

Mission Statement

**To protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities,
through empowerment and advocacy.**

Featured News

Alert! Bipartisan Lawmakers Introduced Legislation to Protect All Children in Schools from Abuse, *Legislation will, for the first time, address harmful restraint and seclusion in classrooms* [Click here](#) for more information.

Census Alert: You will be receiving your census form in the US Mail in mid March. It is important that all Indiana residents are counted to preserve federal funding as well as other critical benefits. Please click on the following link to learn more about why the census is important to you.
<http://www.census.indiana.edu/>

Alert! The Arc of Indiana is pleased to share results from a groundbreaking event that took place as part of The Arc of Indiana's 2009 Conference on October 1st. "Our Voice ... Our Vision ... Our Future" brought together self-advocates, family members, leaders of organizations and other professionals to use hand held voting devices to respond to a series of questions in several broad topic areas. Never before have so many people been asked for their input on such a broad range of critical questions at one time. We welcome you to view the the full report: [Our Voice ... Our Vision ... Our Future - October 1, 2009 Survey Results](#).

The Arc of Indiana invites those who could not attend the conference to let their voices be heard by taking the survey online. If you live in Indiana, and you have a family member with an intellectual or other developmental disability, or you are a self-advocate, or you are a professional in the field of developmental disabilities, please take a few minutes to complete the online survey. Taking the survey is easy. Just click here to get started: [Our Voice ... Our Vision ... Our Future - Online Survey](#)

SPEAK UP ABOUT TRANSPORTATION! The 2009 Disability Poll would like to hear your ideas about transportation in Indiana. Please go to the website below and enter your answers to the questions on the Poll. You will be able to provide input about your experiences with transportation in Indiana, types of transportation you use and describe any barriers you may have encountered. The 2009 Disability Poll on Transportation is located on The Polling Place page. Here is the link: www.thepollingplace.org

Alert! OASIS Suspension - People who receive Medicaid waiver services through the Developmental Disabilities and Autism Medicaid waivers should by now be aware of a new process that the state wants to implement to allocate individual Medicaid waiver budgets - a process called OASIS (Objective Assessment System for Individual Supports). On Monday March 23, Peter Bisbecos, Director of the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, issued a bulletin that begins to answer the many questions regarding the suspension of the rollout of OASIS. The memo and other information regarding OASIS is posted on The Arc of Indiana's web site at: <http://www.arcind.org/>, click on "OASIS."

Public Policy Advocacy Opportunity Available - Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission (IPAS) is seeking individuals who have received mental health treatment services, or family members of such persons, to serve on their Mental Illness Advisory Committee (MIAC). The MIAC helps shape IPAS services for individuals with mental illness and reports annually to the IPAS federal funding source. The MIAC meets once per quarter, expenses are reimbursed and members are appointed by the Governor. Persons interested in applying for consideration should contact David Boes, Asst. Director of Client Services, at 1-800-622-4845, ext. 229, or by emailing dboes@ipas.in.gov.

Alert! IPAS publishes study regarding Time-out, Seclusion, and Restraint in Indiana Public Schools. To learn about and access IPAS' study [click here](#).

Alert! The Building Leadership Series (BLS), a project for adults with intellectual/developmental

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disabilities is recruiting participants for its Fall 2010 Workshops. The BLS project exists to educate people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, develop leadership skills individually and collectively, and expand systems that support personal choice and person-directed services. For further information contact Jennie Todd 812-855-2164 or e-mail her at jeptodd@indiana.edu. Visit the BLS web page at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cac/training/buildingleadershipseries08.htm>

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