



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# WISCONSIN YMCA Legislative Priorities 2022

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**100%** OFF ALL 31 YMCA  
ASSOCIATIONS OFFER  
LICENSED CHILDCARE TO  
THEIR COMMUNITIES

Safe, accessible and affordable childcare will allow parents to return to or enter the workforce.

- \$3 million to support 6 weeks to 5 years of age Early Childhood Education
- \$3 million to support 4K to 12 years of age Out of School programming

## MENTAL HEALTH

CHILD SAFETY AND WELL-BEING IS  
OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

Nationally, nearly 35 million children have had at least one traumatic experience, and nearly two-thirds of children have been exposed to violence. Senior isolation has increased exponentially during the pandemic.

Support Trauma Informed Care and mental health initiatives for all ages and grant opportunities for non-profits. Please support [2019 Senate Bill #259](#).

## REVISIONS TO CHILD CARE LICENSING

**2,671** CHILDREN ARE ON  
WAITLISTS ACROSS THE  
STATE DUE TO STAFF  
SHORTAGES

Updates to licensing requirements will assist Ys in hiring, training, and retaining dedicated and skilled staff. Expanding staff age range requirements will broaden our ability to hire a workforce able to serve all children on waitlists.

Approve the Department of Children and Families licensing rule revisions to be enacted in 2023.

Support expanded staff age requirements for licensed school age care and day camp.

## OTHER PRIORITIES:

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RESPONSIBILITY.

- Aquatic Safety/Drowning Prevention
- Preventative Health
- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Childhood Obesity
- Diversity & Inclusion

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