



## Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

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### WAIVER UPDATES / NEWS

#### **OASIS UPDATE (excerpt from the Arc of Indiana information):**

As of May 2009, the further rollout of OASIS is suspended while FSSA continues to closely review Medicaid Waiver budget allocations to identify problems with the assessment tool and the financial modeling used to determine the allocation under OASIS.

However, there are approximately 1,200 people whose budget renewal dates are in April, May or June of 2009, who have already received new allocations under OASIS. They have been told their new budget allocation will take effect within a certain time frame. Until that time they will continue to receive their current budget amount. It is very important to talk to your IPMG case manager to clarify when your new budget allocation under OASIS is scheduled to take effect, and to discuss whether or not the new budget will meet the needs of your loved one. It is not too late to submit an OASIS Review Request. If your allocation is significantly over or under what is needed or you feel that the assessment is not accurate, you should ask your IPMG case manager for an OASIS REVIEW. This can only be initiated by the IPMG Case Manager.

If you have any questions, please call, or e-mail The Arc of Indiana. 317-977-2375, 800-382-9100, [www.arcind.org](http://www.arcind.org), [thearc@arcind.org](mailto:thearc@arcind.org) or contact **OASIS-ICAP Help Lines:** 317-234-5222 or 1-888-527-0008

#### **PRIORITY WAIVERS**

**Children Leaving School:** Young adults with DD leaving school may be eligible for a support services waiver that has no waiting list. These waivers provide up to \$13,500 per year in services and will continue through the 09/10 school year.

**Caregivers 80 and Over:** There are immediate openings on the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver for people with developmental disabilities living with elderly caregivers who are 80 or older.

**To Apply:** If you think you might be eligible for one of the Priority DD Waivers, contact your local BDDS office RIGHT AWAY to apply. Contact information for BDDS offices can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs> or on page 41 of the “\*Yellow Book” - \*Indiana Home and Community Medicaid Waiver Programs: Guide for Consumers, March 2007

#### **OTHER RESOURCES**

- A family advocate and a self-advocate has been hired in each BDDS District to provide Waiver information and training locally. For more information, contact Jill Ginn at the Arc of Indiana: 800-382-9100; [jginn@arcind.org](mailto:jginn@arcind.org)
- The Arc of Indiana Waiver Video guides: [www.arcind.org](http://www.arcind.org), click on video gallery
- Copies of the Consumer Guide sometimes known as the “Yellow Book” are available in several formats including Spanish from the Council office or on line at <http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/> click on publication Contact [bwade@gpcpd.org](mailto:bwade@gpcpd.org)