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WI BPDD Announces Wisconsin Disability Policy Internship Placements for 2025

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) in collaboration with the Includa Foundation is proud to announce the placement of 8 Disability Policy Program interns. BPDD's Internship program is made possible through funding from the Includa Foundation, which supports initiatives aimed at advancing services and policies for individuals with disabilities and older adults. Their commitment to fostering leadership and advocacy has been instrumental in bringing this program to life and ensuring its success.

These interns were selected from a talented pool of candidates for their passion, expertise, and dedication to disability policy and advocacy. Each person has lived experience as a person with a disability or a family member of a person with a disability. As the first cohort in this inaugural program, their contributions will set the foundation for the program's success for years to come.

Congratulations to the following interns and thank you to our placement partners.

- **Priscilla Battle** from Milwaukee -People First Wisconsin
- **Ray Carawan** from Wausau-DHS-Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources
- **Denise Collier** from Mauston-Department of Public Instruction
- **Matt Glowacki** from Sun Prairie- Department of Transportation
- **Ashley Hoover** from Waukesha- Family Voices of Wisconsin
- **Amanda Schaefer** from Sun Prairie-The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources
- **Kristin Voss** from Middleton- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- **Kathy Wu** from Janesville- DHS-Bureau of Assisted Living

"We are thrilled to welcome this outstanding group of interns into their placements. This program is an incredible opportunity for early career building, allowing people with lived experience in disability to gain valuable professional placements while making meaningful contributions to public policy and advocacy. Their work will have a lasting impact on the organizations they serve," said Beth Swedeen, BPDD Executive Director.

BPDD would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our 8 placements for their willingness to work with us during the first year of this program. Your dedication and partnership are paving the way for future professionals, and shows your commitment to advancing disability policy.

BPDD's Disability Policy Program aims to foster leadership and advocacy within Wisconsin's disability community. For more information about the program and future details for our Fellowship and Internship, contact Sally Flaschberger at sally.flaschberger@wisconsin.gov.