

NUTRITION

A noon meal program is administered by the Oconto County Commission on Aging through a grant from the federal and state governments as a result of the Older American's Act. Social, Nutritional and Educational activities are frequently scheduled in conjunction with the meals.

CONGREGATE MEALS

People 60 and older; any spouse who attends the dining center with their spouse who is aged 60 or older; a person with a disability, under age 60, who resides in housing facilities occupied primarily by older individuals at which congregate nutrition services are provided; a disabled individual who resides at home with and accompanies an older individual to the dining center, are welcome to attend any of the Nutrition Sites. The Nutrition Sites are:

- Tabor United Methodist Church
Leola Schneider, Site Manager
Gillett (920) 855-2066
- Oconto Municipal Building
Joan Westenber, Site Manager
(920) 834-7709
- Oconto Falls Senior Citizens Center
Mary Blumreich, Site Manager
(920) 846-3475

- Suring United Methodist Church
Mae Adams, Site Manager
(920) 842-2110
- St. John's Lutheran Church
Judy DeLano, Site Manager
Little Suamico (920) 826-7822
- Lakewood Town Hall
Judy Lewins, Site Manager
(715) 276-7366

Be sure to call the site one weekday in advance to make a meal reservation.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Nutritious meals may be delivered to homebound elderly. To be eligible, a person must be:

1. 60 years of age or older, frail and essentially homebound by reason of illness, disability or isolation for whom an assessment concludes that participation is in the persons' best interest
2. Spouse of a person eligible for home delivered meals as described above, regardless of age or condition, if an assessment concludes that it is in the best interest of the homebound older individual
3. The person agrees to be home at the time the meal is delivered, unless 24 hour notice is given when absence is

Although contributions are voluntary, a **suggested donation of \$3.50** would be appreciated. The Oconto County Commission on Aging office may be contacted for more information.

LEGAL SERVICES/ BENEFIT COUNSELING

A benefit specialist is available to assist older adults (60 years and older) regarding public benefits such as SSI, Social Security, Medicare and a full range of other legal services. Eligibility guidelines and assistance with applications are also available. Attorney back-up is provided the Benefit Specialist to assure accurate guidance.

ELDER ABUSE

A system to receive reports and investigate suspected elder abuse is coordinated by the Commission on Aging, as required by State Law. This system does not seek to place blame but strives to provide services to relieve circumstances bringing on the abuse. Cases of suspected elder abuse should be reported by calling (920) 834-7707 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., otherwise the Sheriff's Department at (920) 834-6919.

TRANSPORTATION

Rural Service: Transportation for people 55 and older or with disabilities is provided throughout the county on a rotating schedule, including door-to-door service to the nearest nutrition site and shopping area. A vehicle equipped with a wheel chair lift is available. A donation is expected. To find out when this service is available in your area, contact the Commission on Aging or the Nutrition Site Manager in your area.

Oconto Service: Transportation for people 55 and older or with disabilities in the Oconto area to Oconto stores, doctors, Nutrition Site, etc. on certain days of the week is provided. Call the Commission office for information. Donations are appreciated.

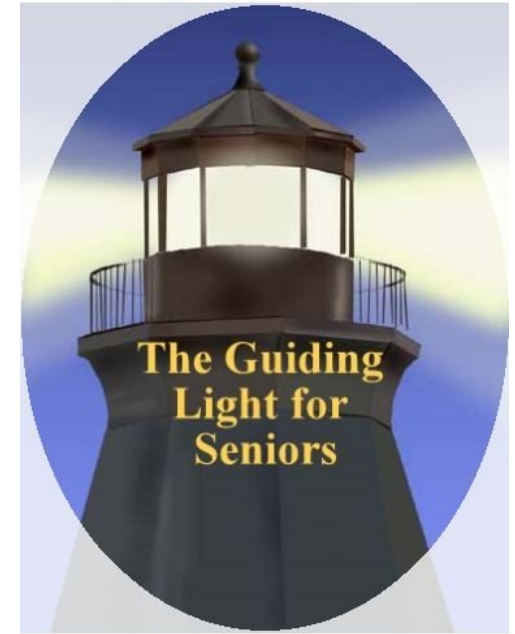
Volunteer Escort Program: This program provides transportation for older adults with no other means of transportation for vital needs, such as medical appointments. Volunteers use their own vehicles to provide this service.

Anyone needing this service must contact the Commission office at least three working days in advance. Donations are requested. This is **NOT** an emergency service.

OUTREACH

The outreach program is designed to assist older adults with any problems on an individual basis. Outreach workers help older citizens find solutions to their problems. All information is confidential. To contact the outreach worker for your area, call the Commission Office or Nutrition Site Manager.

The Commission on Aging has, or will find, information on any program affecting older adults. Contact the Commission for any information not covered in this brochure.



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Monday through Friday**

This brochure is designed as a guide for older adults describing the Services of the Oconto County Commission on Aging