
Wisconsin Disability Policy Program



**Wisconsin Board for People
with Developmental Disabilities**

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Program is operated by the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

Funded for three years through a grant from the Includa Foundation- We just started our 2nd year

Focuses on disability policy impacting people using our long-term care systems in Wisconsin

Individuals will have opportunities to work in state agency offices, the legislature or advocacy organizations over the next three years.

People participating in the program must be people with developmental disabilities or family members of people with developmental disabilities.

Program Goals

Empower

- Empower Future Leaders: Give people the knowledge and skills to impact disability policy and advocate for change.

Develop

- Professional Development: Provide valuable work experience and mentoring to boost career options in the disability policy and advocacy field.

Impact

- Community Impact: Build a better statewide understanding of disability issues and ways to expand inclusive policies in Wisconsin.



Two Opportunities

1 year Full Time Paid Fellowship

6 month part-time paid internship



Who Should Apply for the Program?

People with developmental disabilities or family members of people with developmental disabilities.

People committed to disability advocacy and policy.

People with demonstrated interest or work in disability advocacy and policy.

Good communication skills

Ability to work as a team and get along with others.



Who Should Apply for the Program?

Knowledge or interest in state or local level advocacy related to disability, long-term care, employment, education, or community organizing.

Experience (paid or volunteer) working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Previous Leadership experience for the Fellowship

Knowledge of Wisconsin's legislative processes or long-term care system is a plus.

What you need to know about the Fellowship?

The fellowship is a 12-month paid, full-time experience (40 hours), beginning in September each year

Fellows will receive a \$63,000 stipend to participate in the program. Additional funds will be available for technology, transportation, and health care.

You receive a grant contract from BPDD for the Fellowship.

What you need to know about the Fellowship?

Fellows will participate in workshops and training sessions on topics such as policy analysis, advocacy strategies, and leadership skills.

Fellows will have opportunities to build connections with professionals in the disability policy field.

Fellows will follow the work schedule of the placement agency and may be a mix of in-person and virtual work.

Placement-Division on Medicaid Services



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DIVISION OF MEDICAID SERVICES



**Bureau of Quality &
Oversight**

**Bureau of Programs
& Policy**

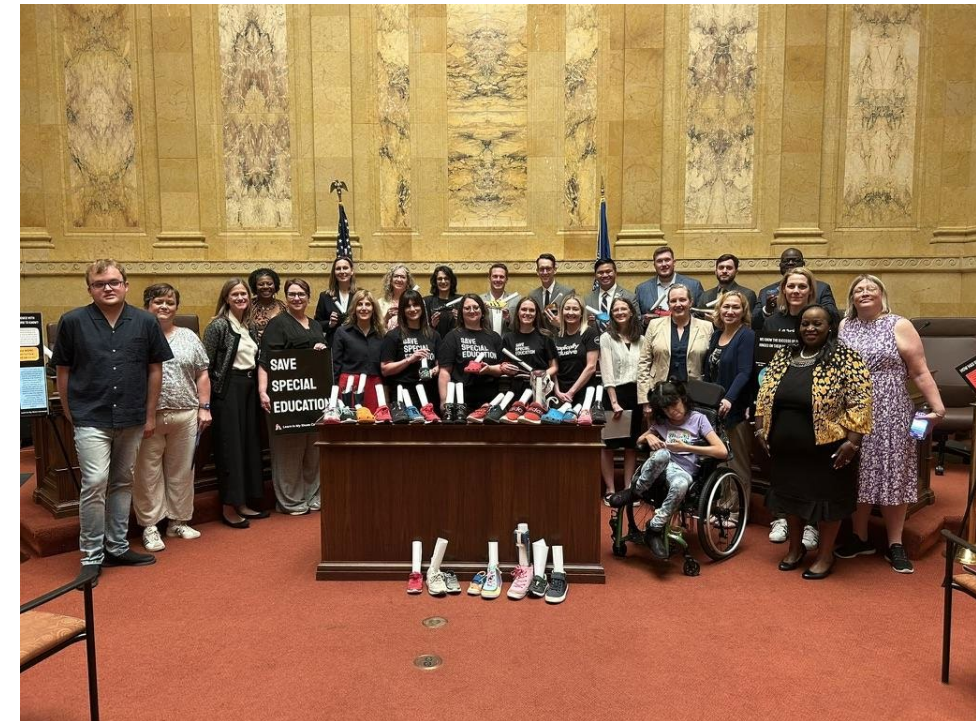
**Bureau of Children's
Services**



2nd Year Fellow-Tiffany Schanno

Background

- Volunteer with The Alliance Against Seclusion and Restraint
- Co-Founder of Learn in My Shoes, a grassroots parent-led campaign to properly fund special education programs in Wisconsin public schools.
- Family Voices of Wisconsin Family Leadership Institute graduate, 2024
- BPDD Partners in Policymaking graduate, 2025



