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**GET STARTED KIT!**

**Application and Employer Letter**

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**Be a part of the Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign!**

Invite your legislator to:

* tour your workplace,
* meet your co-workers and
* learn why your job is important!

**Get started!**

To participate, just follow the steps below:

**Step 1: Give your supervisor the Employer Letter on the next page and ask for approval to invite your legislator to visit you at your job in the community. If they say yes, move on to Step 2.**

**Step 2: Fill out and mail or email the Participant Application to:**

Kaitlin McNamara

c/o BPDD

101 E. Wilson St., Room 219

Madison, WI 53703

[Kaitlin.mcnamara@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kaitlin.mcnamara@Wisconsin.gov)

**Step 3: BPDD will call or email you.**

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| *LOGO* | Employer  **LETTER** |

**THANK YOU for employing a person with a disability!**

Your employee is interested in participating in the 6th annual Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign, a project of the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD).

During the campaign, employees with disabilities invite their legislator to visit them at work and see first-hand the value of jobs in the community that pay market wages. During a visit, your employee may

* give his or her legislator a tour of the workplace,
* introduce them to co-workers, and
* discuss why a job in the community that pays market wages is important to him or her.

Please support your employee’s enthusiasm for participating in this campaign by allowing a legislator to visit your business. Hundreds of employers have participated over the years.

Facts about employment of people with disabilities in their community for market wages:

* 87% of customers say they would prefer to patronize businesses employing people

with disabilities. (Siperstein, Romano, Mohler, Parker, 2005)

* The turnover rate for employees with disabilities is 8% in comparison to 45% for

other workers. (Crain’s Chicago Business Survey, Washington Mutual, Inc. Study, 2003)

A visit usually takes less than an hour and provides an excellent opportunity to show how employing people with disabilities strengthens the workforce and community. You also will receive a Certificate of Appreciation to display at your business.

You can learn more about the campaign at www.wi-bpdd.org.

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| *LOGO* | Participant **APPLICATION** |

**Participant Information**

*The participant is the person with a disability who has a community-integrated job.*

Name:

Street address:

City:       WI Zip:

Email address:

Phone number:       Cell number:

Have you participated in Take Your Legislator to Work before? Yes No

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

I give BPDD permission to use my picture from my visit. We may use your photo in digital or print media.

**Employer/Business Information**

Do you have permission from your employer to bring your legislator to work? Yes No

Name of Business:

Business street address:

City:      WI Zip:

Name of your supervisor:

Your supervisor’s email address:

Your supervisor’s phone number:       Cell number:

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**Facilitator Information** (if applicable)

*A facilitator is someone who is helping you set up your visit.*

Name:

Email address:       Street Address: Click here to enter text.

Daytime number:       Cell number:

Relationship to participant: Parent Guardian Job coach Other:

**About Your Job**

Do you have a job in your community that pays minimum wage or higher ($7.25 or more)?   
Yes No

How many hours per week do you work?       Your job title:

What days do you work?       What hours do you work?

How long have you worked there?

How do you typically get to work (bus, taxi, walk, bike, drive)?

What do you do at your job? (If you need more space to answer any question, use the back of this form)

What do you like about your job?

Send your completed Participant Application by:

* email to kaitlin.mcnamara@wisconsin.gov
* fax to (608) 267-3906 or
* mail to Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign c/o BPDD

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