



2020 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference

Turning Vision Into Reality



October 26-28, 2020
Virtually Everywhere



#SDCVisionIntoReality



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



This project was supported, in part by grant number 2001WISCDD-00, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201. Grantees undertaking projects with government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinions do not, therefore, necessarily represent official ACL policy.

HOW TO REGISTER: www.WI-BPDD.org



Scan to go to
Conference
Page for
Registration!

**REGISTRATION IS FREE
BUT YOU MUST REGISTER**
Registration deadline is
October 1, 2020

NEW THIS YEAR!

Watch Parties

Local Watch Parties are being scheduled throughout the state. There may be one in your area. Watch Parties will support current and local safe practices guidelines. They will provide lunch, snacks and in person activities. You **MUST** register to attend.

Want to host a watch party in your area?

Contact Fil Clissa for more information: fil.clissa@wisconsin.gov

Things you need to know about a Virtual Conference:



**Technology
Needs:**



You need to make sure you have the ability to participate in the conference by having a computer and internet access. We will have practice meetings before the conference so you can test it out. Meeting dates and times will be emailed to you. Please attend at least one of these meetings so you are less likely to run into problems the day of the conference. Zoom works best with Chrome or Firefox. Opportunities to practice with Zoom meeting will be offered before the conference.

You will be emailed information on how to access the conference after you register. Please include **your email** in the registration. If you have concerns about your technology, your Care Manager or IRIS Consultant may be able to help you, or contact us to help you problem solve.

CEU & CRC Credits will be available at the conference.
CEU & CRCs provided by: **University of Wisconsin - Stout**



Cancellation Policy: The conference is free, but please let us know if you can no longer join us so we know how many people to expect. Substitutions can be made at any time. *Please use your own email address so we can talk to you directly.*

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

Who Should Attend?

Self - Advocates

Educators

Family Members

Advocates

Providers

Turning Vision Into Reality

Well, we didn't see THIS coming! Never did we imagine a virtual conference! The Self-Determination Conference has always been a highly interactive conference with lots of opportunities to network, connect, and explore new opportunities. We are determined to make the 2020 virtual conference just as interactive!

[**Good thing** the entire 2019 conference was dedicated to technology! 😊]

Life is sure different now. We are socially distancing, working from home, wearing facemasks, and using Zoom! We've learned new ways to get our needs met through home deliveries, curbside pickups, and virtual meetings!

At the Self-Determination Conference, self-advocates can share their successes and struggles so others can learn from their experiences. Self-Determination inspires us and guides our vision for the future. At the Self-Determination Conference, we will move forward together!

This is the 13th Self-Determination Conference! Some would skip the "13th" of anything but not us! We are determined as ever to be creative, think outside the box and help you reach your vision!

So, keep an open mind, put on your fuzzy slippers and join us virtually. Together-apart!

"Dream Big and Try" George Zaske, parent



Keynote Speakers

Tuesday: Opening Ceremonies: See Me for Me!

Celebrating the diversity of our community:



Wednesday: Envisioning the Future

Lessons from our advocates



Desi Kluth lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin and loves working on issues that affect people with disabilities and mental health issues. She is a board member of the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD), a People First Wisconsin member, and lives in her own apartment. She is also a great friend and listener to others who need help.

Erin Miller is a Milwaukee resident who lives with her cat Temba. She is a fierce self-advocate and currently works for People First Wisconsin. When Erin isn't working, she enjoys reading, raising butterflies, and learning new recipes.



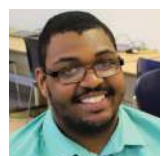
Dakota Maynard is a young man with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). He is a busy student, attending the Fire Protection Program at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI. Dakota was brought up in a large, loving and fun filled family. One of his passions is educating people in the community about ASD.

George Zaske is an attorney who works with families to help plan for the future for their child with a disability. He is a proud parent of an adult son with developmental disabilities who is currently employed in his community. A seasoned conference presenter on guardianship, and supported decision making.