Lived Experience

- Parent of a 7-year-old son who is autistic with ADHD
- Experience with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Functional Behavior Assessments (FBAs), Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs), and advocating for appropriate educational support
- Experience with Birth to Three, CLTS, and Katie Beckett Medicaid Waiver



Current Projects

Assisting the Bureaus of Children's Services, Programs & Policy, and Quality & Oversight on projects involving:

- intellectual and developmental disability and mental health
- strength-based assessment tools
- competitive integrated employment



1st Year Fellow-Jenny Price- Project

- Communications Background: Associated Press reporter at Wisconsin State Capitol, Specialist at UW-Madison, communications consultant, Communications for food and housing nonprofit
- Wisconsin Partners in Policymaking graduate
- Parent and advocate for 16-year-old son, who is autistic
- Experience navigating IEPs, CLTS and DVR
- Employed at DHS in July as Program & Policy Analyst, Bureau of Programs & Policy, Quality and Special Initiatives

Projects

- Research and planning with IDD-MH system improvement workgroup to expand the DHS Certified Direct Care Professional (CDCP) training program
- CLTS Waiver Renewal
- Competitive Integrated Employment Data Analysis and Visualization

What you need to know about the Internship?

The internship is a 6-month paid, part-time (20 hours a week) experience, beginning each January going until the end June.

Interns will receive a \$20 an hour stipend to participate in the program. Additional funds available for technology and transportation. You will be paid through a contract with BPDD.

Each intern will be placed at a state agency, disability organization, or legislative office.

Information to Apply

Find the information and application on the BPDD Webpage [WI Disability Policy Leadership Program - Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities \(wi-bpdd.org\)](http://wi-bpdd.org)

We will recruit for new Fellows in Summer of 2026 and Interns in Fall of 2026

Contact Sally Flaschberger for additional assistance with the application process or any questions at Sally.flaschberger@wisconsin.gov or 608-266-5038.



Sign up for free BPDD E-mail communications!

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Questions



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of HEALTH SERVICES

2026 Provider Agreement Updates

November 2025

Agenda

- General Overview
- FEA/ICA Shared Proposed Changes
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- ICA Proposed Changes
- Next Steps



General Overview

- On 01/01/2026, FEAs will be defined by HCBS Waiver as “administrative function”
 - Separating Provider Agreements by contractor type necessary for administrative efficiency between the two contractor types
- Provided proposed changes to ICAs on October 10 with feedback due by November 10
- Provided proposed changes to FEAs on November 3 with feedback due by November 28



FEA/ICA Shared Proposed Changes

- Updated multiple sections to reflect Medicaid provider enrollment through ForwardHealth Portal
- Added “Addenda to Policy Manual and Work Instructions” to capture new policies
- Renamed “Criminal History and Background Investigation” section to “IRIS Background Check”
 - Previous content in this section replaced with recently revised policy



FEA/ICA Shared Proposed Changes

- Updated and reorganized “Termination of the Contract” section
- Updated and streamlined definitions to reflect contractor type and current program policies
- Increased MROS for FEAs and ICAs
- Updated all Appendices



FEA Proposed Changes

- Removed all ICA-related roles and responsibilities
- Added "Payment for Financial Closeout Responsibilities" section within Article XV. "Payment to FEA"
- Medicaid provider enrollment through ForwardHealth Portal
 - Updated list of documents included in onboarding packets
 - Added collection of onboarding packets directly from vendors
 - Added creation of new PHW service provider records in Enterprise Care Management system



ICA Proposed Changes

- Removed all FEA-related roles and responsibilities
- Added Essential Service Provider Agreement section
- Added requirement for dignity of risk, as well as corresponding curriculum requirements
- Removed Participant Provider Service Agreement Language section



ICA Proposed Changes

- Removed the room and board calculation methodology and requirements
- Updated incarceration language in “Eligibility” section
- Aligned language for “base budget” and “IRIS Service Plan” to reflect policy



