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MORE THAN 400 DISABILITY ADVOCATES TO VISIT THE CAPITOL

People from Across Wisconsin to Participate in Disability Advocacy Day Wednesday

Madison, WI – More than 400 self-advocates, family members, and disability allies from across Wisconsin will participate in Disability Advocacy Day on Wednesday, Mar. 20, at the State Capitol in Madison.

Disability Advocacy Day is designed to connect disability advocates with their legislators so advocates can share their story and is sponsored by the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations.

Disability Advocacy Day participants will attend a briefing about current Wisconsin disability issues at 11 a.m. at the Concourse Hotel. Then, advocates will march to the Capitol (12 p.m.) and hold a rally outside the Capitol (12:30 p.m.). After the rally, advocates will meet with their legislators between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Nearly 90% of the state representatives and senators are scheduled to meet with constituents.

“Disability Advocacy Day provides a great opportunity for advocates to meet with their legislators and explain the impacts of policy decisions on their daily lives,” said Beth Swedeen, Survival Coalition Co-Chair.

“People with disabilities and their families are passionate about improving the lives of people with disabilities in Wisconsin. Since many people will be meeting with their legislators for the first time, this event can be the springboard in developing a long-standing relationship between the constituent and the legislator,” said Survival Co-Chair Maureen Ryan

Survival Co-Chair Kit Kerschensteiner said after their legislative visit, participants will debrief in rooms 330 SW and 425 SW of the Capitol about how their visits went and their follow-up plans for staying connected with their legislators.

The Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations is a cross-disability coalition of more than 40 state and local organizations and groups. For more than 20 years, Survival has been focused on changing and improving policies and practices that support people with disabilities of all ages to be full participants in community life.

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