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2017 Annual Meeting & Awards Presentations



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Lincoln Park Middle School**



**2017 Team
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June 12th—6 .p.m.

No July or August Board Meetings

2017-2018 Board meetings begin September 12th

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Achieve with us.



From the Director

Arc members who have access to the Internet can friend The Arc NW on Facebook and get the latest information on important topics that pertain to intellectual and developmental disabilities. Otherwise some of this information is covered in each edition of the newsletter and on the website thearcnw.org

Current important topics:

Section 298— Michigan proposed the privatization of behavioral health services, referred to as Section 298. Behavioral health services are the daily direct care services our members need to live their lives. This is not health care and the private health plans (HMOs) have no experience or understanding of behavioral health services. Nevertheless, HMOs are very interested in taking over Michigan's \$2.4 billion behavioral health services funding to share with their stockholders. The Arc stands strong against the privatization of behavioral health services. We support improving the current public system and improving community mental health systems by reducing administration and implementing statewide standards. We have and will continue to share our position with state legislators.

HCBS Waiver— The Center for Medicaid Services has new rules for the Home and Community Based Waiver and all states must comply. In June, Michigan's providers will begin receiving notification letters with a template and links to readiness tools and corrective action plans to achieve compliance with the new rules before the end of 2019. Compliance ensures that:

- Individuals who have disabilities have the same access to the community as individuals who do not have disabilities.
- Allows individuals' the opportunity to make decisions about the services they receive and who provides their services.

Updates on these topics and others are posted on The Arc NW web site and Facebook page.

Summer used to be a time when there were fewer meetings and the office was quieter. Not any more. We added two new staff to help manage our increasing work loads.

Thank you everyone who attended the Annual Meeting! Those of you who volunteer your skills and time have your name commemorated on a plaque that hangs in The Arc NW's main hallway. Please stop by and take a look. You are the reason The Arc NW is an effective, recognized organization. Congratulations to The Arc NW 2017 Award recipients! You make the world a better place to live!

I wish you all a fun, safe summer!

Chris

State education plan shortchanges special needs students

Brian Calley Published 12:01 a.m. ET May 19, 2017

Every child in Michigan deserves the chance to succeed in school and gain the knowledge needed to reach their full potential as adults. This, unfortunately, has not been the case historically for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It has been a priority of mine as lieutenant governor to reform our special education system and make sure we send the message that all kids matter.

Though we have made progress on this front, Michigan's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan needs to be improved to account for the needs of our most vulnerable students. I submitted my concerns, along with hundreds of parents and advocates, to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in March during its public comment period. Those suggestions, which would have strengthened school accountability, were not incorporated into the plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Education.

I then personally reached out to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and asked her to return Michigan's plan to MDE for improvement. Gov.

Rick Snyder also expressed his concerns, stating "I believe that we can do better. Given Michigan's historically low performance nationally, we must ensure that our accountability system is transparent, honest and works for every student in the state." That frank critique certainly rings true for students with disabilities in our state.

ESSA created an accountability system to help ensure all students are learning, but changes are needed to Michigan's plan to fulfill that promise.

Particularly, Michigan's n-size for student subgroup accountability must be lowered. "N-size" is the number of students a subgroup must include for its performance to be measured separately within the school. Michigan's proposed n-size of 30 would result in almost two-thirds of Michigan schools (61.5%) not being required to meaningfully account for their students with disabilities. That would create a serious lack of transparency for students and their families, negatively impacting many of our most vulnerable students.

Education Week reports that 15 states and the District of Columbia submitted ESSA plans to the U.S. Department of Education this spring and Michigan's plan is one of only two that adopt an n-size of 30. The other 14 plans specify n-sizes ranging from 10 to 25. Accountability for our students should be a top priority and this is not a place where Michigan wants to be an outlier. We have a lower n-size for the English Learner subgroup, so there is no reason we shouldn't be able to do the same for the other student subgroups, including students in special education.

The Every Student Succeeds Act plan needs to focus on the success of *every* student, and that includes students with Individualized Education Plans. We owe it to our students and their families to improve Michigan's ESSA plan. I hope to work with the Michigan Department of Education on changes to better account for the performance of all student groups in our schools.

Brian Calley is lieutenant governor of Michigan.

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in our schools, communities, jobs,
and all aspects of typical life.**

The Arc Sports News

Hello everyone and thank you for making the Sport program bowling fundraiser a HUGE SUCCESS!! A total of 233 bowlers participated, 55 different raffle baskets were created, (2) Sport memorabilia items were donated for a Silent Auction, and a very beautiful credenza was donated by Chris Furniture for a separate raffle. We had 3 different 50/50 winners and many door prize winners along with Mystery Bowler winners. So many volunteers donated their time & talent to help make this night the success it was. Thank you for all your help and time. I'd like to thank Karyn Bookmeier for putting the "bug" in her family and friends ears that donations were needed. With that being said, over 18 different baskets along with gift cards and door prizes for this special night, were donated. Thank you Karyn Bookmeier, family, and friends for everything! Also there were (2) \$500 donations given to The Arc Sport Program for which I'd like to thank the **Fairlane Eagles** on Van Born in Dearborn Hgts, and **Cequent Performance Products** in Plymouth **for the generous donations.**

It was a great night and lots of fun for all. Mark your calendar May 4, 2018 for next year's bowling fundraiser!!

June 1st starts the Summer Games in Mt. Pleasant – Good luck to all the Swimmers and Field & Track athletes when you participate in your event. Most of all have fun!!

Baseball practice starts in June – See calendar for day of practice for the different teams.

