

ACTION ALERT!



A TEAM WISCONSIN

Be **AWARE**:

The Wisconsin Employment First Bill (Senate 514/Assembly 624) is seeking public comment.

The **Employment First Bill** (EFB) directs Wisconsin public agencies, including the Departments of Health Services, Workforce Development and Department of Public Instruction to focus strong effort towards people with disabilities becoming competitively employed in the community.

Key Points:

1. Develop policies to increase competitive integrated employment (CIE).
2. Set up data and measures for these policies.
3. Does not limit access or choice for prevocational services i.e. facility based training, workshop training.

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To view the full **Employment First Bill**.

Be **ADVISED**:

1. A Team Wisconsin supports the Employment First Bill (AB 625) because it recognizes the importance of a full array of employment choices.
2. It is important for legislators to keep this promise if and when the Employment First

Bill (AB 625) becomes a law.

A TEAM Wisconsin advocates will be at the public hearing on January 10, 2018. However, we need your voice too!

Take ACTION!

Mail or Email your legislators.

Who is your State Senator and State Representative?

Simply go to <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/Pages/waml.aspx>, enter your address and it will tell you who represents you. You can then click on their names to go to their individual web pages.

Options to include in comment:

1. Thank you (legislator name) for your commitment to the Employment First Bill and the language within it that respects all employment choices.
2. Your personal story of where you/your loved one works and why it is important for a meaningful life.
3. If you are concerned about the limiting of prevocational services for you or your loved one from your funding program (Family Care/ IRIS), share your personal experience with this issue.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the testimony from A TEAM Wisconsin, written by Rick Wilson.

Please Comment Now!

(Deadline is January 26, 2018)

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!" - Helen Keller