
"UniteOurVoices" Newsletter # 139
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Dearest Advocates:

I know many times I hear families complain they don't know how to get involved to make change for the waivers in Georgia for children and adults with disabilities... Well, your time has come. The Dept of Community Health (who is in charge of all disability waivers in GA) is asking for family input for all the developmental disability waiver programs. PLEASE make sure you make every effort to attend and voice your concerns and suggestions on the waivers. Here is the information released today. Please note: DCH IS REQUESTING FAMILIES RSVP.

Thank you!

Critical Public Meetings:

You Can Have an Impact Upon Georgia's Medicaid Home and Community Based Services

In March of 2014, to ensure home- and community-based services (HCBS) are integrated, the federal government approved new rules that outline which Medicaid services can be covered and in what setting they can be provided. States are required to create "transition plans" describing the changes they will make to comply with these new regulations. As stakeholders, this is your opportunity to make a difference in the direction Georgia takes in its services.

At this meeting you will:

- * Meet with Medicaid leaders to learn about important changes to HCBS
- * Participate in a focused discussion with other advocates and voice your concerns on current services
- * Review the draft transition plan and provide critical feedback helping to shape the future of services in Georgia

Who should attend: Consumers and Family Members who receive any of the

following services:

- * Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)
- * New Options Waiver (NOW)
- * Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP)
- * Elderly & Disabled Waivers
- * SOURCE (Services Options Using Resources in a Community Environment)
- * Community Care Services Program (CCSP)
- * Georgia Pediatric Program (GAAP)

October 28, 2014- Marietta
Afternoon or Evening session
1:00p.m. -2:30p.m. Or 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

The Mansour Center
995 Roswell Street NE
Marietta, GA 30060
Room: Travis Duke A
(770) 701-0315

RSVP: mariettahcbs@gmail.com
Please indicate afternoon or evening session

November 6, 2014- Macon
Afternoon or Evening session
1:00p.m. -2:30p.m. Or 6:30p.m. -8:00p.m.

Disability Connections
170 College Street
Macon GA 31201
Conference Room
(478) 741-1425

RSVP: Maconhcbs@gmail.com
Please indicate afternoon or evening session

November 13, 2014 Athens
Afternoon or Evening session
1:00p.m. -2:30p.m. Or 6:30p.m. -8:00p.m

The Classic Center
300 N. Thomas Street
Athens GA 30601
Room: Empire Room 1

(706) 357-4444

RSVP: athenshcbcs@gmail.com

Please indicate afternoon or evening session

November 18, 2014 Fayetteville

Afternoon or Evening session

1:00p.m. -2:30p.m. Or 7:00p.m. -8:30p.m.

The Lafayette Educational Center- Building D

205 Lafayette Avenue

Fayetteville GA 30214

Room: Media Center

(770) 460-3990

RSVP: southmetrohcbcs@gmail.com

Please indicate afternoon or evening session

Hosted by the Georgia Department of Community Health

For more detailed information on HCBS, please visit:

Dch.georgia.gov/waivers

Unlockthewaitinglists.com

Hcbssadvocacy.org

"United - We Will Make A Difference"

Sincerely,

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob - 14 yrs old with Down syndrome, Autism & Leukemia Survivor and Jared - 13 yrs old with amazing spirit & love for his brother)

For more information and to see previous newsletters and disability information, please go to www.UniteOurVoices.com.

Join Heidi on Twitter at www.twitter.com/UniteOurVoices and FaceBook Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/435101099921721/?ref=br_tf

To follow Jacob's Journey with Leukemia, please go to: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or www.teamjacob.org . To watch Jacob's Journey with Cancer video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g

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

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