



Tuesday Morning Memo

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COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT OF FAMILY CARE AUDIT APPROVED

After hearing over 3 hours of testimony, the members of the Joint Legislative Committee on Audit unanimously approved a comprehensive audit of Family Care. The audit will be done by the non-partisan Legislative Audit Bureau and the findings of the audit should be available to legislators as they work to develop the 2011-13 biennial state budget.

This audit is the result of a tremendous grassroots effort by people expressing concerns about Family Care. On numerous occasions, members of the Joint Legislative Committee on Audit mentioned that they have received numerous contacts from constituents in support of the audit.

For more information on the audit, please go to the following:

- Legislative Audit Bureau Statement on Scope of Audit
<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/familycareauditproposedscopejuly2010.pdf>
- Wisconsin Eye link to video/audio of July 14 hearing
http://www.wiseye.org/wisEye_programming/ARCHIVES-jointcommittees.html
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article on July 14 hearing
<http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/98475379.html>

MUCH NEWS

There is a fair amount of activity going on that could have a major impact on people with developmental disabilities. The state has to pay back \$200 million from a malpractice fund that was used to “plug holes” in the 2009-2011 biennial state budget. There will be many new legislators next year. To keep up on such news, please make regular visits to The Arc-Wisconsin website at: www.arc-wisconsin.org.

OPPORTUNITY TO DIALOGUE WITH CANDIDATES

On Friday, July 30th, several disability organizations are hosting a candidate forum in Green Bay. Candidates for U.S. Senate and Governor have been invited. U.S. Senator Russ Feingold and challengers Ron Johnson and David Westlake have confirmed that they plan to participate. Gubernatorial candidate Tom Barrett has confirmed his participation. Forum coordinators continue to work with other candidates to confirm their participation. For more information on this event, go to:

- Sponsor Information With Candidate Forum Details
<http://www.dawninfo.org/events/2010/SponsorFactSheet.pdf>
- Registration Form For Candidate Forum
<http://www.dawninfo.org/events/2010/ForumRegistration.pdf>

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Information related to several upcoming training opportunities has been added to The Arc-WI website at: <http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/upcoming+events+trainings+and+presentations/default.asp>