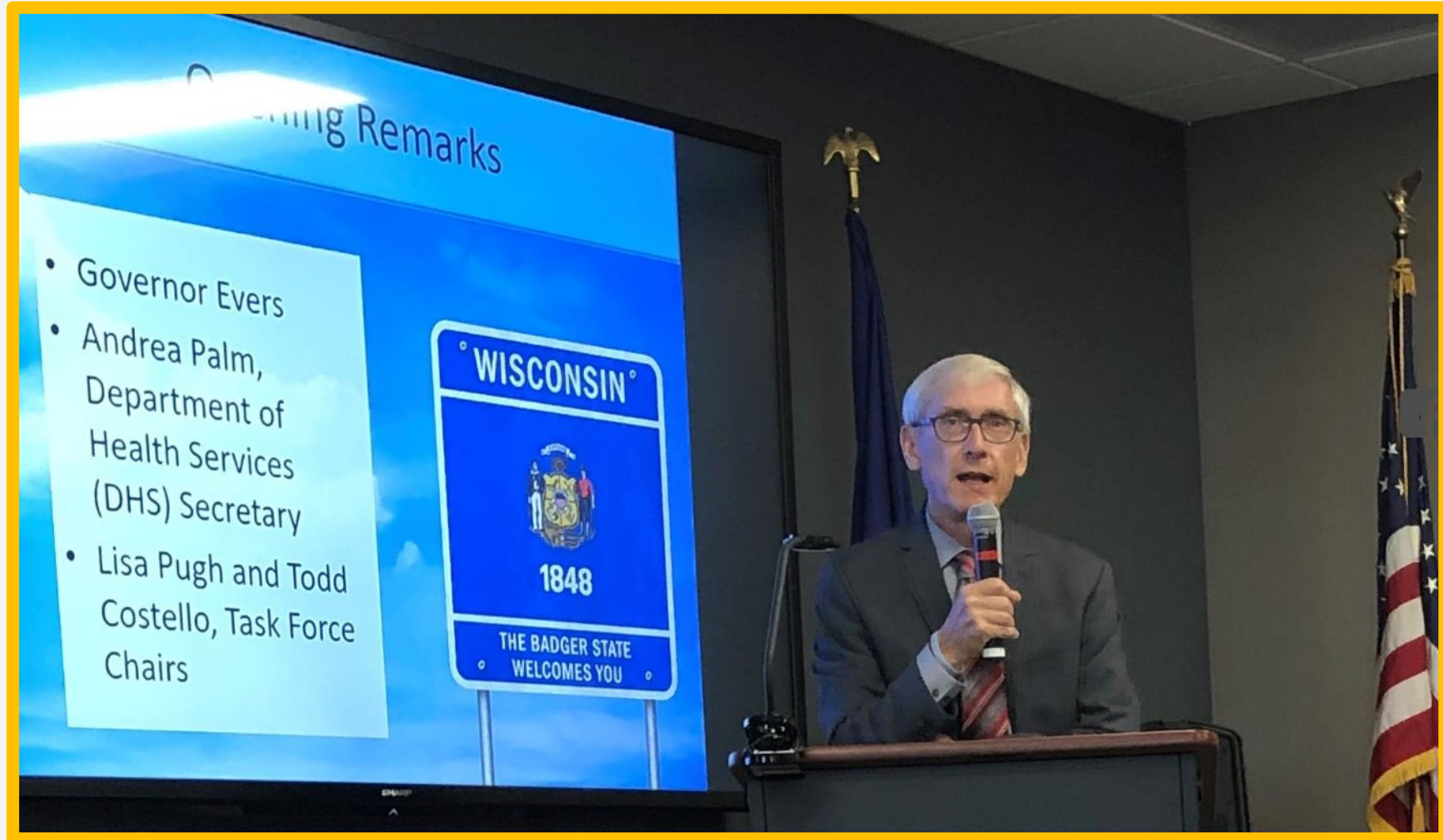
Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance

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Wisconsin Family & Caregiver Support Alliance Goals

- Increase outreach and awareness
- Promote policy and advocacy efforts
- Improve systems navigation and access
- Expand family and caregiver support
- Strengthen community support

Governor's Task Force on Caregiving



Task Force Charges & Methods

Executive Order #11 charged the Task Force with the following strategies to strengthen the direct care workforce and support families providing caregiving supports and services:



Analyze strategies to attract and retain a strong direct care workforce.



