

Survival Coalition: More than 400 members of disability community in Madison Wednesday for annual Disability Advocacy Day

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(MADISON) – More than 400 members of the disability community from across Wisconsin will gather at the Capitol to meet with their state legislators Wednesday, March 20, for Disability Advocacy Day.

Advocates will share their stories about how critical state issues impact their lives. Top priorities include the proposed increases to special education and mental health services included in Governor Tony Evers' proposed state budget, as well as the need for transportation solutions for non-drivers, and comprehensive solutions to the statewide caregiver crisis, including the lack of direct care providers and stresses on family caregivers.

Disability Advocacy Day will include an overview of disability issues and planning time as legislative teams at Monona Terrace from 10:30 to noon. Participants, wearing their blue Survival Coalition t-shirts, will gather outside the Capitol at 12:15 p.m. for a short rally. Legislative visits are scheduled at 1 p.m. for Senate offices, and 2 p.m. for Assembly offices.

Disability Advocacy Day is organized by the Survival Coalition of more than 30 statewide disability organizations that advocate and support policies and practices that lead to the full inclusion, participation, and contribution of people living with disability in Wisconsin.