

2021 Wisconsin Employment First Conference Agenda

Wednesday, May 12 -- Pre-Conference Session and Event

- 3:00-4:30pm Pre-Conference Session with Stephen Graves
- 5:00-6:30pm Night Market and WI APSE Networking Hour

Thursday, May 13 – Conference Agenda

- 8:45-9:00am Log into Zoom
- 9:00-9:10am Welcome: Beth Swedeen, Executive Director, Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- 9:10-10:20am Plenary Session with Nicole LeBlanc and Alixe Bonardi
- 10:20-10:50am Guest Speaker Panel Discussion
- 10:50-11:00am Break
- 11:00am-12:30pm Morning Breakout Sessions

Important Note: The presenters for the morning sessions have prepared their presentations *specifically for each stakeholder group. Please attend the session that matches your role.*

Virtual Room 1: Self-Advocates	Employment 101: Informed Choice in employment, what does that really mean? with Nicole LeBlanc
Virtual Room 2: Family Members of Self-Advocates	Balancing Dreams with Supports while ensuring the Dignity of Risk with Stacey Ramirez
Virtual Room 3: Employment Specialists (e.g., Job Coaches or Job Developers)	Everyone Can Work: Person Centered Actions with Doug Crandell and Patty Cassidy
Virtual Room 4: School Staff, Teachers, Transition Coordinators	It's My Choice: Embedding Dignity of Risk into the Transition Planning Process with Jennifer Bumble and Christopher Worth
Virtual Room 5: Day Service or Prevocational Service Staff	Supporting the Trajectory towards Good Lives with Sheli Reynolds

Virtual Room 6: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	Customized Employment: What it Is and Why We Need It with Beth Keeton and Ashlea Lantz
Virtual Room 7: Long Term Care Staff (Family Care and IRIS)	DISCOVER Purpose and Meaning in Employment with Laura Buckner
Virtual Room 8: Leadership from Service Provider Agencies, MCOs ICAs or State Agencies	Radical Leadership: Prioritizing Person-Centeredness as a Catalyst for Systems-Change Efforts in Policy, Practice, Payment & Performance with Serena Lowe

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch; Concert with Special Guest Ricardo Vasquez from 12:30-1:15pm

1:30-2:15pm

Your Gifts Matter – Sharing Your Gifts with Your Community
Deb Wisniewski, Asset Based Community Development Institute

2:15-3:30pm

Community Conversations: Putting Person-Centered Thinking in
Action
Harvest of Ideas
Closing