



2021 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference

Sponsored by Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

Self-Determination: Growing Stronger Together

October 18-20, 2021
Virtually Everywhere!

Registration opens August 2, 2021



#SDCGrowingStrongerTogether



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



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The 2021 Self-Determination Conference Is Virtual This Year!

Join us Virtually

You're in for a great virtual conference experience! Lots of interactive and networking opportunities. You will be emailed information on how to access the conference after you register. Please include your email in the registration. It is the only way to connect to the conference.



Things you need to know about a Virtual Conference

- You will need a computer, tablet or smart phone, and internet access.
- If you have not used Zoom before we will have "practice" meetings before the conference so you can test it out.

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.

HOW TO REGISTER: www.WI-BPDD.org

REGISTER by September 15, 2021 to ensure that you receive a conference kit mailed to you.

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



Scan to go to
Conference Registration!

Registration deadline is October 1, 2021.

Who Should Attend?



Self-Advocates

Advocates

Family Members

Educators

Providers

Growing Stronger Together

This year's conference is a celebration of our determination!

It's been quite a year! We have had many challenges and much sadness. Many of us have grieved the loss of someone dear. We have also seen many great examples of our community coming together, encouraging each other, and finding creative ways to support each other. We know our Wisconsin disability community works better when we all work together.

Our 14th Self-Determination Conference presents us with new opportunities! We are more determined than ever to be creative, think outside the box and help you reach your vision!

This past year our country has seen many changes. We have opened our hearts and minds to important conversations. These issues have greatly affected people with disabilities. Out of crisis can come opportunity. We have the opportunity at the Self-Determination Conference to listen to each other so that we can learn from each other. The conference is a safe place to have these conversations.

For many people Zoom has become a daily part of life. Zoom was the only way many of us saw each other during the pandemic, but we now have learned it can remain a useful tool to stay connected.

At the **Self-Determination Conference**, self-advocates can share their successes and struggles so others can learn from their experiences. Self-Determination inspires us to dig deep and plant the seeds for a stronger future.

Join us as we grow stronger together!

This year the conference will be virtual.

With the health and safety of our participants in mind and with the current raise in COVID cases and variants, we have determined that a virtual conference is the best option for 2021.

BPDD can help people schedule a COVID vaccine appointment. Please contact the BPDD COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline at 608-266-7826 for assistance.

Get your **"I got vaccinated"** Pin!
Find out how when you register.

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



Monday, October 18

Pre-Conference Information

Preconference tutorials:

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

Available virtually starting at 1 PM and will be available throughout the conference.

Drop in for a Self-Determination Conference 101:

Is this the first time at the conference? Do you want help figuring out what sessions to attend or activities you don't want to miss? Stop by and get some one-to-one help anytime between 2 to-5 p.m.



KICK-OFF Event - 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Welcome to the Neighborhood! Stroll around the streets of Self-Determination! Connect with many of the businesses, opportunities, and resources found in most neighborhoods, including a health clinic, library, coffee shop, fire department, and exercise group. This will be a fun and interactive opportunity!



Tuesday, October 19

Keynote: Self-Determination Strong!

Self-Determination Strong! Celebrating our community, our strength, and our spirit! We can accomplish great things when we work together and support each other.

DIEHARD Awards

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!]



Join the Live Market Place

Join our favorite Microbusinesses for a tour of their virtual store.

After Five Activities

Dancing, movies, games and a few surprises throughout the night! Back by popular demand- DJ Steph Stringer!

Wednesday, October 20

Keynote: Redefining Disability

Disability does not mean inability. Hear from Wisconsin's own advocates who have broken barriers and expectations.

After Five Activities

Movies, games and a few surprises!

Diego



Ashley



Elsa



Sydney



Marquis



Julie



Cindy



Nicki



Erica



Stacy



Agenda at a Glance



Day 1: Tuesday, October 19

	Registration opens
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	General Session 1, Welcome and Keynote: Opening Celebration! Q&A with our Keynotes
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
11:45 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Networking
12:30 p.m.	Diehard Award Presentation
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Live Market Place/Break
5:00 p.m.	Afterhours Events

Day 2: Wednesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	General Session 2, Keynote: Redefining Disability
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions Self-Advocacy Sessions
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch and Networking
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Closing & Wrap up Video Really Good Door Prizes! And that's not all!
5:00 p.m.	Join us for more afterhours activities!

Session Topics:

Community Connections
Technology
Employment
Mindfulness
Relationship Building
Race and Equity
Self-Advocacy
Emotional Health
Transition
and Interactive Activities



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Growing Stronger Together!



The **All Abilities Market** showcases Wisconsin-based artists and makers with disabilities. Every artist has their unique style and product list. The Market will be live at the conference! You can shop in-person or virtually at allamarket.org.

All Abilities
— Market —



Self-Determination YouTube Channel is dedicated to sharing the voices of people with disabilities. If you believe self-determination is essential to living your best life, check out our videos and The Channel will be live at the conference! You too, can be a part of our videos! Please subscribe to our channel at www.youtube.com/SelfDeterminationChannel.



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"...this event embodies our core values of learning, inclusion and empowerment! The SD Conference allows us to hear from, connect with, and learn from self-advocates. Also, it's just a lot of fun!"

