

#46 Katie Beckett Waiver Fair Hearing Request and Other DD Information

Dearest Advocates:

It has been brought to my attention that there may be an increase of administrative hearings being scheduled for families that have been denied the Katie Beckett Waiver in Georgia in the last month.

If you have been denied the Katie Beckett Waiver and requested a Fair Hearing, please e-mail me back the following information:

1. When did you request your Fair Hearing? One year, two years ago, etc?
2. Did you ask for a continuing of services for Medicaid during this appeal process?
3. When were you contacted about when your Fair Hearing date was going to be?
4. What is your child’s diagnosis?

Thanks in advance for helping collect this information. Please keep to the above information request only. This helps with our on-going advocacy efforts!

In addition, I’ve provided information on a new disability talk show, AADD information meeting, and Coweta Supporters of Developmental Disabilities Meeting.

Have a great day,

United... We Will Make A Difference!

Sincerely, Heidi

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**From Greg Kirk- Disability Talk Show:**

This is an exciting week. The talk show will begin on Thursday @ 10am Eastern. Tune in @ [www.contacttalkradio.com](http://www.contacttalkradio.com) The first show will be an introduction to the show and I will go over what is on the web-page @ contact talk radio about the show. I will also field calls from listeners. Please call in and give me your ideas about future shows. The Toll Free number is 1-877-230—3062. Rebecca is the producer and I think she will be the person taking your calls and letting me know you are ready to go on the air. I look forward to this and hope you all will use it as an avenue to educate the general public of our issues.

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**AADD- Disability Information Meeting:**

## **Conversations That Matter: Introduction to Disability**

*Understand the history of services for people with disabilities*

*Discuss local and statewide resources that can help*

*Learn the values and language critical to supporting individuals with disabilities*

**Who:** Local professionals working in Aging Services, MHDDAD, DFACS, social workers, or other individuals who wish to learn more about disability. Self advocates, family members of individuals with disabilities, and persons with an interest in supporting people with disabilities and their families are also encouraged to attend.

**Why:** There are currently 17,000 aging caregivers caring for adult family members with disabilities. Adults with disabilities are living longer and will need services as they age. Be a part of connecting and building new partnerships between aging and disability services in Georgia.

**City:** Franklin

**Date:** September 16

**Time:** 10:00-12:00

**Location:**

Robert Wood Center

Clay/Wood Conference Room

135 Heery Rd., Newnan, GA 30263

**Contact:**

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**RSVP by:** September 2

**Directions:**

I-85S to Exit 47 Newnan/Shenandoah

Right onto SR-34 (Bullsboro Rd) 3.1mi

Right onto US-27 Alt (US-29) 1.2 mi

Keep left onto SR-34 .6mi

Turn Left onto Heery Rd. .8 mi

End at 135 Heery RD

For the full list of dates, times and places throughout the state, go to

**More information:** [www.aadd.org](http://www.aadd.org)

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**From Coweta Supporters of DD: Meeting scheduled:**

Coweta Supporters of  
Developmental Disabilities  
and  
Rutledge/NCARC

A parent/caregiver/client organization designed to support families not only with emotional support but also with the much needed information including guidelines for SSI, Medicaid and Waivers, information on Wills and Special Needs Trust, ADA Rights, and training on how to be an advocate for yourself or your loved one. During the 2008-2009 school year, this group will meet on

September 8, November 10, 2008 and January 12, March 9, and May 11, 2009.

Monday, September 8, 2008

at Plant Yates Park

across from Yates Power Plant

708 Dyer Road

Highway 16 west/Highway Alt 27

6:30 p.m.

Light dinner will be served.

General membership social.

We look forward to hearing from you – please let us know of your interest and join our mailing list!!

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