

People First Wisconsin Fall 2022 Newsletter

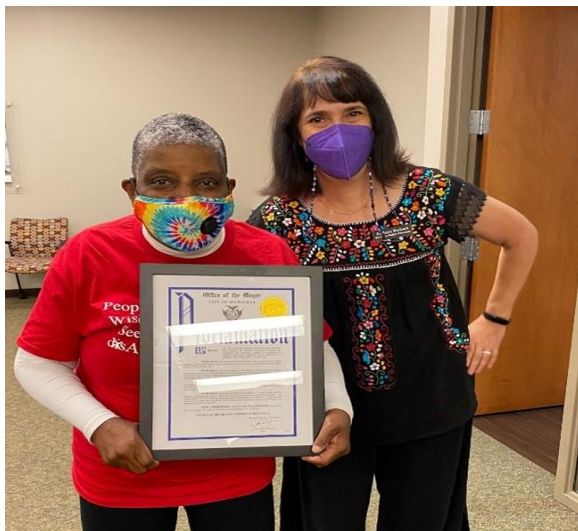
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Together Again!

It has been a busy time. It has been exciting to start seeing each other in person. A DIF Joy Grant provided funds for us to have a team retreat with our Outreach Advocates in July. Madison's Disability Pride Fest on July 31st was great fun. Cindy served as the MC of the event along with Richard B.

They did a great job announcing the performers throughout the day. Many thanks to Outreach Advocate Julie, and Jennifer, Susan, and Jane from the Ozaukee Chapter for watching over the People First table. PFW helped sponsor a Voting Rights event at Independence First on September 12th.

Cindy, Felicia, Nancy, and Jenny attended the event. Cindy took the opportunity to talk with Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson. Felicia tried out an accessible voting machine. Throughout this newsletter you will see photos from these events.



People First Wisconsin: Voting

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Deadlines and Resources

Get ready to vote!

The general election is on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022.**

You can find very helpful information at the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition website:

<https://disabilityvote.org/>

Here is a link to a document that can help you make a plan to vote:

<https://disabilityvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Make-Your-Plan-to-Vote-rev04-2022-acc.pdf>

Please follow the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition>



Felicia tries out accessible voting machine. These should be at all voting locations. Ask if you think one would help you.

Voting Deadlines and Resources

A federal court has affirmed the right of voters with disabilities to use ballot return assistance. You can get more information here: [insert link to vote coalition page](#)

Make your plan to vote:

November 8th General Election Deadlines:

- Deadline to register online or by mail: October 19
- Deadline to register in person at your clerk's office: November 4
- Register at your polling place: November 8th

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Speakers Series

The Speaker Series is held every Tuesday from 11am to noon. The Speaker Series allows members to hear from speakers from organizations about various topics. These are the speakers we have so far, more will be added as we go on. A big Thank you to those who attend regularly, and we would love to see new comers smiling faces!



Upcoming speakers are:

October 25th- Promote Local- Alonna- Social Media Platforms

November 1st- Speaking about Autism- Matt and Mitch Laberge. Talking about their advocacy journey

November 8th- To be determined

November 15th- Promote Local- Michelle- Working as a Team



Pictured here is Meara, Julie, and Sydney. Sydney is the host of the Speaker Series

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Covid Updates:



Tests: You can get eight tests per person, per month, without having to pay. There is no copay, fee, or cost of any kind for BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members (even if you have both Medicaid and Medicare) Go to the link below for information about free testing sites and coverage through some insurance providers. Most pharmacies have tests available for sale. <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

Masks: Some communities are recommending masking indoors again even if you are vaccinated. Wear a mask when out or keep a mask with you in case you go somewhere that requires it.

Vaccinations: Booster shots are available! It is not too late to get vaccinated. Speak with your doctor or pharmacist about vaccines and boosters

Reliable Sources of COVID Information:

Looking for updates about Covid 19? Check out the Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC) meetings. They host a meeting every Thursday at Noon. The first Thursday of each month always has Covid updates. (They also have a lot of cool topics about self-advocacy and resources.)

Always same link: <https://zoom.us/j/324815633>

Or

Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 324 815 633

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>

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Self-Determination Conference

Tips to get the most out of the Self-Determination Conference

1. Make a plan! Look through the brochure and pick out the sessions you want to attend.
2. Wear comfortable shoes for walking around the conference.
3. Make friends with someone you don't know.
4. Ask questions and learn new things.
5. Take plenty of pictures.
6. Get information from the exhibitor tables.
7. Support micro-businesses at The All-Abilities Market
8. Follow the COVID Safety rules.

Covid 19 Health and Safety Policy

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and its sponsors want to host a safe conference for all participants. We ask all conference participants to:

*Wear a mask at all times except when eating or drinking and for presenters, when at a podium speaking.

*Try to avoid close contact with other participants.

*Look at people's name badges. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from people with red dots.

We encourage everyone to get the most current booster if already vaccinated or to get the two vaccine shots at least 2 weeks before the conference. For information about how to get your vaccinations and/or booster near you: Search vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233.

If you are immune compromised, have COVID, or have any symptoms of illness at the time of the conference, we ask that you stay home and participate virtually. If you are attending in-person, please bring your vaccine card and receive an "I've been vaccinated pin".

Please understand that an in-person event is not completely safe from COVID-19 risk.

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Want to tell your story? Does your chapter have something you're proud of? Or an event to publicize? We'd love to hear from you! If you'd like something included in the next issue, give us a call at **414-483-2546** or email People1st.advocate@gmail.com

The deadline for stories is **May 15 2022**.



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