

Disability Advocacy Day

Education

Stop the harmful Seclusion and Restraint of WI Students

In 2013-14 Wisconsin students were secluded or restrained 20,131 times.

80% of all the 3,585 students who were secluded or restrained were children with disabilities.



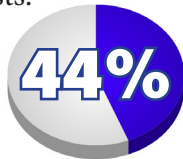
Ask: Support changing the law to help us reduce seclusion and restraint in our schools.

Employment

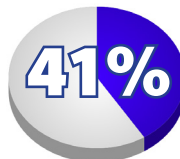
People with Disabilities Want to Work: Help Them Get Jobs

People with disabilities say their work gives them spending money (76%) and makes them feel better about themselves (80%). When people with disabilities have jobs, they are healthier and have lower costs.

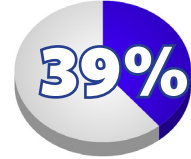
Not enough employment support



Afraid will lose benefits



Not enough transportation



Ask: Support policies that create more community job opportunities at real wages for people with disabilities.

Mental Health

Prevent Wisconsin Suicides

The suicide rate in Wisconsin is **four times** the homicide rate. (2013 Suicides: 853 Homicides: 177)

Among Wisconsin high school students in 2013, **almost 1 in 5** either attempted suicide or seriously considered it.



Another 25% said they felt so sad or hopeless over a period of two weeks or longer that they stopped doing some of their usual activities.

Ask: Increase funding to support quality improvements in care provided for individuals at risk of suicide and well-designed peer support and parent peer support services so people get the help they need.

Work Force

End the Crisis: We Need Workers

86% of people say they have a hard time finding personal care workers (Survival Survey)

When people cannot find a personal care worker: 35% go without assistance (Survival Survey)

Occupational growth for direct care providers is 19% higher than all other Wisconsin occupations. (PHI)

Ask: Support legislation that directs the Department of Workforce Development and the Department of Health Services to increase the MA personal care worker rate to 8%.

