



Tuesday Morning Memo

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HAPPY TAX DAY!

- **LOCAL ARC CHAPTERS ARE POSITIVELY INFLUENCING PUBLIC POLICY AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL**

Kudos to **The Arc-Dane County** and **The Arc-Winnebago County Disability Association** for their recent efforts to encourage and provide support to people that want to play a role in public policy.

Recently, **The Arc-Winnebago County** partnered with United Cerebral Palsy to host an informational session on the development of a Family Care district comprising Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Manitowoc Counties. The presentation featured comments from several people involved in the planning and development of Family Care in the three-county region. The event also provided an opportunity for many of the 100 attendees to ask questions related to expansion of Family Care into the region. **The Arc-Winnebago County** is making a difference.

Prior to the recent spring election, **The Arc-Dane County** sent a questionnaire to the two candidates seeking to be the Dane County Executive. The questionnaire focused on human service issues. **The Arc-Dane County** shared the replies verbatim with their members and others with an interest in human services in Dane County. Several people mentioned that the information gathered and shared by **The Arc-Dane County** influenced how they voted. **The Arc-Dane County** is making a difference.

- **COUNTIES ARE PROTESTING FUNDING CUTS TO HUMAN SERVICES**

The April 14 edition of the *La Crosse Tribune* featured a front page article on the concerns that counties have with the reductions in state funding for human services that counties are mandated by the state to provide. To see the article, go to: <http://www.lacrossetribune.com/articles/2009/04/14/news/z02cuts.txt>.

- **JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ACTIVITY HEATS UP**

The Joint Committee on Finance recently removed several policy items from Governor Doyle's state budget proposal. Members of the committee will now meet twice a week to deliberate modifications to the budget proposal. If all goes well, and that is a big if, the committee could complete its work by the end of May.

Thanks to the many Arc members that attended the Joint Committee on Finance public hearings that were held around the state in recent weeks. Thanks also to the many Arc members that have sent comments related to the state budget to their legislators and/or members of the Joint Committee on Finance.