



## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

# Celebrate Bright Futures



The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) is dedicated to improving the employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The **Employment First Initiative**, with Wisconsin APSE and People First WI, promotes integrated employment. **Building Full Lives** provides support and coaching to organizations looking to support people with disabilities in community employment. The **Self-Directed Employment Modules**, developed with InControl Wisconsin, are a series of training videos to help people with disabilities create a plan to achieve their employment goals. **Take Your Legislator to Work** connects people working in the community with elected officials and promotes self-advocacy.

With the support of businesses, the legislature, and self-advocates, we can ensure that everyone who wants to work can get a job in their community.

## LEARN ABOUT MAPP AND ABLE ACCOUNTS

Join us on Wednesday, October 14th at 11 am for **Living Well Wednesday** on Zoom and Facebook Live. Learn about ABLE Accounts and the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) and how people with disabilities can use these two programs to earn and save more money. Jolene Wanek from Employment Resources Inc. will join us to talk about ABLE Accounts and MAPP and answer your questions.

**REGISTER NOW TO JOIN US ON ZOOM!**



# Partners With Business Annual Report

## BEFORE PARTNERS WITH BUSINESS

Average Hours per Week Employee with a Disability Received Medicaid Funded Job Coaching :	Average Annual Cost to Medicaid System to Support this Person on the Job: \$7,150
<b>5.5 hours/week</b>	

## AFTER PARTNERS WITH BUSINESS

Average Hours per Week Employee with a Disability Received Medicaid Funded Job Coaching :	Average Annual Cost to Medicaid System to Support this Person on the Job: \$2,860
<b>2.2 hours/week</b>	

The Wisconsin Legislature established the Partners with Business initiative in 2017 to assist businesses interested in hiring and employing people with disabilities using an evidence-based coaching model. In its second year, Partners with Business provided grant funds and coaching to 5 employment service providers. Learn about the success of this initiative in the **Partners with Business Annual Report to the Legislature, June 2019 - May 2020**.

The third year of Partners with Business has begun with 6 new employment service providers receiving grant funds and coaching. You can learn more about Partners with Business on the BPDD website: [www.wi-bpdd.org](http://www.wi-bpdd.org)

## 2020 Employment First Grantees



The purpose of **Employment First Partner Grants** is to enlist partners to engage in community outreach activities in local communities to increase community, integrated employment opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Employment First Grantees for 2020 had their kick-off meeting this week and one grantee has already hosted a virtual transition fair!



### Meet Stacy!

Stacy is a graphic designer and a host on the **Self-Determination Channel** where she has a vlog series called "Stewing with Stacy". Stacy also designed the logo for the channel. In **this video**, you learn about Stacy and the assistive technology she uses to succeed at her job!