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## **Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities Accepting Nominations for the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award**

**MADISON, WI** — The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) is now accepting nominations for the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award. Nomination applications must be received by April 30, 2023, by 5:00 P.M. (CST).

CPD created this award in memory of Dan and his many accomplishments to recognize people with physical disabilities who are outstanding advocates. The Dan Johnson Advocacy Award is aimed at recognizing excellence in advocacy, and public policy change for people with physical disabilities, rather than disability advocacy.

Individuals nominated should be people with physical disabilities who advocate for people with physical disabilities and have had a positive impact on federal or state legislation, public policy, or programs that affect people with disabilities in Wisconsin. The advocacy work conducted should exceed normal expectations of regular advocacy practice and should be inclusive and respectful of the values and independence of those who are affected by it.

Full award criteria, eligibility, and the award nomination application are available on [CPD's website](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/dj-award.htm) ([dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/dj-award.htm](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/dj-award.htm))

Award recipient(s) will be notified following the approval of the nomination by CPD members in July 2023 and the award will be presented at CPD's quarterly meeting on October 25, 2023. The name of the awardee(s) will be kept confidential until the award is presented.

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### **About the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award**

Dan Johnson loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was one of many individuals who have had their lives turned upside down by an injury. Dan was much more than an advocate who

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possessed courage and unwavering persistence; he was generous, kind, compassionate, wise, funny, and gentle. His life was full of colleagues, friends, and family. During Dan's 36 years of service at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, he was an influential advocate for people with physical disabilities. This award is in memory of Dan and his many accomplishments and was created to recognize people with physical disabilities who are outstanding advocates. To learn more about Dan and the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award please visit [CPD's website](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/dj-award.htm) (dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/dj-award.htm).

### **About the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities**

The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) was created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1989 to address the needs of people with physical disabilities. The combined efforts of consumers, advocates, and legislators led to Wisconsin State Statute 46.29, which established the 14 member council and assigned the CPD with the following responsibilities:

- Develop, approve, and continue modification of a state plan for people with physical disabilities.
- Advise and make recommendations to state agencies on funding, programs, policies, and legislation that impact 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 on imposed ordinances related to accessible parking and motor vehicle use by people with disabilities (s. 346.50 (3m)).
- 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 four times annually.

CPD envisions a world where all people with physical disabilities have access to the same opportunities and life choices as all Wisconsin residents. For more information about the Council please visit [CPD's website](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd) (dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd).

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