

Harvey Ross has served as an Independent Living Coordinator at Independence First in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 12 years and is a prominent community activist on issues impacting individuals with disabilities. In 1992, Harvey was shot, resulting in paraplegia due to Spinal Cord Injury. As a person with an acquired disability, Harvey dedicated significant effort towards personal growth and development, completing his Associate Degree in Social work in 1998 at Milwaukee Area Technical College and his Bachelor of Arts in Communication at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee in 2003. He has led several grant-funded projects exploring health and wellness for young men of color with Spinal Cord Injuries and has published several posters and abstracts. Harvey is a volunteer peer mentor at Froedtert Hospital where he provides guidance and mentorship for other individuals with recent disabilities. As a community activist, Harvey speaks on local issues impacting individuals with disabilities in Milwaukee, WI, and speaks regionally and nationally on intersectionalism in race and disability. Harvey is a dedicated athlete and advocate for the role of physical activity in mental health.

