



# 2022 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference

Sponsored by Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities



## Everyone has a Story Your Voice Matters!

October 17-19, 2022

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI and Virtually

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[www.WI-BPDD.org](http://www.WI-BPDD.org)



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# Two ways to experience the 2022 Self-Determination Conference

## At the Kalahari! We're in-person!

Whether it's your first time or a "frequent flier," 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.

## Join us Virtually

Attending virtually is a great option if you can't come in person. We'll do our best to provide you with a great conference experience. You will get an email on how to get into the conference after you register. Please include your email in the registration. It is the only way to connect to the conference virtually.



## Things you need to know about a Virtual Conference:

### Technology Needs:

- You will need a computer, tablet or smartphone, and internet access
- You will need to use Zoom.

Technology support is available before and during the conference.



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**To Register, go to  
[www.WI-SDC.com](http://www.WI-SDC.com)**

Registration Type	In Person	Virtual
Person with a Disability	\$90 (Early Bird \$75)	\$25
Direct Provider	\$100 (Early Bird \$85)	\$25
Family Member	\$100 (Early Bird \$85)	\$25
Professional/Other	\$300 (Early Bird \$250)	\$100
Pre-Conference Workshop (you must register)	\$25	\$25

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** deadline is September 1, 2022  
Mail in registrations must be postmarked by September 1, 2022



**Scan to go to Conference  
Page for Registration!**



**Scholarships:** A limited number of scholarships are available for people with disabilities who qualify. Scholarship applications will be accepted until September 1, 2022, or until funds have run out.

• **Adult with a Disability Scholarship: \$25** • **Student Plus One Scholarship: \$50**  
Everyone attending must register, including support staff and additional family members. On-site registration is not available.

**Questions?** Email: [selfdetermined@incontrolwisconsin.org](mailto:selfdetermined@incontrolwisconsin.org) or call (920) 723-5571

**Hotel Lodging:** For reservations, call (877) 253-5466 and ask for the 2022 Self-Determination Conference room block or reserve online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50180483>. The Kalahari Resort is holding a block of guest rooms for October 17 and 18, 2022. Room rates are \$129 for single, double, triple, or quad rooms.  
\* If you need an accessible room, let us know on the registration or by phone. Visit [www.KalahariResort.com](http://www.KalahariResort.com) for driving instructions and hotel information.  
**Reserve your room by September 16, 2022 or until the block has been filled. Ask for the 2022 Self-Determination Conference room block. Rooms fill up fast!**



**Everyone Has a Story;  
Your Voice Matters**



**Who  
Should  
Attend?**

Self-Advocate

Educators

Family  
Members

Advocates

Providers

**People tell stories in many ways; words, pictures, images, and**

**sounds.** Some might also say silence speaks volumes. The Self-Determination Conference is a place to be with others, learn and support each other, and grow together.

By sharing our stories, we grow as a community. Through our stories we share where we live, our culture, experiences, and more importantly, compassion, understanding and new ideas. The Self-Determination Conference is an opportunity to listen so that we can learn from each other. The conference is a safe place to have these conversations and to celebrate together.

**Words are powerful. Pictures are powerful. We, are powerful!**

Our 15th **Self-Determination Conference** presents us with new opportunities! We are more determined than ever to help you think outside the box, be creative, and help you reach your best vision for your own life! This year, self-advocates will be able to share their stories so others can learn from their experiences.

These past few years have changed us. Attending the conference virtually has been an opportunity to learn and connect for many who have not been able to attend in person. If you are not able to join us in-person this year, you can still join virtually.

We are excited to create new and unique opportunities for all of us to connect and to share our stories! **What's your story?**

**CEU & CRC Credits will be available at the conference.**



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**Monday, October 17**

**Pre-Conference  
Information**

**Pre-conference Tutorials:** Available virtually 1-5 p.m.  
Drop in for a Self-Determination Conference 101: 1-2 p.m. (Free)

Is this your first time at the conference? Do you want help figuring out what sessions to attend or activities you don't want to miss? Stop by and get some one-to-one help anytime between 1 to-5 p.m. It's FREE

**Virtual experience:** Not familiar with Zoom or virtual conferences? Watch a series of information videos to help you participate in everything the conference has to offer.

### **Pre-conference Workshops - 1-4 p.m.**

**Session 1 - Empowering People to Break the Bias Habit:** Get a deeper understanding of race and gender biases by learning a set of concrete tools for reducing biases and increasing inclusion. This training empowers people to be able to make changes in their own lives and the organizations they work for..

**Dr. William T.L. Cox, Founder/CEO of Inequity Agents of Change**

### **Session 2 - Supported Decision-Making and Alternatives to Guardianship:**

Session 2 - Supported Decision-Making and Alternatives to Guardianship: Keeping people with disabilities and older adults in charge of their lives. What is Supported Decision-Making, how can you use it and what are other alternatives and tools you can use to keep people safe and in charge of their choices?

