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## **VIP Services Awarded “Building Full Lives in the Community” Grant**

Madison, Wisconsin - The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) has awarded a 2016 Building Full Lives in the Community Technical Assistance Grant to VIP Services, Inc. of Elkhorn, WI.

The grant provides technical assistance to support the organizations in providing services and supports that are individualized; full of choices; and built around the dreams and aspirations of individuals. VIP Services will learn how to establish services that support individuals Full Lives in The Community by flexibly combining customized employment with individualized community integrated activities.

“The Board’s Full Lives effort shows that people with disabilities are like anyone else,” said Beth Swedeen, BPDD’s Executive Director, “Their jobs are important to them, but so is being part of their community through volunteer work, recreational activities, getting together with friends and other activities. These grants equip organizations to provide supports across community settings so that people with developmental disabilities can work, live, and participate fully in their communities. Last year’s grant recipients already are making huge changes in their communities. We are so excited to be able to offer this new round of funding, and look forward to exciting work with these new partners.”

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities is charged under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act with advocacy, capacity building, and systems change to improve self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life for people with developmental disabilities.

For more information on the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities, see <http://www.wi-bpdd.org/> or contact VIP Services at 262-723-4043 or [info@vipservices-inc.org](mailto:info@vipservices-inc.org).

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