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More Than 400 Members of Disability Community Heading To Madison Tuesday for Annual Disability Advocacy Day

Medicaid, Transportation, Direct Care Workforce, Education Funding, Shortage of Mental Health Professionals all on Priority List

(MADISON) – More than 400 members of the disability community from all parts of Wisconsin will gather at the Capitol Tuesday, March 20, for Disability Advocacy Day. Advocates will spread out to visit their Wisconsin State Legislative offices to tell their story and discuss public policy issues that impact people with disabilities in their everyday lives.

Top issues this year include changes to public benefits programs that will impact people with disabilities and their caregivers, adequate transportation to get where people need to go, funding for special education which has not received a budget increase in nearly a decade, the direct care worker crisis, and the shortage of mental health professionals statewide.

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 in the Capitol Rotunda 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 comprised 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.

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