**Jordan Anderson, Will Becker Tami Jackson, and Beth Swedeen.**

**Session 3- "Let's Talk about Rights" Toolkit:** The BPDD Living Well "Let's Talk about Rights" Toolkit helps Self-Advocates learn about their rights and develop a plan to get the support they need to assert their rights. Caregivers, families, and professionals will have the opportunity to think about and plan how they or their agencies can help self-advocates assert their human rights.

**Sally Flaschberger, Kaitlin McNamara, Shannon Webb, and Living Well Self-Advocate Leaders.**

**Session 4 - Telling your Story through Vision Boards:** Create your own vision board to help you focus on your dreams and goals. A vision board is a tool you can use to help visualize your goals and tell your future story.

**Delores Sallis, Parent University, and PINC.**

### **KICK-OFF - 5-8 p.m.**

**Express yourself!** Have you thought about writing a book? Telling your story? Explore the many ways you can do that. A fun and interactive way to find your voice.

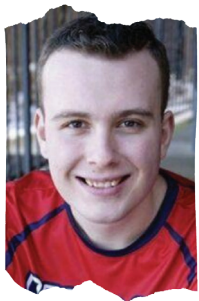


## Keynote:

Have you thought about writing a book? Hear from some amazing Wisconsin self-advocates that have done just that. They will share their stories and insight on how they got their book published.



**Cindy Bentley**



**Jesse Horn**



**Lindsey Moreland**



**Steven Salmon**

## DIEHARD Awards (Presented at 6 p.m.)

**Diehard Awards** are presented to people who have made a significant contribution as advocates here in Wisconsin. A diehard is someone with a steadfast commitment to the principles of self-determination and goes above and beyond what's expected and helps others along the way. Do you know a diehard you would like to nominate?



### It's a Celebration!

#### 50 Years of BPDD! 7-9 p.m.

Join us on the Red Carpet for our Gala celebration of 50 years of the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. Red carpets, dancing, and a few surprises throughout the night. Back by popular demand- DJ Steph Stringer!



Use our QR Code to find the nomination form!

**Wednesday, October 19**

## Keynote: Encore Studio for the Performing Arts

Encore Studio for the Performing arts opened its doors on September 6th, 2000. Only weeks later on October 14th, Encore premiered its first production, "Not Stubborn... Not Strong-Willed". It's been full steam ahead ever since. Encore has traveled all over Wisconsin and beyond. The original work Encore has produced has led to local, regional, and national attention. With a troupe of 18 actors and 6 staff, Encore has produced 50+ original works to date, with many more to come.

Encore actors develop their creative skills and talents to communicate through the performing arts and bring a challenging and authentic message about disability and culture. Encore actively promotes an environment where each person's talents, skills and abilities can be fostered and developed to reach their goal of having a career as a performing artist.

# Encore!

Studio for the Performing Arts



# Agenda at a Glance



## Day 1: Tuesday, October 18

7:30 a.m.	Registration opens
8 - 9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - 10:00 a.m.	General Session 1, - Welcome and Keynote: Q&A with our Keynotes
10 - 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch, BPDD 50th Anniversary Presentation and Networking Break
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Networking Break, Exhibitors
3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Really Good Learning Sessions
5:30 p.m.	Dinner & Diehard Awards (6 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	It's a Celebration! Join us on the Red Carpet!



## Day 2: Wednesday, October 19

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

### Session Topics:

Community Connections | Technology | Employment | Mindfulness | Relationship Building  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | Advocacy | Emotional Health  
Transition to Adulthood | Telling your Story





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## Welcome

to the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities' 15th year of hosting the Self Determination Conference! We are SO glad to be back in person after 2 years of virtual conferences. And what a perfect come-back: just in time to celebrate BPDD's 50th Anniversary! So much has happened in those 50 years, and many of the changes have happened because of YOU.

When BPDD began, no federal laws allowed children with disabilities to attend school. Birth to 3 did not exist. Home and community supports were just a wish, and thousands of people with disabilities still lived in institutions. Now, people with developmental disabilities are vital members of their communities. They work, live, and contribute to all aspects of public life. And their ideas and choices are heard, valued, and respected.

The Self-Determination conference is our annual chance to share these successes, create new possibilities, and celebrate progress together. And this year, we are also inviting all of YOU to our 50th Anniversary party. We will be sharing stories of our history, along with a few surprises, and plenty of cake!



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## COVID-19 Health & Safety Policy

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and its sponsors want to host a safe conference for all participants. We will continue to monitor health and safety guidance leading up to the conference and may require masking during the conference if infection rates show a need.

It is highly recommended that all conference participants be vaccinated for COVID-19 and receive all appropriate boosters. If you are not fully vaccinated, you have the option to participate virtually.



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