

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities 2021 IMPACT



OVER
6,800 Volunteer hours contributed

resulting in \$183,444 in volunteer support to make WI communities better places for people with disabilities.



*Photo by Tom Jones II

BPDD invested more than **70%** of its **\$1.3 million** federal grant directly into WI communities: more than **\$910,000**.

Creation or improvement of **21 local and state policies** that positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Invested in community partners who helped 552 people with disabilities and their supporters get vaccinated.



Partners with Business resulted in a 32% reduction in the number of Medicaid funded job coaching support hours. This saved the Medicaid system about \$25,740 in 2021

Equipped over **12,374** professionals* to support people with disabilities to make their own choices and to stay healthy and connected in their communities through advocacy, voting, volunteering, and working.

\$74,418,065

leveraged in 2021, including millions in the state budget that support and improve WI disability programs.



The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) mission is to help people with developmental disabilities become independent, productive, and included in all facets of community life.

*Professionals includes disability service providers, direct support professionals, state agency staff, medical professionals, educators, legislators, managed care organization staff and IRIS consulting agency staff

16 people with disabilities

and family members trained by BPDD joined a board or coalition bringing the voice of people with disabilities to the table.



1,510 people with disabilities and family members participated in BPDD activities. **78%** of those who responded to surveys have increased their advocacy.

“I learned how to have the right to stand up for yourself and your rights.” –Living Well Safe and Free training participant



I come away with an appreciation of the importance for my daughter with an intellectual disability to be heard - both by me and by others. I just need to remember to listen, so she can be the one to make decisions about the life she leads. Thank you for the reminder. - Self Determination Conference Attendee

High school student Jordan attended a conference session about Supported Decision-Making. He said, “It blew me away how much I didn’t know”. Because of what he learned, he talked to his parents about his concerns with guardianship. They listened to him, got more information about Supported Decision-Making and dropped the guardianship petition.



“Before I had asked several times to get a phone, a YMCA membership, and a debit card. Guardian would ask why - many times. I just got tired of NO action. Once I participated in Living Well, things changed. I now have these things. I can be more independent. I can go to the YMCA when I want to. I feel more confident in myself, and my dreams can come true. I can cross these off my list!” – Living Well participant

For more information, visit wi-bpdd.org or call 608-266-7826.