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One Month Away: Register Now for WHA's Inaugural Caring for Wisconsin's Caregivers Workforce Well-Being Summit

Registration is limited. Don't miss this opportunity for Wisconsin health care organizations to gain early access to The Breen Scale™ before it is available nationwide. More than just an assessment, The Breen Scale™ is a strategic workforce retention tool that helps organizations strengthen caregiver well-being and build cultures where employees want to stay and thrive.

Join leaders from across the state on September 10, 2026, in Sun Prairie for WHA's inaugural Caring for Wisconsin's Caregivers: Workforce Well-Being Summit, a day focused on practical strategies to improve caregiver well-being, workforce retention, organizational culture and patient care outcomes.

Organizations across Wisconsin are facing increasing demands, and retaining talented employees has become a strategic priority. This summit will focus on practical, evidence-based strategies to help organizations strengthen cultures of belonging where people want to stay, grow and thrive.

The summit will feature nationally recognized workforce well-being experts, including Gaurava Agarwal, MD, Vice President and Chief Wellness Executive at Northwestern Medicine, and Stef Simmons, MD, Chief Medical Officer at the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation. Drawing on real-world experience and national best practices, these speakers will explore how organizations can move beyond individual resilience programs and build systems that support caregivers at every level of the organization.

Participants will hear practical strategies for:

- Advancing workforce well-being through leadership and culture
- Reducing burnout and improving retention
- Leveraging data to drive meaningful change
- Strengthening workplace systems that support caregivers and improve outcomes

Attendees will also receive an introduction to The Breen Scale™, an evidence-informed organizational assessment developed by the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation. Wisconsin organizations participating in Phase 2 will gain early access to this tool before its national release. The assessment provides customized insights and actionable recommendations to help organizations strengthen the systems and culture that support caregiver well-being.

Organizations are encouraged to attend as a multidisciplinary team. Whether you represent executive leadership, quality and safety, human resources, nursing, operations, informatics or frontline care teams, this summit will provide practical tools and a shared framework for advancing workforce well-being across your organization.

This summit offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn from national leaders, connect with peers and help shape the future of caregiver well-being in Wisconsin.

Summit Details

Date: September 10, 2026

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Madison–Sun Prairie

Register today and join a statewide movement dedicated to creating healthier workplaces and a stronger health care workforce for Wisconsin.

[Register here](#)

Contact WHA Chief Quality Officer Nadine Allen with questions.



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