

# Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities 2020 IMPACT



OVER

**8,400** volunteer hours

contributed resulting in \$211,535 in volunteer support to make WI communities better places for people with disabilities.



BPDD invested more than **70%** of its **\$1.3 million** federal grant directly into WI communities: more than **\$910,000**.

Creation or improvement of **30 local and state policies** that positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Of the **13** people with disabilities supported by BPDD's Partners with Business, **10** maintained their jobs as essential workers during the pandemic.



Shared more than **2,500** plain language COVID-19 toolkits, created by the Living Well Project.

Equipped over **12,000** professionals\* to support people with disabilities to make their own choices and to stay healthy and connected in their communities through advocacy, voting, volunteering, and working.

**\$100,231,225**

leveraged in 2020, including millions in the state budget that support and improve WI disability programs.



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.

\*Professionals includes disability service providers, direct support professionals, state agency staff, medical professionals, educators, and legislators, managed care organization staff and IRIS consulting agency staff

# 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.



83% of people with disabilities and family members who participated in WI-BPDD activities are now involved in various advocacy activities.

"When part of [BPDD's] Living Well project, as an advocate it has made me feel like I am really **impacting the world** [and has given me] a **sense of purpose.**"



"Every year I measure how far I have come from the year before and **every year I increase my goals.** Next year I hope to be off any assistance, **my business is growing** and hopefully the income will be there thanks to the help I get every year." - Self-Determination Conference Attendee

"Partners influenced me to volunteer as a Special Education Liaison for families. **I've joined an advocacy committee,** spoke at a Black Disabled Lives Matter event, was just offered a **paid advocacy job,** and am writing the story of my son and I in order to help others advocate." - Partners in Policymaking Graduate



"I always believed grassroots activism can work. Partners [in Policymaking] allowed me to stop thinking of issues as something someone else can fix and **helped me realize I can be that someone.** That I do not need to take a backseat in activism but **instead can be a leader.**" - Partners in Policymaking Graduate

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