



# Family News

The Arc of Litchfield County

April 2015

Dear Families,

The Governor’s proposed budget has troubling news for those caring for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). For years, the CT Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has offered no residential placements for adults with I/DD, unless it was declared an “emergency” case. As a result the waiting list for residential supports has grown to over 2,000 individuals.

The proposed budget does not include funding to address the residential waiting list and makes further cuts to essential services. Among the programs to be cut are Employment Opportunities and Day Services, Community Residential Services, Rent Subsidy Program, Voluntary Services Program, and Family Support Grants.

If you are concerned for the future of your loved ones with I/DD, please join us for a “**Families to Families**” meeting on Wednesday, April 15th, 6 PM at LARC. Shannon Jacovino, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy for The Arc Connecticut, will be available to answer your questions and discuss ways that families can stand together to have you voice heard on this important issue.

If you have any questions, or want to RSVP, please call LARC at 860-482-9364, or email: [cemery@litchfieldarc.org](mailto:cemery@litchfieldarc.org). I look forward to seeing you on April 15th.

Thank you,

Larry Cassella, Executive Director

## Save the Dates for Upcoming Events!

### Spring Dinner Dance

May 12, 2015  
5-8 PM  
Torrington Elks

### LARC Annual Meeting

May 27, 2015  
6:30 PM  
LARC

*Please watch your mail for more information!*



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