Next Steps

- DHS will review and finalize updates to the Provider Agreements
- Effective date is January 1, 2026



Adult Long-Term Care Provider Enrollment

RaeAnn Fahey

Program Participation Oversight Manager – BQO

November 18, 2025



Agenda

- Enrollment Update
- Provider Outreach
- Provider Support
- Participant Toolkit



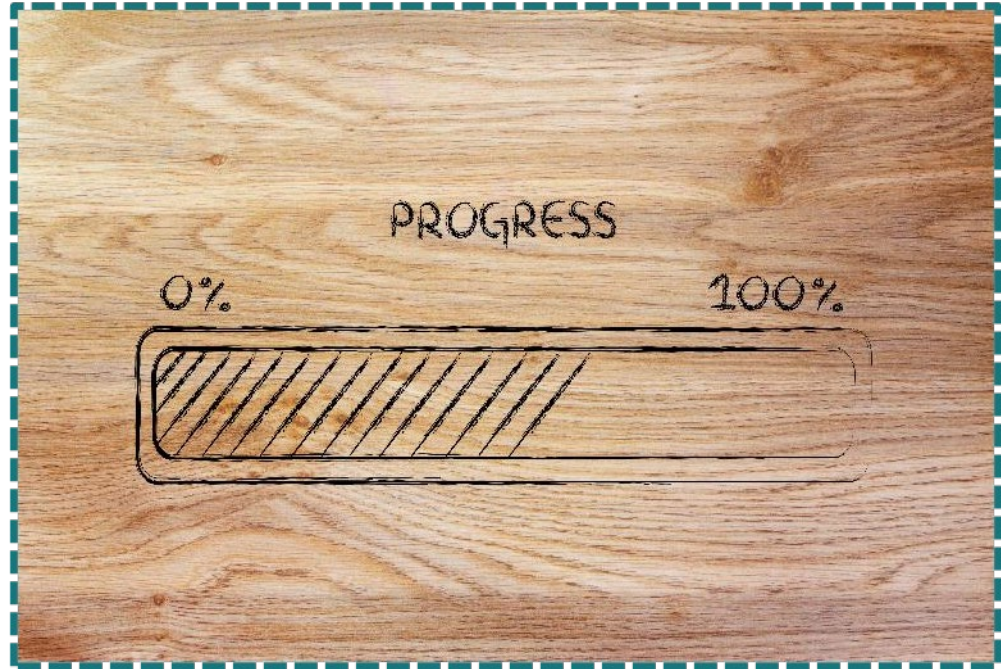


Enrollment Update



How many providers have enrolled?

6,468 providers have been approved by ForwardHealth.





Provider Outreach



Provider Outreach Activities



Application Walk Throughs – individualized assistance



Email Follow Up – answering provider questions



Phone Calls – call to each provider who has not enrolled



Provider Forum – partner with provider associations



Updated Provider Messaging



**ATTENTION
IRIS
PROVIDERS**

**You won't get
paid for
services in 2026
if you don't
take action now**





Provider Support

Resources to help providers enroll



Drop-In Help Sessions - Remote

Date: Every Wednesday through
December 17th, 2025

Time: Two sessions available:
8-10:30am or 3:30-5pm





In Person Enrollment Support Session

Location	Date
Madison	12/3/25
Eau Claire	12/4/25
Green Bay	12/10/25
Wausau	12/11/25
Milwaukee	12/17/25
Waukesha	12/18/25





Provider Services Call Center

- Call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 if you have more questions or need help. Representatives are available Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m. Central time.
- When providers call, they should say, “LTC Waiver” at the menu prompt to speak with a representative about LTC provider enrollment.





Provider Enrollment Email

- Team at DHS available to answer HCBS provider enrollment related questions and assist providers through the application.
- ltpviderenrollment@dhs.wisconsin.gov





Participant Toolkit

Resources to help providers enroll



Toolkits

IRIS participant toolkit :

dhs.wi.gov/iris/participant-ltcpm-toolkit.htm

- Provider flyer
- Provider enrollment checklist
- IRIS tip sheet
- IRIS participant talking points



How can you help?

- Spread the word to providers!
- Remind providers to complete the application as soon as possible!
- Share resources with providers!





Questions and Answers





Thank you!

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the health and safety of
the people of Wisconsin



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