



2019 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference

Back to the Future Self-Determination Powered By Innovation



October 14 - 16, 2019

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Registration opens July, 2019

For more information visit: www.WI-BPDD.org



HOW TO REGISTER: www.WI-BPDD.org

Registration fees include:
meals, materials,
and refreshments



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ▶ Pre-conference Labs: **\$10**
- ▶ SD Conference 101: **Free**
- ▶ Consumer: **\$90 (Early Bird: \$75)**
- ▶ Direct Care Provider attending with a Consumer: **\$100 (Early Bird \$85)**
- ▶ Family Member: **\$100 (Early Bird \$85)**
- ▶ Professional/Other: **\$250 (Early Bird \$200)**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION MUST BE postmarked by August 15, 2019
Registration deadline is September 27, 2019

Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships are available for individuals with disabilities who qualify. Scholarship applications will be accepted until August 30, 2019, or until funds have run out.

- **Adult Consumer Scholarship: \$25**
- **Student Plus One Scholarship: \$50**

Everyone attending must register, including support staff and additional family members. On-site registration is not available.

Hotel Lodging: Reserve online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/49887464> or call (877) 253-5466. The Kalahari Resort is holding a block of guest rooms for October 14 and 15, 2019. Room rates are \$82/single and \$129/double/triple/quad.

* If you need an accessible room, indicate this online or by phone. Visit www.KalahariResort.com for driving instructions and hotel information.

Reserve your room by September 13, 2019. Ask for the 2019 Self-Determination Conference room block.

Cancellation Policy: Conference expenses are projected based on your attendance. Therefore, we will not be able to give refunds. However, substitutions may be made at any time. Please inform us in advance of such substitutions or of a cancellation.

Questions? Email: selfdetermined@incontrolwisconsin.org
or call (920) 723-5571

Who Should Attend?

Self - Advocates

Educators

Family Members

Advocates

Providers

Back to the Future: Self-Determination Powered by Innovation

Your past never defines your future.

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, “The future depends on what we do in the present.”

Every day we learn about new technology that helps us live better, be stronger, or simply have more fun. Technology can break barriers, level the playing field, and open doors - literally and figuratively! It is the future.

There are some who say, “I’ve done just fine without technology in my life,” and that may be true. We’ll have things for people like this at the conference too. There are many things from our past that should not or cannot be replaced. They are tried and true. There is no substitute for actual human contact, that personal connection you make when you’re face to face with someone. Talking! Remember that? We need more of that in our lives. Technology shouldn’t take the place of things that are working, but technology can help someone overcome barriers they are currently experiencing. It is a great equalizer.

For those of you who have already embraced technology, this conference will be like a trip to the candy store! Technology can be used to help someone self-direct. It can help us find solutions in a different way. You will learn ways technology can improve your life. Regardless of how much you currently use technology, you will get lots of chances to try things out and see what might work for you.

From the very beginning of the Self-Determination Conference, self-advocates have had the opportunity to share their successes and struggles so others can understand and learn from their experiences. Self-determination is inspired by our past, and in touch with tomorrow. At the Self-Determination Conference, our experiences will move us forward!

Thousands have been inspired to live more self-determined lives, to do their own thing rather than picking from a menu of services. We’ve become more resourceful and expanded the possibilities for a life just like everyone else’s. We come together to share common values of self-determination and self-direction.

We hope this 12th Self-Determination Conference will inspire you to try new things, expand your universe and empower YOU to share your ideas with all of us.

So, for this conference, let’s keep an open mind and take a **BYTE** out of technology! You may just find something that will improve your life.

Self-Determination: To infinity and beyond!

Keynote Speakers

Tuesday, October 15: Through the Same Door: Living MY Life

Micah Fialka-Feldman is a self-advocate, teaching assistant, outreach coordinator, national speaker, and pioneer who fights for disability pride, justice, and inclusion. He is part of the first wave of adults with intellectual disabilities who have attended college and has been fully included in school and community.

Micah is also featured in a documentary by Dan Habib called, *Intelligent Lives*. He will share his story of what it took to be fully included in school, college, work and his community. A Circle of Friends, technology, taking risks, asking for help and doing what he enjoys have been important parts of his quest to be happy and healthy.



