



Impacting the Lives of Wisconsin's Disability Community

Our federal charge in the Developmental Disabilities Act is identifying the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities and developing innovative and cost-effective ways to meet these needs in a manner that upholds human and civil value. Councils must include, at minimum, 60% people with developmental disabilities and their family members.

Our mission is to help people with developmental disabilities become independent and productive and participate in all facets of community life. We work toward continuous improvement across all systems—education, transportation, health care, employment, etc.—that touch the lives of people with disabilities.



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We always wanted our son to be a contributing member of society. I tell (James) he's a tax paying citizen now.

*- James' dad, Holmen, WI
James is a youth employment project participant*

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Changes in people's lives (2012 - 2016):

- Nearly 500 more youth and adults found and kept competitive-wage jobs.
- More than 600 self-advocates and family members participated in policy efforts to increase employment, improve public schools and Medicaid-funded programs, and expand transportation options.
- 300 more people chose to self-direct their long term supports with an average underspending of 14%.
- Increased voter turnout among the disability community by 15%.
- Tripled the employment rate for youth with the most significant disabilities in a statewide effort to improve public programs charged with equipping youth for the workforce.
- Raised state policymakers expectations about the ability of people with disabilities to work in the community.

