



Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **NATIONAL STUDY SHEDS LIGHT ON FINANCIAL COSTS OF AUTISM ON FAMILIES**

The December issue of Pediatrics magazine included the results of a nationwide study of the challenges faced by families that include a child with autism. For a related article on the release of the study, visit The Arc-Wisconsin website at www.arc-wisconsin.org.

- **NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY SEEKS INPUT ON EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

The Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee has approved a research project with the goal of learning more about the educational priorities parents have for their children with developmental disabilities. Information about this project has been distributed by the national Arc network. Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to participate in the survey. Participation is anonymous and takes about 15 minutes. The URL link to the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PPz22c41hFLHZIAnkWEbNg_3d_3d

Be forewarned that our friends in New Zealand continue to use a term that many advocates find offensive. They have already been contacted with the suggestion that they change their terminology.

- **WAITING LIST STORIES STILL NEEDED FOR GERALDO RIVERA DOCUMENTARY**

The Arc of the United States is still seeking stories of families facing the challenges that result from having a member on a waiting list. Wisconsin still has thousands of people on waiting lists. If you know of someone that is struggling with the challenges of being on a waiting list, please urge them to share their story in an effort to eliminate waiting lists. Stories and/or videos can be sent to communications@thearc.org. For additional assistance or information, contact Laura Hart, Director of Communications, at hart@thearc.org or Stacy Monaghan, Online Advocacy Manager, at monaghan@thearc.org.

- **REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARC-WI TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN SENSENBRENNER**

Later this week, representatives of The Arc-Wisconsin are scheduled to meet with Representative F. James Sensenbrenner (R-Brookfield) to discuss disability issues.