



Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

2025 Impact

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.



“ Before I found WI-BPDD, I felt completely lost trying to navigate the complex world of support services for my adult brother...Then, I attended a WI-BPDD-sponsored training. Suddenly, I wasn't just a caregiver; I was an advocate. The change wasn't just administrative; it was personal. ”

4 Local and State Policies Impacted

BPDD created or improved to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

The Numbers

\$1.1 Million invested directly into WI communities. That's 86% of our funding.

\$629,920 leveraged. This means that investments in BPDD have led to over \$600,000 in added resources going to Wisconsin communities.

3,164 volunteer hours contributed resulting in \$107,592 in volunteer support to make WI communities better places for people with disabilities.

Over 4,000 people participated in BPDD's weekly webinars about the potential impact of changes to state and federal disability programs and services.

Over 15,000 people received information on voting topics including voting rights, how to register, requesting an absentee ballot, and voting in care facilities.



Spotlight: Families Supporting Families

Families Supporting Families grantees are community-based organizations run by people of color. Survey results come from the 303 project participants.

93% of families said they learned about services they didn't previously know about because of Families Supporting Families.

100% of families feel more connected and supported.

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What You Told Us

“ Having access to fellow parents and fellow advocates, as well as professional allies, who are brought together by BPDD activities has been such a game changer! Going from feeling powerless, to feeling empowered to take actions. I can turn my frustration into productive efforts. ”

“ Highlights from this year: Participating in Disability Advocacy Day, especially connecting with leading advocates in my community and sharing our goals and needs with legislators, was truly impactful. I assisted with the Youth Leadership Forum - an amazing program, especially seeing youth empowered and excited about disability community advocacy! ”

More Impacts

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.

5,500+ people with disabilities and family members participated in BPDD activities. 67% of those who responded to surveys have increased their advocacy.

1,000+ people participated in BPDD’s Self-Determination Conference and Disability Advocacy Day.

10,500+ people accessed a BPDD resource including the Self-Determination Youtube Channel.

Spotlight: Disability Policy Fellowship and Internship

Two Fellows and 7 interns were placed across 5 state agencies and 4 advocacy organizations, contributing to more than 20 projects that shaped systems serving over one million Wisconsinites with disabilities. One Fellow was hired into a full-time position at the WI Dept of Health Services in the Division of Medicaid Services, 1 intern secured a limited term position with the Division of Quality Assurance.



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