Wisconsin BPDD

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

About the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD)

WHO WE ARE

BPDD is Wisconsin's Developmental Disabilities Council, an independent state agency established by the federal Developmental Disabilities Act. **We work toward continuous improvement across all systems that touch the lives of people with disabilities**, including education, employment, health care, home care, and transportation.

OUR VISION

BPDD has a long-term vision for public policy that makes all systems work better for people with disabilities.

OUR ROLE

Independent advisor to the Governor, Legislature, and other policymakers on issues that directly affect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Encourage citizen engagement and participation so that the voices of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are part of policy decisions.

Provide information and resources to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to help them make informed choices and have their voices heard.

Connect to people with disabilities and their families across Wisconsin who can help decision makers understand their pressing needs and identify emerging issues affecting their lives.

Fund innovative, data-driven projects to test best practices and inform state and federal policies that can improve systems for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Provide Wisconsin access to a national network of disability experts and data sets to understand how federal actions may impact Wisconsin, and other states' approaches to disability issues.

OUR WORK

BPDD's work focuses on people with disabilities having the same opportunities as people without disabilities to be included in every part of the community and make choices about their lives.

We are guided by a five-year state plan, created with statewide input from the disability community. BPDD board members come from around the state — 60% are people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and family members.

SELF-DETERMINATION

The freedom to choose.

- Explore interests and develop skills
- Have new experiences
- Make mistakes and learn from them
- Make decisions about own life
- Have relationships
- Choose staff and others to provide support

PRODUCTIVITY

Having full or part-time work.

- Fully integrated with co-workers without disabilities.
- Perform the same work as co-workers without disabilities
- Earn wages and receive benefits similar to those without disabilities
- Paid minimum wage or higher

INDEPENDENCE

Maximizing the control that people have over their lives.

- Receive care at home
- Choose where to live and with whom
- Able to get where need to go on own schedule
- Have a job in the community that matches skills and interests.
- Manage own money

INTEGRATION & INCLUSION

The same expectations and opportunities.

- Access to and preparation for education, community participation, and community employment
- Outcomes and expectations for include independence, decision-making, living and social skills.

Learn more about our projects and resources.

Our website features accessible toolkits, videos and webinar recordings to support people with disabilities and their families in Wisconsin.

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