



## BRIAN PETERS

**EXPERIENCE** Independence First, 540 S 1<sup>st</sup> St, Milwaukee WI 53204  
Sept 2000 - Present  
Current title: Independent Living Services Assistant  
Program Director  
Past titles: Community Access & Policy Specialist,  
Independent Living Coordinator, Housing Program  
Coordinator, and Housing Policy Advocate

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**EDUCATION** Northern Illinois University May 1997  
Major: Applied Geography (Urban/Economic)  
Minors: Business Administration  
Urban Studies

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- INDEPENDENT  
LIVING  
MOVEMENT**
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)  
Member 20 years
  - Former Member of NCIL Legislative & Advocacy  
Committee
  - Former (Co) chair of NCIL Housing Sub-committee  
18 years
  - 4-term Member-at-Large on NCIL Board (ending  
July 2022)
  - Presenter on housing workshops and legislative  
briefing/de-briefings at multiple Conferences
  - Past Planner and Presenter at IL Days Conferences
  - Chair of Wisconsin Independent Living Network  
Voter Committee

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- COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATIONS**
- Co-founder and Co-chair of Milwaukee Housing  
Coalition

- Member of City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board & chair of Technical Review subcommittee
- Member of Disability Vote Coalition
- Coordinates quarterly meetings between Independence First and City of Milwaukee on ADA issues
- Past member of Milwaukee Area Technical College's ADA Committee and past member of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's ADA Committee
- Member of Summerfest's ADA Committee
- Past member of Wisconsin Collaborative for Affordable Housing and fundraiser for the annual "A Home for Everyone Conference" for five years
- Past participant in Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Housing Study Advisory Committee, Environmental Justice Taskforce, and stakeholder partner for numerous SEWRPC projects
- 2-term Hope House Board Member

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AWARDS &  
CERTIFICATION

- Fair Housing Advocate Awards (Individual & Agency)
- WCILC 2007 IL Advocate of the Year Award
- UEDA 2022 Outstanding Community Partner Award
- Certified ADA Coordinator