

Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities

Physical Disability History and Council Member Orientation

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Person-First Language

- People with disabilities constitute our nation's largest minority group.
- Outdated and inaccurate descriptors perpetuate negative stereotypes and create additional barriers.
- People-first language emphasizes the individuality, equality and dignity of people with disabilities.
- Rather than defining people primarily by their disability, people-first language conveys respect by emphasizing the fact that people with disabilities are first and foremost just that—people.

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- Handicap is a dated term and is no longer used to define people or programs in federal legislation. This term can call to mind negative images of people with disabilities such as pity and fear. “The origin of the word is from an Old English bartering game, in which the loser was left with his “hand in cap” and was said to be at a disadvantage.”
- Handicapped is often used to described modified parking spaces, hotel rooms, restrooms, and other modifications that usually provide access to people with physical disabilities or mobility impairments. A better descriptor is accessible.

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- Consumers and advocates felt there was a need for a statewide council to address the needs of people with physical disabilities.
- As a result, the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities was created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1989.
- CPD is the only state council focused solely on physical disabilities.
- Most state councils that focus physical disabilities also focus on spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury

OR

- Is encompassed in governor's disability council which covers all disabilities.

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- Wisconsin State Statute 46.29 established the Council and through this statute, the legislature assigned the Council several responsibilities including to:
 - Develop and implement a state plan for services to people with physical disabilities.
 - Advise and make recommendations to state agencies on programs, policies, and legislation that affect people with physical disabilities.
 - Promote public awareness about the abilities of and barriers to people with physical disabilities.
 - Encourage the development of programs and policies that prevent physical disabilities.
 - Submit recommendations in an annual report to the state legislature.
 - Consider all questions and matters concerning people with physical disabilities arising within the Council or brought to the council for review.
 - Form committees for consideration of policies or programs for people with physical disabilities.
 - Meet at least 4 times annually.

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- The Council envisions a world where all people with physical disabilities have access to the same opportunities and life choices as any other Wisconsin resident. To achieve this vision, the Council promotes programs and policies that enable people with disabilities to:
 - Be included and integrated in their communities;
 - Make their own life choices;
 - Enter, re-enter, or remain in the workforce to the maximum of their capacity;
 - Participate in improving and evaluating services;
 - Utilize beneficial technology;
 - Access transportation and parking; and
 - Access affordable housing that is visitable.

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- The Council is comprised of 14 members appointed by the Governor for staggered three-year terms.
 - One Council position is reserved for the Governor's representative,
 - At least six members must be people with physical disabilities,
 - Two members may be parents, guardians, or relatives of a person with a physical disability, and
 - At least one member must be a service provider to people with physical disabilities.
- The remainder of the Council is comprised of liaisons which are identified in the state statute and include (or their designated representative):
 - State superintendent of public instruction
 - Secretary of transportation
 - Secretary of workforce development
 - Director of the office of state employment relations
 - Secretary of commerce
 - Commissioner of insurance
 - President of the University of Wisconsin System
 - President of the technical college system board
 - Executive director of the board on aging and long-term care

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- The Council has five Committees to assist with carrying out these responsibilities in between the Council's regularly scheduled Quarterly Meetings. The Council's Committees are as follows: Executive Committee (comprised of Council Officers and Council Committee Chairs); Housing Committee; Transportation Committee; Emergency Preparedness Committee; and the Employment and Health Committee.
- The Council is administratively attached to the Department of Health Services.

Ed Roberts (Father of Independent Living)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1n379TcS-U>

Justin Dart (Father of Americans with Disabilities Act)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywTVusm_WAo

Ted Talk: Our fight for disability rights - Judith Heumann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABFpTRIJUuc>

History/Video Links for Reference

Disability history, movement, and Independent Living

- Module 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYYhtQXRq10>
- Module 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BdNCecv69I>
- Module 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Do0URj-ddcY>
- Module 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUHKg45wIG8>

Ed Roberts Day/Independent Living Center Services

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Ed Roberts – 1981 Interview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eF-7cdjQYDk&feature=youtu.be>

Birth of Independent Living Documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyDKDqJhzhk&feature=youtu.be>