



2024 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference

Sponsored by The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

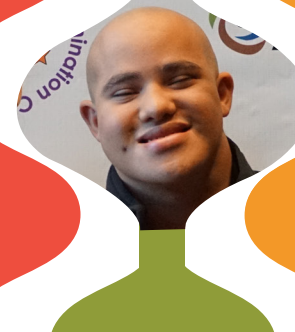
A Seat at the Table: Nothing About Us, Without Us!

October 21-23, 2024

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Registration opens July 8, 2024

For more information visit:
www.SDC.WI-BPDD.org



People First Wisconsin



See Our ~~dis~~Ability



Registration Information

To register, Go to: SDC.WI-BPDD.org



Join us in person at the Kalahari!

Whether it's your first time or you're an old friend, we would love to see you in person at the conference. You will have access to all conference offerings, including online access to all materials and videos, after the conference.

If you have questions or need help:

Email: selfdetermined@incontrolwisconsin.org
or call (920) 723-5571

Scan for
Conference
Registration!



Registration Type

Person with a Disability

Direct Provider

Family Member

Professional/Other

Pre-Conference
Workshop
(you must register)

In Person

\$100 (Early Bird \$85)

\$125 (Early Bird \$90)

\$125 (Early Bird \$100)

\$390 (Early Bird \$350)

\$25

EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION deadline
is August 23, 2024.

Payments must be received
by August 23, 2024.

Registration closes on
September 20, 2024.



University of Wisconsin Stevens Point CEU & CRC Credits will be available at the conference.
Provided by: University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

Hotel Lodging: For reservations, call (877) 253-5466 and ask for the **2024 Self-Determination Conference room block** or reserve online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50817858> by September 20, 2024. The Kalahari Resort is holding a block of guest rooms for October 21 and 22, 2024. Room rates are \$169 (plus tax) for single, double, triple, or quad rooms. Reserve your room soon. Rooms fill up fast! The hotel will hold the room block until September 20, 2024, or until the block has been filled.

* If you need an accessible room, let us know on the registration or by phone. Visit www.KalahariResort.com for driving instructions and hotel information.

A SEAT AT THE TABLE!

Nothing About Us, Without Us!

There is a saying,
**If you're not at the table,
you're on the menu!**

If you are not represented at the decision-making table, you are in a vulnerable position.

People with disabilities and their families know our long-term care service system better than anyone else. They use the services every day! They know what is working and what is not. In Wisconsin, our disability community works together to help improve the experience for people using these services. They do that by participating in committees, boards, and at conferences like this one to share their experiences so others can learn. This year, the conference will focus on providing opportunities to get involved, share your story, and be heard!

The conference is a safe place to use your voice.



Monday, October 21, 2024

Pre-Conference Information



Preconference Workshop - 1-4 p.m.

Telling Stories to Create Change (\$25)

Waiting for the Ah-Ha lightbulb to come on? Telling your story is important, but how do you tell a story that inspires change?

Do you want to learn how to tell your story better so that people will pay attention? Or maybe you want to learn better interviewing skills to help others tell their story? The process of asking someone to share their story is the perfect opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how, when, where, and why to share an experience. During this interactive workshop, you will learn how to craft stories that center on the person with lived experience. Participants will also have an opportunity to prepare and share their story (if they would like) during Tuesday's Department of Health Services Listening session.

Kate Marple from *Who Tells the Story?* is a lecturer in the Department of Human Services at Northeastern University where she developed and teaches an undergraduate course in nonprofit communications. She also helps nonprofit, health, and legal services organizations tell the stories that are shaped by people directly impacted by the issues these stories are about.

Facilitated by **Sally Flaschberger**, Living Well Project Manager at the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities.



Self-Determination Conference 101 - 3-5 p.m.

Stop by The Maji Lounge from 3-5 p.m. for a Self-Determination Conference 101. We can answer your conference questions and help you plan your conference experience.

Micro-Learning KICK-OFF - Feed the Need to Learn - 5-8 p.m.