Establish one or more registries of home care providers and develop a plan to provide referral or matching services for individuals in need of home care.



Support families providing care for their loved ones through respite services and other supports.



Develop a plan to implement recruitment and retention programs to expand the pool of providers.



Assess compensation and fringe benefits for caregivers, including ways to make healthcare affordable for the caregiving workforce through employer-sponsored plans, Medicaid buy-in plans, or other health insurance coverage options.



Explore and develop solutions, in collaboration with other relevant departments and agencies, to support and strengthen the direct care workforce, increase access, and improve the quality of caregiving in Wisconsin.

The image shows the cover of a report. It features a photograph of a woman and a young child. The woman is on the right, smiling, and the child is on the left, looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The title 'Wisconsin Caregivers in Crisis: Investing in our Future' is written in white text on a teal background in the upper left. Below the title, 'Governor's Task Force on Caregiving' is written in white on an orange background. At the bottom left, 'September 2020' is written in white on an orange background. The entire cover is framed by a white border with a wavy edge on the left side.

Wisconsin Caregivers in Crisis: Investing in our Future

Governor's Task Force on Caregiving

September 2020

- 16 recommendations
- Family caregiver and direct care workforce recommendations
- Report to the Governor on September 30, 2020

Recommendations: for Family Caregivers

- Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (T-Care) proposal
- Aging and disability resource center (ADRC) caregiver support coordinators
- Family Medical Leave Act amendments
- WI Credit for Caring
- The Care Act
- Homecare provider registry
- Link with direct care workforce proposals





Caregiver Programs

**Highlighting New or Improved Programs for
Family Caregivers in Wisconsin**

Awareness, Outreach and Education

<https://gwaar.org/family-caregiver-marketing-toolkit>



Caring... from far away

Uncertainty. Worry. Frustration. Guilt.
When someone you love needs care but doesn't live near you, finding help can be time-consuming, stressful and overwhelming.

Good news! Help is right at your fingertips.

Wisconsin's **FamilyCaregiver** Support Programs



Need a break?

Yes, you do.

Caring for someone can be a 24/7 job. Taking time for yourself is so important.

Let us help you find ways to care for yourself.

Wisconsin's **FamilyCaregiver** Support Programs



Caring for your grandchild?

It's one of your greatest joys. But it can also be one of your biggest stressors.

The physical and financial demands of caring for a grandchild can be challenging — especially if you've become the main caregiver.

There's help for you!

Wisconsin's **FamilyCaregiver** Support Programs

Awareness, Outreach and Education

<http://alz.org/wisconsin/overview.asp#aboutTheCampaign>

- “Know where Alzheimer’s hides” campaign; also targets family caregivers
- Caregiver friendly workplaces; toolkits for employers



Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

- A wide range of programs and services for family caregivers
- Community builders, educators, catalysts, advocates
- Caregiver support programs
- Caregiver coordinators



Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

- Dementia care specialists (DCS), including DCS in communities of color and tribal nations
- Tribal Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program
- Tribal aging and disability resource specialists



Free Online Training for Family Caregivers

- Partnership between Trualta, Wisconsin DHS, Area Agencies on Aging and the Family Caregiver Support Alliance
- Training accessible on a mobile device or computer
- Caregivers can be connected with a professional at the ADRC for additional assistance

Wisconsin has 580,000 family caregivers across the state

Are you one of them?



