



## State of Wisconsin

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### **#Access4All Video Watch Party**

*GCPD Video Series Documents Barriers to Healthcare for People with Disabilities*

**MADISON, WI –**

**Who:** Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of Wisconsin citizens who have disabilities. As a committee of Governor-appointed volunteers with cross-disability council representation and GCPD serves to advise the Governor, state agencies, and the state legislature on issues of concern for people who have disabilities.

**What:** #Access4All Video Watch Party

**When:** Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 3:30-5:00 P.M.

**Where:** #Access4All Video Watch Party can be accessed via teleconference. [Join via Zoom](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd) at <https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd> or by phone at (669)-254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 429 8153.

**Why:** GCPD's #Access4All video project highlights testimonials from people with disabilities and their caregivers about the physical and communication barriers experienced in healthcare settings. It is critically important that we listen and learn from the experiences and stories of individuals with disabilities, so that Wisconsin can continue to be a strong leader in offering the best quality of health care to all citizens.

During the Watch Party, the audience will view videos from GCPD's #Access4All video project, learn about communication and other tools available to address barriers in healthcare settings in the Emergency Preparedness Folder, and participate in a facilitated discussion about the videos and challenges faced by people with disabilities in healthcare settings.

**For more information:** Please visit [GCPD's website](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd) at [dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd).

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**Other:** If you have any reasonable accommodations requests to participate in the Watch Party or have any questions, please contact GCPD at (608) 266-9354 or [ashley.walker@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:ashley.walker@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

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### About the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

In 1948, a Governor's Committee was established with one goal: to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The group's mission was broadened in 1976 to cover many aspects of disability in Wisconsin and became the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD).

Unlike other disability councils in state government, the focus of the Governor's Committee includes all disabilities and six of its members represent specific disability constituencies:

- Alcohol and other drug abuse,
- Blindness and visual impairment,
- Deaf and hard of hearing,
- Developmental disabilities,
- Mental health, and
- Physical disabilities.

The Governor's Committee is charged with the following duties:

- Advise the Governor and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities.
- Review legislation affecting people with disabilities.
- Promote effective operation of publicly-administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities.
- Promote the collection, dissemination and incorporation of adequate information about people with disabilities for purposes of public planning at all levels of government.
- Promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities.
- Encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

To learn more about GCPD, visit [GCPD's website](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd) (www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd).

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