



Family News

The Arc of Litchfield County, Inc.

January 2015

Family Action Day Hearing!

Thursday, January 15, 2015

11 AM—1:30 PM

Legislative Office Building, Hartford

RSVP 860-482-9364 x39

- ◆ Do you have a child or loved one on the DDS residential waiting list?
- ◆ Do you wonder what will happen to your child or loved one when you are gone?
- ◆ Is your son or daughter about to go over the “funding cliff”, otherwise known as the transition from school to adult services?
- ◆ Are you upset that the DDS budget has been cut by over \$30 million in the past three years while there are over 2,000 waiting for residential supports?
- ◆ Do you believe it is time for CT to value the rights, needs, and lives of people with I/DD?

◆ Are you willing to come out to show that you believe the lives of people with I/DD matter?

Senator Beth Bye, Representative Jay Case, Representative John Hampton and more than 50 legislators on the I/DD Caucus want to hear from you!

Please join The Arc CT and hundreds of other families on January 15th to share your story and send a clear message that families are standing together and standing up for their loved ones.

Following the public hearing, please join LARC Board Member, Representative Jay Case in Room 1D at the Legislative Office Building from 1 PM - 2:30 PM. Representative Case would like to hear your story.

For more information, to arrange to carpool, or to learn how to submit written testimony if you are unable to attend, please email Christina Emery at cemery@litchfieldarc.org or call 860-482-9364 x39.

Families for Families

The *Families for Families* campaign is working to create a better future for our loved ones with I/DD. By joining forces, families have made tremendous gains in a short period of time. But we still have ways to go. Let your voice be heard at our ***Families for Families Night*** with area legislators and representatives from the Arc CT on **Tuesday, February 24th at 6 PM at LARC**. Call 860-482-9364 for more information.



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Spring Wine Tasting to benefit LARC

Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Torrington Elks

Raise a glass to good health and join us for our Annual Spring Wine Tasting on Friday, March 20th at the Torrington Elks from 6-9 PM. Tickets are \$25 (\$30 at the door) for General Admission and \$60 for the VIP Room. Tickets will be available at LARC and online at www.litchfieldarc.org.

We need your help! While we receive funding from the State of CT for our programs, these funds do not cover all of our operating budget and have been frozen for the past six years, despite increasing costs. To continue to offer the high quality services that your loved ones deserve, we rely on our Wine Tasting and other fundraising activities to make up the difference. Volunteers are needed to make this a success. If you would like help by joining our committee, or contacting businesses for sponsorships and raffle/silent auction items, we'd love to hear from you! Please call 860-482-9364 to get involved.

Join LARC as a Member

Become a member of LARC and join a network that shares your concerns and commitment to ensuring that people with I/DD, receive the programs and services they deserve. By joining for just \$30/family, \$25/individual, or \$10/self advocate, you will automatically become a member of the Arc of CT and The Arc of the U.S. You will receive information including newsletters, and up to date information about The Arc's advocacy activities, programs and events. Join online at www.litchfieldarc.org or call 860-482-9364.



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Please help us to stay in touch with LARC families! Mail the form below to LARC, 314 Main Street, Torrington CT 06790, email the information to cwright@litchfieldarc.org, or call 860-482-9364.

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Would you like to receive LARC's e-newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like an invitation to LARC's dinner dances and picnics? Yes _____ No _____

If you would like an invitation, would you prefer it sent via email OR postal service (circle one)

If there any other family members or guardians that you would like added to our contact list, please provide their contact information below:

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____