



Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign 2016-17

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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.**

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

Beth Moss
c/o BPDD
101 E. Wilson St., Room 219
Madison, WI 53703

Beth.Moss@Wisconsin.gov

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



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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For more information contact
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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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your job paid?

☐ Yes, at minimum wage or higher

☐ Yes, below minimum wage

☐ No, I am a volunteer

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

How long have you worked there? _____

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 Beth.Moss@Wisconsin.gov
- fax to (608) 267-3906 or
- mail to Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign c/o BPDD
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