

#119 NOW/COMP Disability Waiver Rates – Family Forum Announcement

Dearest Advocates:

As many of you are aware, the Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) have been reviewing the need to change the rates for NOW/COMP home and community based disability waivers in the State of Georgia. Studies have been completed, input has been given by providers and now due to families' advocacy efforts...DBHDD is now going to have public forums for families to discuss our concerns in June. Below is an announcement I received from the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) email blast. I still feel like this information should come directly from our Support Coordinators (since all of us must have one and not everyone is on GCDD's email blast). That will be one of my general comments regarding effective communication. .

I have posted previous documents and discussions on my website at <http://www.heidijmoore.com/newsletter/index.asp> . Please also review previously posted Newsletters # 116, 115, 113 and 112 for further concerns with the system and proposed rate changes.

Now is our time to speak up and voice our concerns. Hope to see you at the upcoming family forums. See below the "official announcement". **Note: Metro Atlanta families: The family forum will take place on June 16 at 6:30 at the Region 3 offices (see below for additional information)**

United- We Will Make a Difference!

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob – 11 yrs old with Down syndrome and Leukemia and Jared- 9 years old with amazing spirit & love for his brother)

The Division of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Developmental Disabilities is hosting a Waiver Recipient & Family Forum

As part of the Division's commitment to providing opportunities for waiver recipients and family members participation, we will be hosting 6 forums in June to discuss the rate study and next steps. We are inviting you to attend one of the forums. We have arranged for meetings in each region and would appreciate your participation and input. The dates and times are listed below.

**June 7, 2011 - 6 PM
Coastal Georgia Center**

Room 111
305 Fahm Street, Savannah, GA 31401
Directions: <http://cgc.georgiasouthern.edu/directions.html>

June 8, 2011 - 5:30 PM
South West GA Technical College
Building A, Room 132
15689 US Hwy 19N
Thomasville, GA 31792

June 9, 2011 5:30 PM
Holiday Inn - Columbus North (Dogwood Room)
2800 Manchester Expressway
Columbus, GA 31904
Directions:
<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/columbus/csgap/hoteldetail#Directions>

June 14, 2011 - 6:00 PM
Augusta Technical College
Building 600, Room 633 (Auditorium)
3200 Augusta Tech Drive
Augusta, Georgia 30906
Directions: http://www.augustatech.edu/campus_map_studentlife.html

June 15, 2011 - 5:30 PM
Clarence Brown Conference Center
Stilesboro 3 Room
5450 State Route 20
Cartersville, GA 30121

June 16, 2011 6:30 PM
Region 3 Office - Conference Room
100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 900
Tucker, GA 30084
Directions: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Tucker&state=GA&address>

If you would like to receive Jacob Moore's updates or post prayers, please go to:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or www.teamjacob.org . To watch Jacob's
Cancer Journey video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g

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"Help The Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"

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