



Wisconsin's Living Well project aims to increase health, safety, independence and well-being of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the community.

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) received a 5-year federal grant from the Administration on Community Living to develop and test approaches for improving home and community-based services (HCBS) for people with developmental disabilities.

BPDD's collaborators on the project include:

- **Waisman University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities**
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin**
- **WI Department of Health Services Division of Long-Term Supports and Services**
- **Managed Care Organizations**
- **IRIS Consultant Agencies**
- **Service providers**
- **Self-advocates**
- **Families**

The project will select five pilot sites that will test promising strategies to promote health, safety, independence, and community participation of people with disabilities, while improving community monitoring to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Living Well project activities will include:

- Training and mentoring for direct care professionals.
- A peer leadership network of self-advocates and families.
- Implementing evidence-based and promising practices such as self-advocacy training, Supported Decision-Making, personal futures planning, community-based services to build a meaningful life, and competitive integrated employment.
- Conducting Personal Outcome Measure interviews with individuals to ensure supports and services are truly person-centered.
- Developing consumer-friendly resources to equip individuals with I/DD, families, direct support workers and funders to identify indicators of both risk and safety across community settings and to assess and identify quality settings.

Resources and policies developed as a result of the pilots will be used to support people with developmental disabilities throughout Wisconsin to be healthy, safe, and included in their communities.

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