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Wisconsin State Alliance of YMCA's 2019-2020 Legislative Session Priorities

Wisconsin YMCA's At-A-Glance

We serve 472,895 people at 74 YMCA locations throughout Wisconsin. 144,208 children under the age of 18 are YMCA members. The Y is for Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility.

Legislative Priorities

Falls Prevention / Healthy Aging Grants

Provide \$870,000 per year to support local Wisconsin non-profits, county and tribal agencies in upscaling researched and proven programs that reduce health care use and expenditures for older adult falls, diabetes and other chronic disease self-management, caregiver support and other issues in healthy aging, and one statewide technical assistance center to provide coordination and support. The YMCA would work with Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) to apply for these grants to fund expansion of a proven falls prevention program for older adults called "Moving for Better Balance."

- Every 29 minutes an older adult dies from a falls related injury.
- According to CDC, programs like "Moving for Better Balance" help older adults reduce the risk of falling by 55%.
- \$540,000 over the biennium would help YMCA's expand the number of sites offering this program from 8 to 28. The funds would train 60 new instructors and reach 4,500 new participants.

After School Care

Provide \$20 million to fund after school programs (in partnership with WAAN and Boys & Girls Clubs). This would create a grant program to assist after school program sites. The program would provide:

- Individual grants ranging from \$50,000-\$100,000.
- Additional funds would be available for transportation to eliminate that barrier.
- To support areas that lack robust Out of School Time (OST) summer programming and to also address "the summer slide" additional funding would be available for OST summer programming.
- Provide for renewable multi-year grants in order to create sustainability.
- Providing flexibilities to address differences or special needs of applicants.
- Tracking program requirements on mid-year and/or end-of-year reporting basis. This will help guide program evaluation in future years and contribute to continuous program improvement.

Trauma Informed Care

Provide funding to non-profits for trauma informed care training for staff who work with children (in partnership with WAAN and Boys & Girls Clubs).

3K School Programs

We are concerned about the unintended consequences of the 3K expansion grants in the DPI budget request. This could cause the shutdown of daycare options for families and we encourage lawmakers to consider those consequences when working toward the worthy goal of increased educational opportunities for youth.

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