



Get Involved!

Apply for a Board project!

BUILDING FULL LIVES: This initiative provides training and technical assistance to support organizations that want to support people with disabilities in community settings both for employment and other activities. **Apply by Dec. 1**

SPARKS GRANTS help local grassroots groups identify and make changes in their communities that result in a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities. SPARKS Grants are available to people with developmental disabilities and family members in Wisconsin. **Apply by Aug. 1**

EMPLOYMENT FIRST: BPDD partners with Wisconsin APSE and People First Wisconsin on Wisconsin Employment First. This initiative promotes integrated employment - jobs in typical business settings at minimum wage or higher - in the general workforce for people with disabilities. The goal is to double the employment rate in Wisconsin in five years. **Year-round**

VOTING: The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition (WDVC) is a non-partisan effort to increase voting turnout and participation in the electoral process among members of Wisconsin's disability community. The WDVC is funded by the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and Disability Rights Wisconsin. **Year-round**

PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING is a six-session advocacy and systems change leadership program to develop future leaders across the state who are able to work with legislators and communities on policies and initiatives that will support the full participation and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life. **Apply by Sept. 1**

TAKE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO WORK: Individuals with disabilities working in their community invite their legislator to visit them at work. Legislators visit their constituents with disabilities at their jobs and meet their supervisors and co-workers **Year-round**

WISCONSIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM is a week-long leadership training and career awareness program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors with disabilities. Being selected to attend the YLF is a distinct honor that you can be very proud of and include on your resume. **Apply by May 1.**

FAMILY-LED NETWORKS: A family led group is a network of families with children transitioning from high school or adult children with disabilities that are committed to work together to educate themselves on various aspects of adult life for their child with a disability. Families meet, learn about resources, and provide support to each other. **Apply by October 1.**

To find out more and get announcements about these programs, sign up for Board emails at wi-bpdd.org