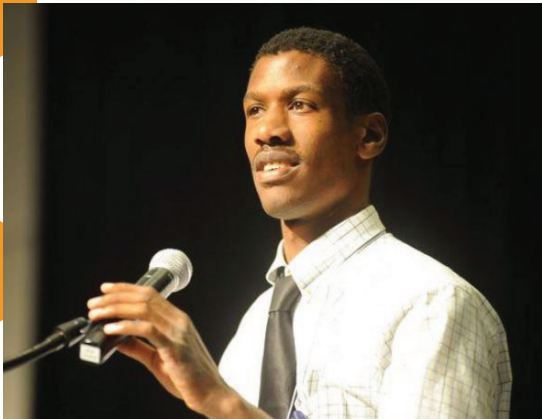
What is Micro-learning? Micro-learning is a way to teach information in bite-sized bursts: 5-15 minutes of information about a specific topic. You can get the information through flashcards, checklists, video or audio clips, or step by step guides. You'll get to practice and collect useful information about self-direction and self-determination in a fun and interactive way.

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Keynote: A Seat at the Table

Join Max Barrows, Director and Self-Advocate, from **Green Mountain Self-Advocates** as he discusses how state leaders can ensure advocates not only have a seat at the table but are driving forces behind policy work. It will be an insightful conversation.

Max Barrows is Outreach Director for Green Mountain Self-Advocates (GMSA), a position he has held since 2007. GMSA is Vermont's statewide Self-Advocacy organization. Started in Burlington, Vermont, as one small Self-Advocacy group today has grown to more than 20 local peer support groups across the state! Over 600 self-advocates speak up for themselves as part of these groups.



Max mentors youth and adults with developmental disabilities to speak up for themselves and become leaders. GMSA is a lead partner of the Self-Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC). Max connects with people on all levels advocating for true inclusion of people with developmental disabilities. In his work, he advances the message that when you meet an individual with a disability, presume competence.

Website: www.gmsavt.org

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Keynote: Know Your Rights!

For the past four years, BPDD's Living Well Project has worked to increase the health, safety, independence, and well-being of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by empowering them to understand and exercise their human and choice-making rights in all areas of their lives, including in the Long-Term Care services they receive. Hear from self-advocates about why knowing your rights is so important. Know your rights, express yourself, and be heard! **Moderated by Priscilla Battle and Living Well Self-Advocate Leaders.**



Priscilla Battle is a Self-Advocate Leader with the Living Well Project and a Peer Mentoring Intern in Wisconsin's pilot Peer Mentoring program. Priscilla lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she has taught others about their rights and presented across the state on the importance of rights education and her journey as a self-advocate.



Things to Note!

Scholarships: We have a limited number of conference scholarships. Conference scholarships are available for people whose long-term care plans cannot cover the cost of registration and for first-time conference attendees. You **MUST** be a Wisconsin resident. Scholarship applications will be accepted until **August 30, 2024**, or until funds run out.

- **Adult with a Disability Registration Scholarship: \$25 | Lodging: \$25**
- **Student Plus One Registration Scholarship: \$50 | Lodging: \$50**

Everyone attending must register, including support staff and additional family members. On-site registration is not available.

To find out how to include the conference on your long-term care service plan go to:

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Who Should Attend?

Self-Advocates

Educators

Transition-age Students

Family Members

Advocates

Providers



Session Topics:

- Community Connections
- Technology - Employment
- Storytelling - Relationship Building
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Advocacy
- Emotional Health - Transition to Adulthood

Agenda at a Glance

Day 1: Tuesday, October 22

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	General Session 1, Welcome and Keynote
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Department of Health Services (DHS) panel (1:00 p.m.)
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	DHS Listening Sessions
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Break and Hotel Check-in
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner & Diehard Awards (6:00 p.m.)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Join DJ Buffet for a fun night of music, dancing, and friendship!



Diehard Awards are presented to people who have made a significant contribution as advocates here in Wisconsin. A diehard is someone with a strong commitment to the principles of self-determination and goes above and beyond what's expected. Do you know a diehard you would like to nominate? [Use our QR Code to find the nomination form!]

Day 2: Wednesday, October 23

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	General Session 2, Keynote
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Networking Break, Exhibitors
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Closing & Wrap up Video Really Good Door Prizes!





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Want to Exhibit at the Conference!

Are you an organization supporting Self-Determination in Wisconsin?
Are you a Microbusiness owner interested in selling your arts and crafts?



Want to be a Sponsor at the Conference!

We need your help to build our conference capacity! Visit our website for more information on sponsorship opportunities: SDC.WI-BPDD.org or contact Fil Clissa at fil.clissa@wisconsin.gov or call (608) 266-5395 for more information.



Check out the **Self-Determination YouTube Channel** for helpful hints to improve your conference experience.

Check out over 100 fabulous videos hosted by Wisconsin Self-Advocates. Don't forget to subscribe!

