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Bloom IDD - A World of Possibilities

Resources and Support for Adults With IDD and Their Families

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With what can seem like limited opportunities, adults with IDD may be stuck in underfunded programs or marginal employment that deplete dignity rather than nurture it.

At Bloom IDD, we believe that community is the catalyst for change within the lives of people living with IDD. Providing opportunities and encouragement for individuals to learn and grow should be at the core of our communities and neighborhoods, and we believe no one should be left behind.

Bloom IDD provides adults with IDD the guidance they need to break out the limitations imposed on them and 'bloom' anywhere they choose to plant themselves.

In addition, we facilitate opportunities for adults with IDD to create a life they love in a vibrant online and offline community through our affiliation with Cedarburg Mercantile.

Bloom IDD has launched an innovative online resource center to improve opportunities for adults with IDD who want to live the life they deserve.

The Bloom IDD resource center is the key to creating real change for this underserved population.

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About Page

Welcome to Bloom IDD - A World of Possibilities

Imagine a place where adults with IDD can receive the resources they need to live a full, independent life.

Imagine a place where they can grow personally and professionally, have fun with family and friends, contribute to the community, and just plain enjoy life.

Imagine a place where they can bloom.

And now imagine that place is here.

Bloom IDD is a nonprofit organization providing trusted and reliable resources for adults with IDD and their families to learn and grow together.

Meet Our Founders

Mike and Cindy Purnell

Picture of Mike & Cindi

Based on their frustration of finding information to assist their daughter Dakota, Mike and Cindi Purnell created Bloom IDD to answer the need for information, educational opportunities, and community connection for adults with Intellectual Disabilities (IDD) and their families.

Where do you go if you are an adult with IDD and you need job skills training, peer support, or help navigating the Social Security system?

Where can adults with IDD and their families access resources in their own communities?

Bloom IDD works tirelessly to help adults with IDD reach their highest potential in life through innovative programs that foster friendship, growth, and fun!

Mike and Cindi's ultimate goal was to relieve some of the stress they experienced and create a platform that provides a comprehensive launchpad for adults with IDD and their families.

The result is Bloom IDD, a one-stop-shop where you can have the information you need right at your fingertips.

Samantha Bear

Executive Director - Bloom IDD

<p style="text-align: center;">Photo of Samantha</p>	<p>Samantha Bear thrives on helping people realize their dreams.</p> <p>For over a decade she has helped instill a sense of belonging, dignity, and respect for adults with functional disabilities.</p> <p>Samantha is the Executive Director of Bloom IDD, where she oversees an innovative learning platform that provides comprehensive resources and services to promote independence and assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their full potential.</p> <p>She is driven by her passion to empower others to overcome challenges and reach their potential through a variety of opportunities including employment, community inclusion, and recreational activities.</p> <p>She earned a Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Education with an Autism Spectrum Certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a Masters of Education from Loyola University of Chicago.</p>
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Currently, resources specifically for adults with IDD can be few and far between. There is a huge gap in the knowledge base for resources that promote dignity, respect, and a sense of belonging for adults with IDD.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Bloom IDD, please visit our [Support page](#).