Harriet Redman Harriet Redman, M.S. Ed. is Executive Director and founder of WisconSibs, a non-profit organization dedicated to children and adults who have siblings with disabilities. She has a 30-year-old son with developmental disabilities.

King Hall King Hall is a 24 year old living in downtown Milwaukee with his 16 year old brother and mother. He is currently a student at the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and is working hard to become a chef. He works at the Home Depot and volunteers with My Choice Family Care - Care Wisconsin.



Monday, October 26

REGISTRATION OPEN 12 - 7 PM

Pre-conference tutorials: 1 - 7 PM

Not familiar with Zoom or virtual conferences? Watch a series of information videos to help you participate in everything the conference has to offer.

KICK-OFF: Microbusiness Night Market: 4:00 PM - 6:00 pm

Join our favorite Microbusiness for a sneak peek at their business, art and passion

All Abilities Market:

The All Abilities Market was created to offer a virtual platform for microenterprise owners to sell their products who typically vend at conference and trade shows.

All Abilities Market showcases Wisconsin-based artists and makers with disabilities. Every artist has their unique style and product list. We invite you to cozy up at home in your favorite chair and get a jump on your holiday shopping.



Conference Special:

Free shipping

*on all orders placed
October 26-28, 2020!*

Agenda at a Glance



Day 1: Tuesday, October 27

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Check in to your watch party or test out your internet connection
9:00 am - 10:15 am	General Session 1, Welcome and Keynote: Opening Celebration!
10:15 am - 11:00 am	Networking Break, Exhibitors & More
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Really Good Learning Sessions
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch, Networking & Diehard Awards
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Really Good Learning Sessions
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Networking Break, Exhibitors & More
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Self-Advocate's Stories of Vision
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Wrap Up and People First Wisconsin Virtual Dance Party. Celebrate 20 years of advocacy!

On your own- After hours movies and hang outs will be available

Day 2: Wednesday, October 28

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Check in to your watch party or test out your internet connection
9:00 am - 10:00 am	General Session 2, Keynote: Stand Up for Self-Determination: Advocates Speak out
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Networking Break, Exhibitors & More
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Really Good Learning Sessions
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Networking Break, Exhibitors & More
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Really Good Learning Sessions
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Closing & Really Good Door Prizes!

Stick around for our wrap up video and really cool door prizes!

GENERAL SESSION TOPICS

- Community Connections
- Technology
- Self-Directed Supports
- Housing
- Relationship Building
- Voting
- Self-Advocacy
- Health
- And Many Hang Out / Chat Rooms, & Interactive Activities!



Featured Events

2020

Turning Vision
Into Reality

TUESDAY, October 27, 2020

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!]

Congratulations to People First for 20 years of Advocacy, Determination and Freedom!

In celebration of People First Wisconsin's 20th Anniversary, we will be holding a dance party! People First has been advocating for issues that affect Wisconsin residents for the last 20 years. In that time, they have helped break down barriers for people with disabilities to find employment, live independently, and to leave institutions and return to their communities. Cindy Bentley, their Executive Director, was actually freed from an institution herself! She is very passionate about making sure people are empowered to make their voices heard in their communities. As People First's late President, Jennifer Kuhr, always said- "NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US!"

Join People First for a Dance Party Celebration!

Get Down with **DJ Joe**: DJ Joe will shake up some excitement and keep the party going! DJ Joe will come to us live from Norwalk, Connecticut. For as long as he can remember, he has loved music and has been the life of the party. He loves being a DJ and the money he makes helps to him with his independence.



Virtual Distractions:

Movie and Hang Out Rooms will be open from 6 pm - 9 pm



2020 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference



Turning VISION Into Reality



Like BPDD on Facebook: Get up-to-date conference information on BPDD's Facebook page!



Follow BPDD on Twitter: Follow [@wibpdd](https://twitter.com/wibpdd) we will be tweeting information about the conference with the hashtag [#SDCVisionIntoReality](https://twitter.com/SDCVisionIntoReality)