



Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **CHANGES PROPOSED TO PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES DEFINITION IN FAMILY CARE**

In recent weeks, many developmental disability advocates learned about proposed changes to the definition of prevocational services within Family Care. Prevocational services are those services that are typically provided in community rehabilitation centers. As one might expect, there was a very strong response by people and entities that could be impacted by the proposed changes. In many cases, responses have been filled with a great deal of emotion. The Arc-Wisconsin received well over one hundred contacts from people expressing their concerns, both positive and negative, related to the proposed changes. The Arc-Wisconsin has been very active in working with officials at the Department of Health Services and other entities and individuals that could be impacted by the proposed changes. DHS remains open to input that will help develop a final prevocational services definition that will be clear and be in the best interests of people with disabilities.

In response to the contacts to The Arc-Wisconsin, we have added a page to our website that will include updated information related to the proposed changes to the definition of prevocational services. Please go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/family+care+prevocational+services+definition/default.asp>

Please keep in mind that this is an ongoing process. We will keep you informed.

- **NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Did something happen with health care reform this past weekend? As always, the “What’s New” section on The Arc-Wisconsin website includes links to news reports related to politics and/or disability issues. The website includes many articles related to health care reform from many news sources. Please note that this section is updated on a very regular basis, including on weekends. If you come across an article in your local paper that might be of interest to other developmental disability advocates, please send an e-mail to arcwjim@att.net.

To see the list of news articles, please go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/whats+new/default.asp>

- **UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS**

The Arc-Wisconsin website also includes a list of upcoming presentations and events. Recent additions to the list include:

-SDS NETWORK Event, December 3, Wisconsin Dells
-“Promoting Healthy Lifestyles: Strategies for Helping People with Developmental Disabilities Live Healthy Lives”, December 9, Oak Creek.

For more information on these events, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/upcoming+events+trainings+and+presentations/default.asp>

- **LIST OF SPONSORS OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARC-WISCONSIN CONTINUES TO GROW**

The list of supporters of The Arc-Wisconsin during our 60th anniversary year continues to grow. We welcome and thank Stenger Government Relations of Madison for their recent support. To see the growing list of supporters, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/60th+anniversary+sponsors/default.asp>