

Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition

Mission Statement

The Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition is part of a statewide movement that has the following Vision and Purpose:

Vision

The People Can't Wait campaign was created by the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Groups, a statewide coalition of disability organizations. The Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Coalitions will promote conditions in which all people with disabilities in Wisconsin:

- Will receive the support they need,
- Can choose to live their lives as they wish, and
- Will have the opportunity to be full participants in community life.

Purpose of County People Can't Wait Coalitions

To be the local component of a solid, sustainable cross disability advocacy movement in which people with disabilities, family members, advocates and others who choose to work in support of people with disabilities become and remain a powerful voice for a system of public and community support consistent with the Survival Coalition Vision.

The **Mission of the Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition**, working to support that Vision and Purpose will strengthen the voices of individuals, agencies and existing coalitions in Dane County in support of people with disabilities by:

- Building and maintaining stronger connections to one another;
- Connecting with, informing, and supporting people who have not yet been involved in advocacy activities, including:
 - People on waiting lists,
 - Families waiting for family support,
 - Families who have an adult son or daughter at home in need of services,
 - Direct support staff;
- Informing state legislators representing Dane County, other elected officials, and local media of the issues important to Dane County citizens with disabilities, their families, and those who work in support of them; and
- Initiating and participating in activities that will create and sustain the changes needed to enable all people with disabilities to be full members within Dane County cities, towns and local communities.

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