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The Access & Detection workgroup seeks to detect or identify older adults and adults with disabilities who are socially isolated and lonely by creating meaningful authentic engagement opportunities and providing access to detection measures, appropriate resources, and evidence-based interventions.

**Our goals are to:**

1. Identify older adults and adults with disabilities that are experiencing effects of isolation and loneliness
2. Explore healthcare organization and/or primary care providers that are collecting isolation and loneliness data
3. Increase access to social isolation and loneliness resources for consumers and professionals
4. Evaluate existing evidence-based and research-informed workshops to assess impact on isolation and loneliness
5. Strengthen an equitable approach to social isolation, loneliness, and connectedness across Wisconsin.

**Workgroup Updates**

The workgroup has identified the UCLA Loneliness Scale as an evidence-based tool to detect isolation and loneliness. The workgroup recommends use of the three-question UCLA tool to detect isolation and loneliness in most healthcare, community and research settings.

The work group will be adding questions regarding social isolation and loneliness to participant evaluation forms for the StrongBodies and Aging Mastery Programs in Wisconsin. Data will be evaluated to determine the role high-level evidence-based programming plays in reducing social isolation and loneliness.

The workgroup is updating manuals and guides to support community-based methods of reducing isolation and loneliness.