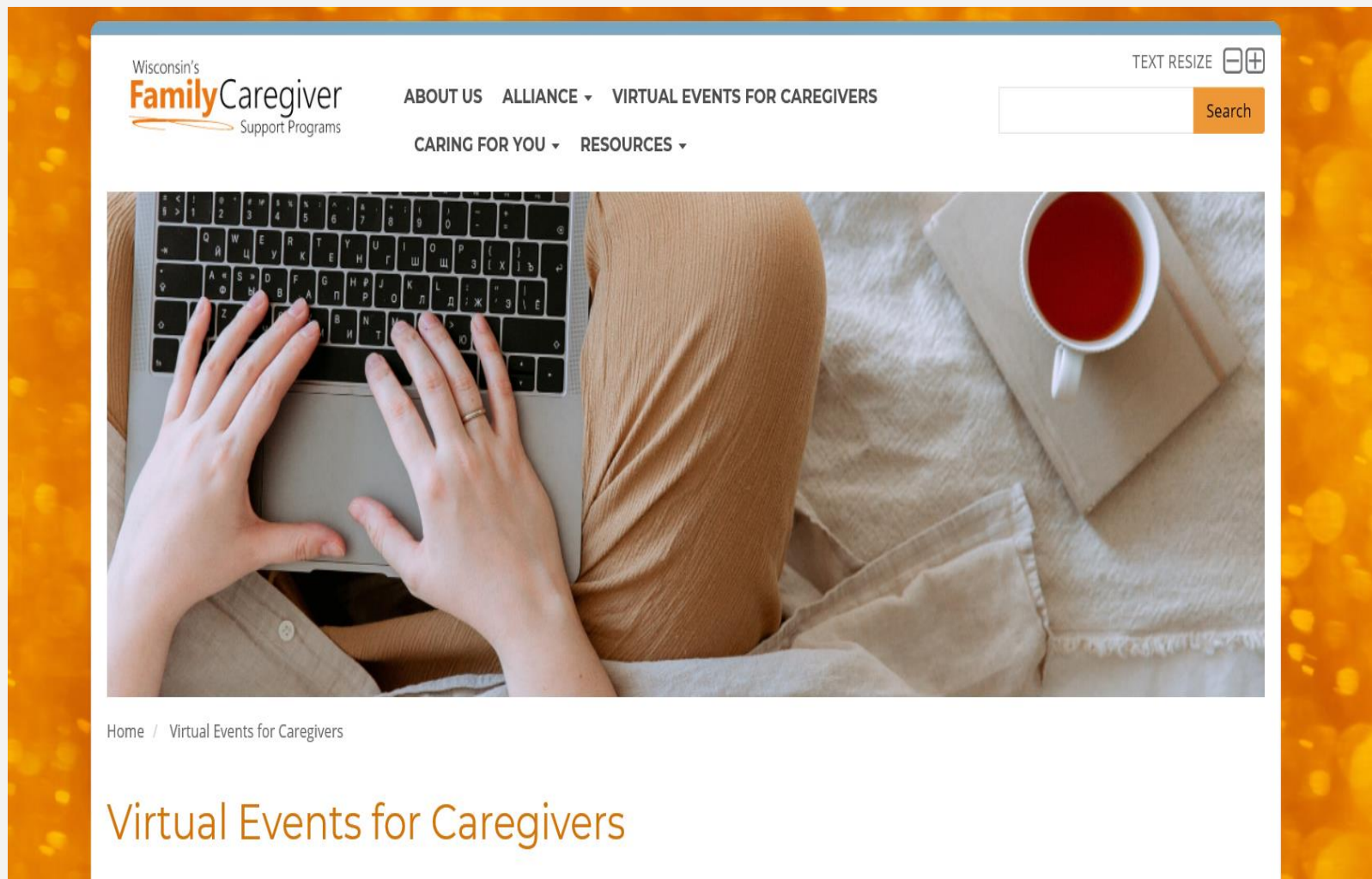
Get access to FREE online educational resources to help caregivers:

- Develop essential skills
- Learn about health issues
- Manage care for loved ones
- Take care of yourself

Register at wisconsincaregiver.org



Statewide Listing of Virtual Caregiver Events



Medicaid-funded Caregiver Support (HCBS)

- Caregivers provide a number of services to members, paid and unpaid
- Caregivers can be part of the care team
- Assessments of caregiver stress are required
- Services for caregivers are included:
 - Respite
 - Training services for unpaid caregivers
 - Self-advocacy skills training



The End

**Questions and
Discussion**

