



Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **IRIS WAIVER REACHES MILESTONE: 300 REFERRALS!**

Recently, the IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) waiver program had its 300th referral. IRIS is a self-directed Medicaid waiver program that was launched on July 1, 2008. IRIS is available to people that are eligible for Family Care. As a result, IRIS is available in areas where Family Care is available. As Family Care expands, so will IRIS.

While not for everyone, IRIS is a program that has been the “perfect fit” for many people. Several IRIS participants have shared very positive comments about their experiences with IRIS. To see actual testimonials, go to: <http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/complimentstoiris.pdf>.

There are several websites that have useful information about IRIS. Those websites include:

Wisconsin Department of Health Services IRIS website:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/iris/index.htm>

This site includes links to the Independent Consultant Agency and the Fiscal Services Agency. Both agencies serve IRIS participants.

The Arc-Wisconsin website:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/self-directed+supports/default.asp>

This site includes general information about IRIS, self-directed services and principles of self-determination.

For a recent map that includes the number of IRIS referrals from each county, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/irisreferralmapfebruary262009.pdf>

CONGRATULATIONS TO IRIS ON 300 REFERRALS!