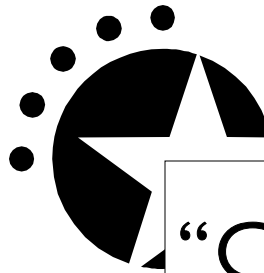


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# SELF-DETERMINATION WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2007  
KALAHARI RESORT,  
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“ORGANIZING FOR  
SELF-DIRECTED  
SUPPORTS”

HELPING PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES TAKE GREATER  
CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES.



JOIN US AT THE  
SELF-DETERMINATION WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

## Our focus

Adults with disabilities,  
including youth in transition to adulthood.



## Who should attend

People with disabilities; their families; service providers; advocates; Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Administrative, Care Management and other staff; Aging and Disability Resource Center staff (ADRC); County and Department of Health and Family Services staff.

## Come Learn

- What terms mean
- How Self-Directed Supports (SDS) can help people gain control over their lives, particularly choosing where and with whom to live; getting real jobs, and opportunities to contribute in other ways; and choosing how to receive needed support
- How the individual, the family and the system can work together to create the most fulfilling life
- Creative approaches for successful employment, co-ops, microboards, etc.
- The importance of SDS to the ADRCs, MCOs and Providers
- The new Self-Directed Supports Waiver
- Organizing so SDS is available to all people with disabilities

Learning will be through the sharing of experiences of individuals, families and systems in Wisconsin and elsewhere.

Questions? Contact Steve Stanek at (608)266-8337 or [stanesj@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:stanesj@dhfs.state.wi.us)

## There's more!

### Community Center Open House

A Community Center is a place for people to gather, to learn and to share. Join us at our "open house". You will have an opportunity to talk with our presenters, find out about exciting resources in your community and enjoy some free refreshments and a cash bar.

### Theater

Watch a continuous schedule of movies on SDS and related topics on Monday and Tuesday. Popcorn's on us!

### Hospitality Room

Need to relax a few minutes, have a conversation or need to check your email? Stop in at the hospitality room — you'll be glad you did!

### Microenterprise Vendors

New business entrepreneurs will display and sell their products.

### Lodging

The Kalahari is holding a block of guest rooms for November 5 and 6, 2007.

Reserve your room by October 5, 2007  
(Book early! The Kalahari fills quickly.)

Room rates are \$62/single and \$119/double/triple/quad rate.

For reservations call 877/253-5466  
and ask for the **WCDD** Room Block.

Visit: [www.KalahariResort.com](http://www.KalahariResort.com)  
for driving instructions and hotel information.

## Thanks to our many Contributors and Collaborators

Pathways to Independence  
Department of Health and Family Services  
Waisman Center  
People First –Wisconsin  
Self-Determination Coalition Members



## Your commitment

The fees for this conference are as low as possible so people who believe in SDS can come together to make SDS a reality in their communities and statewide.

**Please commit to attending all three days.**

By the end of the conference, you and the members of your learning team will learn:

- How self-direction and SDS relate to the long-term care system
- How you can use SDS in designing your own supports
- How you can help others use this option
- How people in other places have used SDS to take control of their futures
- Real-life stories of reaching personal goals through SDS
- How to organize a SDS coalition in your area
- How to help individuals understand and use the SDS option
- How providers and MCOs can help individuals

### About Learning Teams

Attendees will team with others from their regional areas. Teams will meet at least 3-4 times during the conference, with a facilitator and will discuss:

- thinking about what supports can be provided through the resources of the person, family and community
- how the option of self-directed supports will be presented through the ADRC, through the MCO, and through a SDS waiver
- different aspects of person-centered thinking and circles of support
- obtaining needed support from paid and unpaid sources
- how people will work together “back home” to share the learning from this conference

## Our Facilitators

### **David & Faye Wetherow, Community Works**

David and Faye have long been involved in innovative service development, training and facilitation in the field of community living.

### **Mike Green, Asset-Based Community Development**

Mike is a community organizer. He has a unique and rich set of experiences and skills.

### **John O'Brien & Connie Lyle O'Brien, Responsive Systems Associates**

John and Connie have been in the forefront of thinking about and creating innovations that help people with disabilities create full lives.

### **John Agosta, Human Services Research Institute**

John brings many years of work with self-advocates to create and apply self-determination and self-directed supports.

## Conference Coordinator

### **Dennis Harkins, Self-Determination Wisconsin**

Dennis works to facilitate local, state and national systems change efforts, particularly related to how people with disabilities can be full partners with the system in directing the way in which their support is provided.

Our facilitators will both teach at general and breakout sessions, and will be available to work with individuals and groups across the three days on such topics as:

- person-centered thinking and planning
- community building, connecting, mobilizing
- individualizing funding and services
- valued social roles

**Over 50 additional presenters will provide information and support throughout the conference.**

## Framework

Learning will focus on creating stronger connections among: Individuals who receive services; the various elements of our service systems; and other elements of our communities.

Conference organization will alternate between learning content and ideas and “learning by doing”.

### Breakout topics include:

- Understanding and applying self-determination and self-directed supports
- Supporting SDS for your adult sons and daughters
- SDS and transition from high school
- SDS nuts and bolts:
  - Aging and Disability Resource Centers and SDS
  - SDS experiences from Dane County and Family Care pilots
  - Managed Care Organizations and SDS
- Person-centeredness and SDS –
  - Strengthening the resource allocation decision-making process
  - PATH and other person-centered planning
  - Building circles of support
- Asset-based community development
  - Building community participation and inclusion
- SDS and Innovation
  - Microenterprise and self-employment
  - Developing employment co-ops
  - Housing co-ops and support to choose where you live
  - Developing self-advocacy peer cooperatives
  - Developing microboards
  - Developing “hosted services”
  - Individual development accounts & benefits counseling
- SDS and valued social roles

And More.....

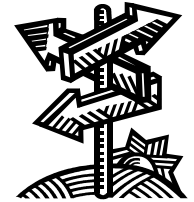
## Agenda

### Day 1

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| 9:00 - 11:00  | Registration   |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | General Session 1  |
| 12:00 – 1:30  | Lunch and Introduction to SDS  |
| 1:45 - 3:00   | Regional Organizing Session 1  |
| 3:00 - 3:30   | Break  |
| 3:30-5:00     | Really Good Breakout Sessions (6)  |
| 5:30 – 7:00   | Reception – Community Center-Open House<br>– Meet our Presenters (refreshments served) |
|               | Dinner on your own   |

### Day 2

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|               | Breakfast                         |
| 9:00 – 10:15  | General Session 2                 |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | Break                             |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | Regional Organizing Session 2     |
| 12:00- 1:15   | Lunch, with Presentation          |
| 1:30 – 3:00   | Really Good Breakout Sessions (6) |
| 3:00- 3:30    | Break                             |
| 3:30 – 5:00   | Really Good Breakout Sessions (6) |
| 5:30- 7:00    | Dinner, with Learning Team        |



### Day 3

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|               | Breakfast  |
| 9:00 –10:00   | General Session 3  |
| 10:00- 10:15  | Break  |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | Really Good, but Short Breakout Sessions (6)                         |
| 11:45- 1:15   | Who will do what back home<br>- Facilitated Planning Meeting & lunch |
| 1:30- 3:00    | General Session 4: Mobilizing and Organizing                         |