



INVITATION: Meet Employers who Support a New Type of Employment for People with Significant Disabilities

Required RSVP for one of twelve spots by Wednesday, February 13th
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Who: Legislators and Staff

When: 9:30-11 a.m.
February 21st, 2019

Where: Multiple employer locations within walking distance of the Capitol: more specifics provided when you register

What: We invite you to see first-hand what community employment can look like statewide, including for people with the most significant disabilities. Hear what employers have to say about the value of hiring people with disabilities. The innovative supports these employees receive are cost-effective, resulting in people earning higher wages in a job that is individualized to their skills and interests - all while meeting an employer's needs. Last Spring Wisconsin enacted Employment First legislation ([Act 178](#)) requiring state agencies to make competitive integrated employment a priority. This tour will help you understand policies that contribute to Employment First success.

Attend the Walking Tour and ask these and other questions:

- *What do employers say about hiring employees with significant disabilities?*
- *How is community-based employment cost-effective?*
- *Can all people with significant disabilities work in the community? If so, how many hours?*
- *What do people do when they are not working?*
- *Is this model of employment replicable statewide? How?*

What You Will See:

In Dane County, about 890 employers of all types and sizes employ more than 840 people with developmental disabilities. These individuals earn more than \$3.86 million in wages each year. Join us to see examples of these businesses and the innovative and effective supports provided.