

Arc News

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Graham Receives Statewide Award

Ken Graham, Employment Consultant for Job Connection, a division of Arc Rehab Services was given the statewide Fairbairn Award by the Indiana Rehab Association at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Indianapolis for "Excellence in Job Placement Services" for people with disabilities.



Scott Mulvhill (left) and Joe Mendenhall (right)

connecting his participants with the first opening that comes about. He takes the time to learn about the interests and intricacies of each participant, and then seeks out an employment site to match. Ken believes in the best practice of place and train, as he is very willing to take risks with participants. Beyond job

placement, Ken is a tireless problem solver and team player for Arc Rehab as a whole. He is constantly searching for better ways to serve people with disabilities.

The following are some excerpts from the presentation. Ken Graham has demonstrated excellence in job placement for

people with disabilities for over five years. Ken engages his clientele in high quality, person centered job placement practices. It is very evident that Ken believes deeply toward getting to know each of his program participants on a personal level, enabling him to motivate each person on to career success. Ken also believes in results. His outstanding relationships with employers throughout Boone County leads to placements with an average retention rate of almost two years. Ken does not settle for



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An Open Letter to Hoosier Families

John Dickerson, Executive Director of the Arc of Indiana

*I*n the coming weeks, nearly every Hoosier family receiving day program services for an adult family member with a developmental disability will be contacted, asking that their loved one apply for Medicaid in order to qualify for the new "Medicaid Support Services Waiver." It is very important that every family realize how important it is to apply.

Why is it important to apply for Medicaid?

Day program services in Indiana are primarily funded with state funds. Under a new Medicaid option the State has applied for - known as the Medicaid Support Services Waiver -- those services will soon be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. The new Medicaid Support Services Waiver will assure that adults with developmental disabilities will receive day program services without the worry of state funds running out, services being cut, and people – potentially your loved one – sent home until new funds are available. However, in order to receive services under the Medicaid Support Services Waiver, individuals must be signed up for the general Medicaid program.

In added benefit is that funds that the State saves by making this change to the Medicaid

support Services Waiver will allow up to 7,000 Hoosier families, including those currently on waiting lists who are not getting services, to get some help. In addition to day program services, the Medicaid Support Services Waiver can cover services such as respite care, therapies, behavior management, home modifications, specialized medical equipment and supplies, personal emergency response systems, and transportation.

Why does applying for Medicaid ensure my family member will keep getting services?

Currently the funding for your family member's day program comes from state funds. However, these funds are limited, and do not pay for a full year of programming. It has been harder each year for agencies to keep programs going when this funding runs out -- typically in the last two months of the year. This year, funds could run out 3 to 4 months before the end of the year, causing agencies to face real problems, and forcing some to shut down. Changing to the Medicaid Support Services Waiver makes sure your family member will receive a full year of services.

How can applying for Medicaid for my family member help another family get services they need?

Medicaid is a shared Federal and

State program. Currently, day programs for adults with developmental disabilities are paid for with 100% state dollars. By using Medicaid, 62 cents of every dollar comes from the Federal government – your federal tax dollars coming back to Indiana. By switching to Medicaid, we now have 62% more money to use for another family in your community, someone who right now is waiting for services.

I really do not want to apply for Medicaid, do I have to?

No. It is currently not a requirement of the state for you to apply. But as a family-based organization, we at The Arc of Indiana believe it is in your loved one's best interests to apply as soon as possible.

Will Medicaid force my family member to give up savings or other assets?

Medicaid recipients can have only limited income and assets in order to be eligible for Medicaid benefits. In Indiana, we are very fortunate to have The Arc Master Trust which helps families understand how they can plan for the future, and keep certain funds from eliminating eligibility for Medicaid and SSI. If this is a concern, please contact Alan Kemp, Trust Director, The Arc Master Trust, by calling 1-800-382-9100, or email Alan Kemp at akemp@iquest.net.

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We have good insurance that covers our adult child. Do we have to give it up to get our adult child on Medicaid?

By law Medicaid is the last to pay for health care. You may keep existing coverage and still be eligible for benefits under Medicaid. The advantage of having coverage under a private policy and Medicaid is that Medicaid and the Medicaid Support Services Waiver will provide coverage for certain programs and services not covered by private insurance.

As a family-based organization, we understand how difficult these changes may be for you. There are people who will help you through this process. Your local service provider can provide you with a list of "Targeted Case Managers." You can choose a Targeted Case Manager to help you through this process each step of the way.

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If we can be of help in answering any questions, please feel free to call us at 1-800-382-9100, or email me at jdickerson@iquest.net.

John Dickerson
The Arc of Indiana

Proctor Celebrates 25th Year

We couldn't help it. When we heard that this year was Janette's 25th year assisting people with disabilities in Boone County we had to throw a party. Janette is very quiet about these things, but we're resourceful. We found out.



Janette was given a plaque by our Board President, Paul Bowman. It was just a small way of saying thank you for all her dedicated efforts. We remembered when the pipes broke a few winters back. Janette was there on a Saturday morning cleaning up the mess. We remembered when it snowed so hard that not a single person could make it in to the agency even if they live in Lebanon. Somehow Janette did, all the way from Thorntown. We

remembered all the times Janette has checked on an individual who no longer is in our program, just so she would know that things are "ok". It is that kind of dedication to her job and the people she serves that has made her special. Janette has touched and enriched many people's lives in her 25 years of providing services. Thank you for what you do Janette!

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