

PATH of Door County Summary

Number of employees:

Varies based on the time of the year. During the school year we employ 5 to 6 people and during our summer programming we employ 12-15 people.

Number of volunteers:

15-20

What is your Mission Statement?

The mission of PATH is to provide programming designed to expand opportunities and enhance the lives of individuals with special needs and their families, based on the concept of "parents helping parents".

Our initiative is to provide outreach and instructional support services for any and all families who are caring for a loved one with a disability in and around Door County.

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?

Our main source of funding comes from State and Federal waiver programs in which our participants are enrolled in. The state sets a rate that an organization can charge based on program design and intent. 75% of our budget comes from this type of programming. The remaining 25% of our budget is raised through a variety of fundraising events we work annually. We have two families that donate an amount each year to PATH but other than that private donations are made on a random basis to our organization.

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?

We offer our programs to all the individual communities within Door County. We work through the Human Services Department with their case managers and School Special Education Directors to get the word out about our programs. In the last year we have also connected with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to partner in offering different programs to enhance the employability of our working youth.

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.

We offer a variety of programs to our families based on current needs or opportunities that we feel will benefit this special population. Programs we currently offer include the following:

- Eight week summer camp
- Respite providers for in home respite
- Workplace Communication Class
- PEERS (Credited program that teaches social communication skills)
- Sunrise Bowling League (runs October thru April)
- Parent Education Seminars

- Parent Support Groups
- Work with local schools to utilize spaces within our building (ie. sensory room and kitchen)
- After School Program (staffing has been an issue for 2023)

For Fall of 2023 it is a goal (again depends on staffing) to bring back our after school program and add some cooking courses.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?

We started out as a small organization renting space in a church basement with maybe 15 families utilizing our program. Today we own our own space, run a variety of programs and find we support not only Door County families but in the summer we currently provide activities for families who live in Door County for the summer in five other counties. Our summer camp has grown over the years from about 10 children to an average of 22-30 children. We average 5-6 families a session that have taken part in the programs we offer during the school year (listed above). On average we support about 12-15 families through different challenges they may need resources for.

What is your annual budget?

Approximately \$135,000

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?

We have worked diligently over the past four years to get our facility to code for the population we serve. We have successfully accomplished this and our newest goal is to purchase a 15 passenger van so that we can take our participants on outings in and around Door County.

Over the past three years we have struggled to rent vehicles that allow us to bring experiences to our children. With the shift in economy and inflation, many of our resources used to rent from have diminished. Transportation is a big component of many of our programs. So our biggest need at present is to purchase our own vehicle such that we can provide multiple community based experiences in and around Door County.