

About the Bureau

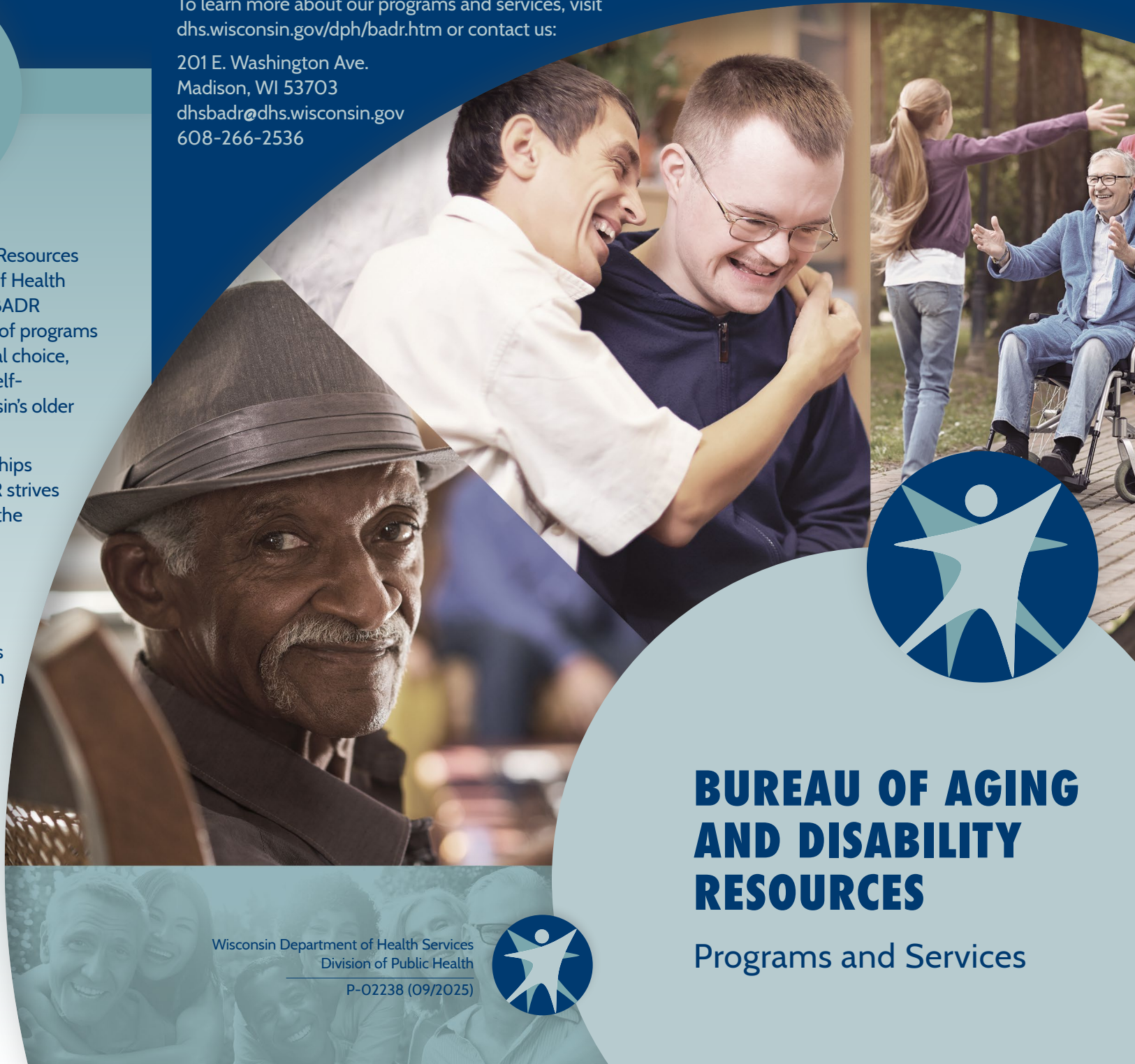
The Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) is part of the Department of Health Services' Division of Public Health. BADR develops and administers a variety of programs and services that promote individual choice, dignity, community participation, self-sufficiency, and respect for Wisconsin's older adults and adults with disabilities.

Through collaboration and partnerships with state and local agencies, BADR strives to aid in protecting and promoting the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.

BADR also oversees six consumer-led councils that advise and make recommendations to state agencies about issues and relevant legislation affecting the various populations they serve. In addition, the councils advocate, promote, and share common concerns and opportunities to improve the quality of life, health, and well-being of all Wisconsin citizens.

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BUREAU OF AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCES

Programs and Services

Wisconsin Department of Health Services
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Office for Resource Center Development

The Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) is the state office that partners with aging and disability resource centers and tribal aging and disability resource specialists throughout Wisconsin. ORCD supports its partners by developing program policies, providing technical assistance, and training resource center staff. ORCD also directs various programs and services that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities, including:

- Information and assistance
- Disability benefit specialist services
- Long-term care enrollment counseling
- Benefits options counseling

Office on Aging

The Office on Aging (OOA) administers and implements programs and services required, authorized, and funded by the federal Older Americans Act and the Wisconsin Elders Act. OOA is dedicated to helping older individuals remain in their homes and actively engage with their communities through programs and services that enhance their independence.

Older Americans Act Unit

This unit oversees programs and services governed by the Older Americans Act, including:

- Nutrition support
- Evidence-based health promotion
- Family caregiver support
- Employment services

Legal and Protective Services Unit

This unit provides oversight for programs and services related to the health and safety of older adults, including:

- Adult protective services
- Wisconsin's dementia care system
- Elder benefit specialist and legal services
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Office for the Promotion of Independent Living

The Office for the Promotion of Independent Living ensures that people with disabilities of all ages, abilities, and incomes have the same opportunities as all Wisconsin residents, and access to a high quality of life.

Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provides information and referral services on a variety of topics tailored to the unique needs of people who are deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing.

Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides information, assessments, and training to adults with vision loss and their families to enhance independent living skills and quality of life.

Office of Physical Disabilities and Independent Living

The Office of Physical Disabilities and Independent Living administers programs and services that aim to increase independence and improve the quality of life for people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

