

# #Access4All Video Watch Party

Wisconsin Governor's Committee for People with  
Disabilities

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# Ensuring Accessibility for All

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- Please turn your cameras off unless speaking, to ensure accessibility for people utilizing the interpreter.
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- Please type questions you have in the chat, and we will address them at appropriate times during the presentation.
- When you want to speak during the discussion, please raise your hand or type in the chat. When called upon, please turn on your camera and unmute, state your name, and share your comments. When done, please turn your camera off and mute your telephone or computer audio.
- Thank you for helping us to ensure accessibility for all Watch Party participants.

# Watch Party Overview

- Background on GCPD #Access4All Video Project
- Watch 10-Minute Highlight Video
- Discussion on Challenges Accessing Healthcare
- Information and Training Resources to Address Barriers to Healthcare
- How to Stay Engage with GCPD

# What Research Showed Prior to the Pandemic

## RESEARCH SHOWS:

“More than 80% of U.S. physicians report that people with significant disabilities have worse quality of life than nondisabled people, an attitude that may contribute to health care disparities among people with disability.”

Source: <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2021/02/survey-finds-doctors-have-negative-perception-of-patients-with-disability>.

# National Health Affairs Survey Data

- Physicians reported the following:
  - 40.7% were confident in providing the same level of care to patients with disabilities as patients without disabilities.
  - 56.5% strongly agreed that they welcomed patients with disabilities into their practices.
  - The authors call for medical education curricula and continuing education to include disability topics. Currently, most medical schools do not include disability topics in their curricula.

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# Background on #Access4All Video Project

- November 2020 – GCPD received public testimony about people being denied reasonable accommodations in healthcare settings.
- November 2020 – GCPD issued policy recommendations to the Governor on how to ensure accommodations needs of people with disabilities were being met during the pandemic.
- February 2021 – GCPD issued a survey to gain input from people with disabilities, caregivers, and advocates about challenges experienced accessing healthcare.
- August 2021- GCPD's Executive Committee made the decision documenting these experiences via video to make this information more accessible and hopeful raise awareness.

# Discussion Questions

If you are willing to share if you had a similar experience or other challenges accessing healthcare, please raise your hand or type in the chat box and we will call on you. We ask that you be brief so we can allow as many people as possible to participate as possible.

- Have you had a similar experience of not being able to have a disability support person or caregiver accompany you? If so, what occurred?
- Are there lessons to be learned from your experience?



# #Access4All Videos

- #Access4All Videos include 10-minute highlight video and 3 in-depth testimonial videos (approximately 20 minutes in length each).
- Videos have closed captioning, American Sign Language, and visual descriptions. Plain text transcripts of the interviews are also posted to ensure full accessibility of videos content.
- Videos are available on [GCPD's website](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd/publications.htm) (dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd/publications.htm) and [GCPD You Tube Channel](https://youtube.com/channel/UC9-hZksnCFf-vVoMPCfPezA/featured) (youtube.com/channel/UC9-hZksnCFf-vVoMPCfPezA/featured).

# Emergency Preparedness Communications Folder

- GCPD and the Council on Physical Disabilities partnered to create this folder as a resource for health care providers and people with disabilities to address communication and access barriers. Accessibility applies to both communication and physical access.
- These tools DO NOT substitute for accommodations required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Tools are available electronically on [CPD's website](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/toolkit.htm) (dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/toolkit.htm).
- Print copies of the folder and related materials can be requested by emailing ([ashley.walker@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:ashley.walker@dhs.wisconsin.gov)) or by calling 608-716-9212.

# GCPD COVID Policy Recommendations

- Wisconsin issue guidance that includes exemptions for no-visitor policies for disability support persons. This will ensure disability support persons will be allowed to accompany a person with a disability during medical evaluation and treatment and ensure healthcare providers recognize this a reasonable accommodation.
- To ensure public health information is accessible GCPD recommends:
  - Adopt “plain language” protocol for all public health information and for all public health related executive orders.
  - All documents be made accessible for deafblind, blind, and visually impaired individuals
  - State agency websites where information is posted should be fully accessible to people with disabilities who utilize assistive technology and screen readers to navigate websites.
  - Public health information and executive orders should be readily available in Spanish and other languages.
- GCPD recommends that it be standard protocol to have first-person representation (a person with a disability on the State Medical Advisory Committee as it is important that people with disabilities be represented in community and government decision-making which directly impacts them.

# How to Stay Engaged with GCPD

GCPD wants to continue to hear from the disability community about this and other matters impacting individuals in Wisconsin.

Ways to stay engaged with GCPD include:

- Attending GCPD meetings
- Participating in public comment during a GCPD meeting
- Sharing your personal experience using the #Access4All hashtag and referencing GCPD
- Contacting GCPD for training, technical assistance, or resources

# Thank you!

GCPD thanks you all for your time and attention during this presentation and Watch Party!

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