Micah Fialka-Feldman earned a certificate in Disability Studies from the Syracuse University School of Education in 2015. Micah currently lives in Syracuse N.Y. where he co-teaches classes in inclusive education and disability studies. He is an outreach coordinator at the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education. In May of 2014, Micah was appointed by President Obama to President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Wednesday, October 16: Self-Determination YouTube Channel

Do you see life as a journey? Are you looking for a path that personally empowers you? We are a group of self-advocates with developmental or intellectual disabilities who believe self-determination is essential to living our best life-the life we all deserve. We're Launching our YouTube Channel at the conference! The channel is dedicated to sharing our voices about using choice and control in our lives. We will celebrate successes and show you that perseverance is possible. Through this channel you can connect with other self-advocates and people who support us. Meet the channel hosts:



Cindy Bentley
Milwaukee



Ashley Mathy
Rhineland



Philip Temme
Madison



Stacy Ellingen
Oshkosh



Susan Borri
Milwaukee

Monday, October 14

REGISTRATION OPEN 12 - 7 PM

Pre-conference Labs: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

* Registration Required

StorySlam: Everyone has true, personal stories inside them, just waiting to be told! Ex Fabula invites you to discover, craft and share stories about your life. In this workshop, Ex Fabula storytelling coaches will lead you through a series of interactive, small group activities - to learn effective storytelling skills. We'll focus on the theme of technology – which can include stories about tools, cell phones, assistive devices, relationships built online, or even the time you solved a problem MacGyver style! At the end of the session, you'll learn about opportunities to share a story at the Club SD StorySlam. * Lab conducted by Megan McGee from ExFabula

Self-Determination YouTube Channel: Join the first YouTube Channel run by people with disabilities. Learn what it takes to get a YouTube channel set up, how to film and produce interesting videos. Help create some videos, be a reporter and maybe even star in your own video. * Lab conducted by Susan Borri and the Self-Determination YouTube Channel Hosts

Innovation Station: Have you ever wanted to be on Shark Tank, or have you ever said, “Why didn't I think of that?” Put on your inventor's hat and come with your ideas for creating a business, inventing a product, or developing an App. We'll help you develop your idea to display during the Tuesday Technology Huddles – the top ideas could be awarded grants to help bring them to life! * Lab conducted by Shannon Webb, Dustin Wright and Jenny Neugart

Self-Determination Conference 101: Are you attending the conference for the first time? Do you want help figuring out what sessions you would like to attend? Register for this pre-conference session to get the scoop on all the really good sessions, keynotes presentations, and activities. With a conference packed full of this many things, you don't want to miss anything!

MONDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF: DINNER AND A MOVIE:

5:00 PM - 9:00 pm

From award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib comes *INTELLIGENT LIVES*. The movie stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and employment. Academy Award-winning actor and narrator Chris Cooper contextualizes the lives of these central characters through the emotional personal story of his son Jesse, as the film unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the U.S.

Special guest: Micah Fialka-Feldman

Scavenger Hunt: Gather a team, or join one of ours, for an interactive hunt around the Kalahari. There will be prizes, laughter and team building experiences you won't want to miss. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Agenda at a Glance

Day 1: Tuesday, October 15

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration, Networking & Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:00 am	General Session 1, Keynote: Micah Fialka - Feldman
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Networking Break & Exhibitors
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Really Good Learning Sessions
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch, Diehard Awards & Networking
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Really Good Learning Sessions
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Innovation Labs & Tech Huddles
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Break & Hotel Check-in
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner & People First Wisconsin Auction
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Club Self-Determination StorySlam

Day 2: Wednesday, October 16

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:00 am	General Session 2, Keynote: Self-Determination YouTube Channel
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Networking Break & Exhibitors
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Really Good Learning Sessions
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch & Networking
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Let's Talk About It! Hot Topics!
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Closing & Really Good Door Prizes!

GENERAL SESSION TOPICS

- Circles of Support
- Health Monitoring Technology
- Technology to Support Independence
- Visual Plans
- Fitness
- Transportation Projects
- Relationship Building
- Voting
- Remote Technology
- Apps, Social Media, Online Tools
- Technology and Job Coaching
- And More.....



Featured Events

TUESDAY

DIEHARD AWARDS (12:30 PM)

Diehard Awards are presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the advocacy work here in Wisconsin. A diehard is someone with a steadfast commitment to the principles of self-determination and goes above and beyond what's expected and helps others along the way. Do you know a diehard you would like to nominate? Use our QR Code to find the nomination form!

TECH HUDDLE: EXPLORE, TRY AND INNOVATE! (3:30-5:00 PM)

This is a hands-on opportunity to see the latest technologies, ask questions of the experts and try out some cool stuff! From Smart homes to inventions (created by you), there is something for everyone!

CLUB SD STORYSLAM (7:00 PM)

The Club Self-Determination StorySlam is an evening of true and personal stories from StoryLab participants. This noncompetitive Slam will feature true stories about technology and more. Audience members can also participate in the storytelling by submitting UltraShorts, which are brief, true personal stories written on slips of paper and then read onstage by the emcee. Come Join the Club!

WEDNESDAY

HOT TOPICS: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Join one of the many hot topic conversations. A facilitator will help us identify issues, brainstorm solutions and take action steps. Content experts will be on hand to listen and answer questions.



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