

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities 2023 IMPACT



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~Celebrating 50 Years~

Over **4,700** volunteer hours contributed

resulting in \$141,822 in volunteer support to make WI communities better places for people with disabilities.



BPDD invested **80%** of its **funding** directly into WI communities: more than **\$1.8 million**

Creation or improvement of **14 local and state policies** that improved the lives of people with disabilities.

647 COVID and flu vaccinations in arms, half of which were given in people's homes or in community centers.



Over **2,800** people trained on voting topics including voting rights, how to register, requesting an absentee ballot, and voting in care facilities

94% of youth with disabilities and **92%** of family members participating in activities by Families Supporting Families grantees (community-based organizations run by people of color) said they feel empowered to advocate and have the skills to advocate for themselves or their family.

\$1,169,029

leveraged in 2023. This means that investments in BPDD have led to over \$1.1 million in added resources going to Wisconsin communities



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.

19 people with disabilities

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



Because of our partnership with the Coalition on Lead Emergency (COLE); 210 kids were tested for lead poisoning, over 1,000 lead safe kits were put in the hands of families who live in areas impacted by lead, and over 2,500 families have been educated about lead in water, paint and soil, and how nutrition can impact lead absorption .

"YLF helped me see people were putting me in a box. I'm not going to let anyone do that to me anymore" - Youth Leadership Forum Graduate



Nearly 3,000 people with disabilities and family members participated in BPDD activities. 74% of those who responded to surveys have increased their advocacy.

"Because my brother has developmental Disabilities it is easy for people to treat him like a child. No one in my family would tell anyone else that they have to go to church or not. The book helped me put this into perspective and come up with the language to talk about it beyond "I feel uncomfortable with that". - Family Member from a Living Well "Let's Talk about Rights" Workshop



"In these last 5 years I've worked with the BPDD being a self-advocate leader and participating in different projects with them, that passion [for advocacy] has only grown. They have pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me realize my potential. I went from being completely shy and quiet to more outspoken towards injustices aimed at the neurodivergent community. BPDD and the opportunities they have given me are the reason I want to make disability advocacy a career. Every person I meet leads to a door opening." - People First WI Self-Advocate Leader

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