Dates to remember:

August 26th - Farmington Hills Baseball invitation

Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st - Fall Classic State Games

COACHES – I cannot stress enough how important it is to make sure the health forms for players and especially all your volunteer forms & your forms are up to date (**Protective Behavior, AB Volunteer form, & Concussion training.**) You MUST check the SOMI website for this information. The Arc does not keep track of this. Do this once you know who your volunteers are & who will be attending the Area & State Games with you. DO NOT wait until the paperwork is needed for GMS. The Arc does not review this website for you. If you or your volunteers have expired or are close to expiring, complete the forms which are located on the SOMI website, and submit to Michelle Palmateer, plus keep a copy for yourself. If you do not have access to a computer/scanner, once the form is completed, Shonda or Lana will fax or email your form to Michelle. The Arc will supply a list of health form expiration dates for the athletes. So far this information is not on the SOMI website but will be in the near future.

I will have Lana forward me the list & I will pass it on to the Baseball & Soccer coaches to review or you can stop in the Arc if you want a hardcopy.

If your health form expires during a multi-day event, you must renew it prior to the start of the event.

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE - JANICE

JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

The Chicken Dinner Dance was held on Friday, Apr. 28, at Thurston High School. We had a fantastic turnout of 208 members that came to this popular event! Everyone enjoyed Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, cole slaw, biscuits/honey, ice cream cups, water, pop, and marshmallow Peeps in all flavors and colors. Our D.J.'s Randy and Mark played great music for us to dance too. We even did the Chicken Dance.

Congratulations to our following raffle winners: Tony Samborski, Ann Munn, Ann Marie Harshman, Marcus Ealy, Mary Bernardi, Peter McGrath, and Gail Ostrander.

Lost and Found: white knit gloves (woman's) black knit hat, navy blue Michigan knit hat. These items are at the Arc office for pick-up.

I would like to give a very SPECIAL thank you to all of our committee members (Mary Babcock, Karen Beck, Angie Brey, Kim Del Proposto, Sandy Harshman, Steve Kanyo, Carole Krol, Jackie/Kurt Norris, Barb Ostrander, Anita Pastucha, Richard Rudin, Elena Samborski, Margaret Sherman), and any volunteers who have helped us out all year long at many of our monthly events. Without these folks.....our club would not exist!

The Just Fun Club was started over 35 yrs. ago and many of our volunteers have been with the program since the beginning. We are always looking for family members and friends who would be willing to volunteer for 3-4 hrs. a month to help out with our monthly events. We are trying to enlist some younger volunteers so that the JFC can continue to provide these fun activities that all of our members enjoy. If you would like more information on volunteering, please call the Arc at 313-532-8524 and ask for Lana.

We hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hot Dog Roast in September.

Jackie Norris

New Medicaid Waiver Rule Delayed

by Michelle Diament | May 11, 2017

disability**scoop**

The Trump administration is giving states more wiggle room in the rollout of a rule that establishes a new standard for what counts as home and community-based services for people with disabilities.

In a bulletin issued this week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services said that it is delaying implementation of a 2014 regulation outlining criteria for programs provided through Medicaid home and community-based services waivers.

When the rule was finalized, federal Medicaid officials included a transition period of up to five years — ending in 2019 — for states to come into compliance. Now, the Trump administration says it's offering an extension.

"In light of the difficult and complex nature of this task, we will extend the transition period for states to demonstrate compliance with the home and community-based settings criteria until March 17, 2022 for settings in which a transition period applies," reads the bulletin from Brian Neale, director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services.

"We anticipate that this additional three years will be helpful to states to ensure compliance activities are collaborative, transparent and timely," Neale wrote.

Under the rule, home and community-based settings must be integrated in and provide full access to the community. They also must be selected by the individual, offer privacy, dignity and respect, optimize independence and allow people with disabilities the ability to make independent choices about services and who provides them.

The criteria apply to homes as well as day and job-training programs and other non-residential offerings provided through waivers.

When the rule was finalized, Medicaid officials indicated that they were inspired to develop the standard after hearing reports of homes built on the sites of former institutions that were being labeled as community-based.

The changes will have implications for more than a million people receiving home and community-based services through Medicaid, Neale indicated.

Even with the new flexibility, advocates said that progress is already underway thanks to the regulation.

"It is important to recognize that while there is an extension for existing settings to come into compliance, new settings must come into compliance immediately and this is an important step forward," said Marty Ford, senior executive officer of public policy at The Arc.

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County
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After I'm Gone Program



Information sessions are held monthly
during the school year at

Western Wayne Skill Center

8075 Ritz Road, Westland, MI 48185

Thursday Evenings 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915

Following is the link to The Arc of the United States web site for your access to position statements.

Position statements can be found at the bottom of the page under "Resources"

<http://www.thearc.org/>

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Membership Renewals

June

Mary Babcock
Gordon & Barbara Beatty
Sandy Dobson
Lucas Edgeworth
Susan Gardynik
Mariam Glantz
Mike & Andrea Henry
Barbara Lea Jones
Patricia Koepke
Linda & Henry Macinkowicz
Gordon & Sandra Malaniak
Jordan Meharg
Andrea Ozog
Richard & Loren Parker
Susan Parker
Michael & Karen Parkinson
Charles Sytep Funeral Home
Nazzareno Troiani
Stanley D. Webley
William Winkler

July

Debra Bartlett
Angela Brey
John & Angela Gielow
Mike (Lawrence) Hall
Scott & Thena Hebron
Nightingale Home
Jennifer Jackson
Kathy Pfuhler
Janet & Thomas Sisk
Candice Taylor



Northwest Wayne County

June 2017

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Address (if different) _____

Telephone (if different) _____

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New Member

Renewing Member

Associate Member

\$35 Annual Family or Group Home Membership

\$25 Individual Membership

\$25 Associate Membership

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