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## Achieving Greater Independence for Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

Disability Conference Series  
Tommy G. Thompson Center  
on Public Leadership

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# CITEE OVERVIEW

*CITEE focuses on community, state, educational, and business/employer engagement by strategically applying, developing, and implementing research and best practices of equity, inclusion, and diversity. Through a diverse array of partnerships, data informed best practices, and applied research and assessment CITEE strives to improve the quality of life and employment outcomes for persons with disabilities.*



**Employment Connections**



**WI-WIOA Career Interview Project**



**Now is the Time Conference**

- WI WIOA Career Interview Project
- Wisconsin National Core Indicators Project
- Employment Connections
- Athlete Leadership Academy
- Project SEARCH® continuing education
- Disability:IN Wisconsin
- Accessible E-sports stadium at UW-Whitewater
- Wisconsin Qualified Treatment Trainees
- Now is the Time, Youth Empowered Solutions
- Youth Treatment Initiative



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## Employee and Employer Focus

### Opportunities and Supports for People

- Students
- Apprentices
- Job Seekers



### Opportunities and Support for Employers

- Business to Business
- Internships, Training, Apprenticeships, Mentoring, etc.
- Employment Connections
- Consultation, Program Development, Benchmarking, Culture Change



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## Opportunities in Post-Secondary Education

### UW-Whitewater LIFE program

<https://www.uww.edu/coeps/departments/life-program>

Think College

<https://thinkcollege.net/>

### Developmental Courses

Includes Project SEARCH®

Athlete Leadership Academy in partnership with Special Olympics Wisconsin



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## A Few COVID-19 Policy and Practice Considerations



- Fostering social connections and skills remotely
- Alternative instruction and Accommodations
- Telehealth, including behavioral health and wellness
- Remote VR service delivery, including WIOA career interviews
- Essential Employees –people are still working, getting trial work experiences
- Telecommuting as a Reasonable Accommodation
- Paid Leave and Caregiving
- Self-advocacy and self-determination skills
- Direct care staff security and safety
- Interdependence of LTSS and employment security



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