



We want to unite ALL of Wisconsin in supporting people with developmental disabilities to lead their most independent lives.

Wisconsin Disability Policy Internship Application Packet



Become A Leader in Disability Policy in Wisconsin

Application deadline October 28th, 2024, at 5pm



The Wisconsin Disability Policy Internship is a 4-6 month, part-time (20 hour a week) paid internship designed to provide an early public policy career level experience in disability policy. Interns will earn \$20 an hour and will work within key Wisconsin policy divisions, state agencies offices, or disability organizations.

The internship focuses on understanding how laws are developed, how program policies are created, and how public policy impacts people's lives. The focus is on policies impacting people with disabilities

using the long-term care system in Wisconsin. This is an early public policy career level experience to begin to build your policy career. The project is funded through a grant from the Inlusa Foundation.

BPDD is committed to finding a wide group of applicants to participate in the Wisconsin Disability Public Policy Leadership Internship. If you require any accommodations to complete your application or to participate in the internship, please let us know. We are here to provide the support you need to succeed.

Who can apply?

Required to Apply

- Identify as a person with a developmental disability or a family member of a person with a developmental disability.
- Demonstrated interest in disability advocacy and policy.
- Good communication skills and ability to work as a team and get along with others.
- Basic knowledge or interest in state or local level advocacy related to disability, long-term care, employment, education, or community organizing.

Preferred to Apply

- Experience (paid or volunteer) working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Basic understanding of Wisconsin's legislative processes or long-term care system is a plus.



"The Wisconsin Disability Public Policy Leadership Program is an exciting opportunity for BPDD to develop new leaders in disability policy. We are thrilled to support passionate individuals who will drive positive change and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities in Wisconsin"

-Beth Swedeen
BPDD Executive Director

What are the activities of the Internship?

- Participate in orientation and public policy training.
- Engage in legislative and state programs processes to learn about disability-related policies.
- Build relationships with policymakers, state agencies, and advocacy organizations.
- Attend events, workshops, and networking opportunities.
- Receive coaching and mentoring from disability policy professionals.
- Work on plain language resources for an organization or group.
- Provide help and support to people with disabilities interacting with an organization or group.



Who are the possible placement agencies?

- Department of Health Services-Division of Medicaid Services-Long Term Care
- Department of Health Services Division of Quality Assurance
- Department of Health Services-Children's Long-Term Waiver
- Department of Health Services Adult Protective Services
- Department of Workforce Development-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Public Instruction-Transition Services
- Department of Justice-Medicaid Fraud
- Legislator Offices or the Governor's Office
- Disability Advocacy Organizations

What are the benefits of the program?

- Hourly Stipend of \$20 an hour, technology stipend and transportation stipend

BPDD recommends that any person with a disability interested in applying for the Internship participate in Work Incentive Benefits Counseling. Work incentives benefit specialists offer support to people with disabilities by helping them make informed decisions about employment. They help people understand how they could benefit from working, and explain special rules about returning to work. They also help people understand how their work and earnings can affect their disability benefits. More information and where to find a work incentives benefit specialist can be found on the DHS Website at [Benefit Counseling: Work Incentives Benefit Specialists | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

Please contact Sally Flaschberger by email at sally.flaschberger@wisconsin.gov or by phone at 608-266-5038 if you have questions or need assistance with the application.

Submit your application by October 28, 2024 at 5pm

Link to online application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPDDInternshipApplication>

Or use the QR to access the application

