



League of Progressive Seniors Positions

League of Progressive Seniors is a force for change and a voice for social and economic justice. As a grassroots organization we believe that older people have a vital role to play in ensuring these objectives.

Today we have an opportunity to provide input into Aging Area Plan for the Department on Aging.

The League wishes to go on the record in support of the following:

1. The community deserves a strong, vibrant and well-funded system of Senior Centers focused on a mission of constant improvement and a dynamic future.

Senior Centers reduce isolation, a proven source of decline in older age.

Senior Centers are hubs of physical activity, nutritional meals, educational offerings and skilled learning offerings such as woodworking, watercolor and quilting to name a few.

Senior Centers are successful because of senior involvement and oversight and hundreds of community collaborations.

We call on Milwaukee County to restore full funding, to make necessary capital improvements and to work with the community to increase funding, offerings and visibility.

2. Attention to and advocacy for programs that provide life saving services such as transportation, home delivered meals and caregiver support.

3. Senior oversight, involvement, and partnership in all aspects of community. This includes but is not limited to a strong independent Commission on Aging, an active and effective Advocacy Committee as well as an Advisory Council.

4. Continual and Ubiquitous Outreach with special attention to underserved populations and those who are socially isolated.

5. Annual Reports to the Community that highlight both the needs of seniors and the resources and strengths which seniors give to the entire population.

In closing, the League would like to note that as the Area Agency on Aging, the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is required by the Federal Older American's Act to be the Visible Effective Advocate for **all** seniors in Milwaukee County. This advocacy should not be influenced by political influences and or allegiances. We expect no less!