SAVE THE DATE!

5th Annual Arc Connecticut I/DD Caucus
Family Hearing Day at the Capitol!
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
10:30am-12:30pm
Legislative Office Building
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Last year more than 1,000 people with I/DD and their families came to the Capitol to tell legislators their stories and legislators listened.

As a result, we were able to:

- