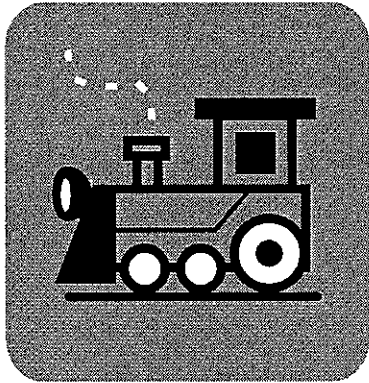


The Arc-Wisconsin 2008 State Conference



Gearing Up For Changes "The Train Has Left the Station"

Hosted by The Arc-Wisconsin Disability Association, Inc.,

September 26, 2008 ~Crowne Plaza Madison

*Keynote Speakers: Perry Mueller, President,
The Arc-Wisconsin & Jim Hoegemeier, Executive Director,
The Arc-Wisconsin*

"The train has left the station". How many times have we heard that in recent months? Coach Mike McCarthy used that term to describe the situation between Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers. The Family Care presentation developed by The Arc-Wisconsin uses the same analogy.

In determining the direction that the Arc network in Wisconsin needs to take in the upcoming months and years, we need to see where we are coming from. This presentation will include a discussion of ways in which the Arc network in Wisconsin recognized upcoming changes and made some adaptations to prepare for those changes. We will use that context to discuss directions that Arc members and other advocates will need to consider to recognize potential challenges and opportunities and position ourselves to overcome those challenges and take advantage of the opportunities.

The presentation will include a discussion of specific steps Arc members and chapters might want to consider. The presentation will be highly interactive. All attendees should be ready to be both teacher and student!

Speakers for the Conference Include:

Shanna Jensen
The Management Group
Madison, WI

Jim Hoegemeier
The Arc-Wisconsin
Madison, WI

Jack Longert
WisPACT
Madison, WI

Perry Mueller
Community Care, Inc.
Brookfield, WI

John O'Keefe
Dept. of Health Services
Madison, WI

Exhibit Booths ~ Open:
Friday, 8:30 – 5:00 P.M. Get the latest information on disability resources.

Luncheon Auction ~ We will have a couple of items to bid on during lunch – bring your wallets and help support The Arc-Wisconsin.

Silent Auction ~ This great fundraiser depends on great donations. Please donate an item for the auction, or bring it with you to the conference. Don't forget to check out the great assortment of donated items and services on Friday at the silent auction and get those bids in. The auction closes Friday at 4:45P.M. Sharp!

The Arc-Wisconsin Board of Directors

Perry Mueller ~
President ~1996

Jayn Wittenmyer
Vice-President ~1998

Kay Hurkmans
Secretary ~1998

John Beisbier
Treasurer ~2004

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Donna Auchue ~2007

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Jeffrey Johnson ~2004

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Dan Remick ~2006

Leigh Roberts ~1998

Michael Ward, M.D. ~2004

Angie Zender ~2005

Karen Zepecki - 2008

Welcome to Madison!

With many night spots and plenty of sports events, Madison is the place to visit in the fall. From beautiful colors to great shopping on State Street, enjoy your time in the Capitol City. We welcome you to the Dane County area and invite you to make your visit uniquely yours as you come to the 2008 Arc Conference.

2008 Conference Planning Committee & Partners

Planners

Jim Hoegemeier
The Arc-Wisconsin

Ginny Lukken
The Arc-Wisconsin

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HOTEL INFORMATION:

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Madison located at 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison.

A block of rooms will be held until September 12, 2008. Lodging is not included in the registration fee. Conference room rates are \$70.00 for a single or \$80.00 for a double. Please call 800-404-7630 or 608-244-4703 to make your reservations. You must mention that you are attending The Arc-Wisconsin Conference to receive this special rate.

The Crowne Plaza features free high speed internet, restaurant, lounge and room service, heated indoor pool, exercise room, game room and complimentary parking. Pets are welcome.

Directions to the Crowne Plaza Madison

**South from Fond du Lac and
Fox Cities – Hwy 151 ~**
Hwy 151 South becomes East Washington Avenue (in Madison). After driving under I90/94 we are approximately 1/2 mile down on the right hand side across from East Towne Mall.

East from LaCrosse – I90 ~
Take exit 135A from I90/94. This is 151 South (East Washington Avenue). Travel on East Washington Avenue approximately 1/2 mile. We are on the right hand side across from East Towne Mall.

West from Milwaukee – I94 ~
Take exit I90/94 towards Wisconsin Dells. Take exit 135A from I90/94, this is 151 South (East Washington Avenue). Travel on East Washington Avenue approximately 1/2 mile. We are on the right hand side across from East Towne Mall.

Thursday ~

Business Meetings

5:00 – 6:30 ~ **Social Gathering**
~ The Arc-Wisconsin Office ~
Mendota Room

7:00 – 9:00 ~ **The Arc-
Wisconsin Board of Director's
Meeting** ~ The Arc-Wisconsin
Office – Mendota Room

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Friday, September 26th

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

8:30 – 4:45 Silent Auction Opens ~ Exhibit Booths

9:00 – 10:15 Conference Kick Off ~

Welcome ~ Perry Mueller, President, The Arc Wisconsin

Opening Address ~ “The Train Has Left the Station” – How Do We Get On Board and Help Determine Its Direction ~ Perry Mueller, President, The Arc-Wisconsin & Jim Hoegemeier, Executive Director, The Arc-Wisconsin

10:15 – 10:30 Break



10:30-12:00 Breakout Session

* **IRIS – Include, Respect, I Self-Direct** ~ Learn about the new Medicaid self-directed supports waiver program that everybody is talking about! The IRIS waiver began implementation on July 1, 2008 in some counties and will eventually be an option that is available in every county. ~ Shanna Jensen, The Management Group, IRIS Independent Consultant Agency & John O’Keefe, Dept. of Health Services ~ The presentation will include the following:

- A brief history of the development of this self-directed supports waiver;
- A discussion of how principles of self-direction have been incorporated into IRIS;
- How to learn more about IRIS and compare it to other available options;
- What to expect when you enroll in IRIS;
- What resources are available to IRIS enrollees;
- A list of services and goods that can be provided by IRIS.

12:10 – 1:30 Luncheon ~ Awards Luncheon ~ Program & Auction

1:45 – 3:00 Breakout Sessions

* **WisPACT ~ Estate Planning for People with Special Needs** ~ This presentation includes basic estate planning and disability planning concepts. Emphasis will be placed on the roles of using a Special Needs Trust and WisPACT Trusts (Wisconsin Pooled and Community Trusts). WisPACT is an innovative pooled supplemental needs trust program with the objective to preserve public benefits and to “help each Beneficiary develop his or her full potential and enjoy as comfortable and happy a life as is possible.” A question and answer period will be provided. ~ Jack Longert, WisPACT, President/Executive Director

* **Fundraising ~ No Contribution Too Large or Small** ~ All advocacy organizations struggle for adequate financial resources that allow them to effectively fulfill their missions. This presentation will discuss many of the efforts advocacy organizations have made to raise funds. What worked well and what didn’t? We will discuss ways to raise anywhere from a few dollars to a few hundred thousand dollars ~ Jim Hoegemeier, The Arc-Wisconsin

3:00 – 3:15 Break



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- * **Political Preparations and Prognostications** ~2008 is a major election year. We have the opportunity to vote for federal, state and local candidates, as well as decide on many issues. The presentation will include ways to ensure that disability issues are included on the “radar screens” of every candidate for public office. There will be a discussion about the current partisan balance in the White House, Congress and the State Legislature and how changes to that balance might impact people with disabilities. Be prepared to leave with some homework assignments to learn more about the candidates and the issues AND to be willing to share your stories with candidates. ~Jim Hoegemeier, Executive Director, The Arc-Wisconsin

4:45 – 5:30 **Silent Auction Closes** ~Items must be picked up by 5:30

5:00 – 6:00 **The Arc-Wisconsin Assembly and Annual Meeting**

The Arc-Wisconsin 2008 State Conference ~At a Glance

Thursday, September 25, 2008

5:00 - 6:30	Social Gathering ~The Arc-Wisconsin Office ~Mendota Room
7:00 - 9:00	The Arc-Wisconsin Board of Directors Meeting ~The Arc-Wisconsin Office ~Mendota Room

Friday, September 26, 2008

8:30 – 9:00	Registration ~	
8:30 – 4:45	Exhibit Booths and Silent Auction Opens ~	
9:00 – 10:15	Conference Kick Off ~ Welcome ~ Keynote Address ~ “The Train Has Left the Station” ~ Perry Mueller, President, The Arc-Wisconsin & Jim Hoegemeier, Executive Director, The Arc-Wisconsin	
10:15 – 10:30	Break ~	
10:30 – 12:00	IRIS ~Shanna Jensen & John O’Keefe	
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3:00 – 3:15	Break ~	
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REGISTRATION FORM

HOW TO REGISTER

Mail completed registration form(s) with check or money order made payable to: The Arc-Wisconsin.

By Mail: 2800 Royal Avenue, Suite 209
Madison, WI 53713

By Fax: (608) 222-8908

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 12, 2008

Please register one person per form. This form may be duplicated. Please see general information for instructions regarding accommodations.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Special Assistance/ Accommodations:

Please advise us at the time of registration if you require special assistance such as special dietary considerations, vegetarian meals, accessible room, etc.

Note special requests here: Deadline September 12, 2008

CONFERENCE FEES

Individual - Full Conference \$40.00 _____

Includes registration, materials, break refreshments and Friday Lunch

Self-Advocate - Full Conference \$30.00 _____

Includes registration, materials, break refreshments and Friday Lunch

Cost of additional meals for guests not attending conference:

Friday Lunch _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Donations to the Arc-Wisconsin \$ _____

Total Registration Fees \$ _____

_____ Check or Money Order Enclosed

Break Out Session Selections

Enter name of session

Friday, September 26, 2008

1:45 - 3:00 _____

3:15 - 4:30 _____

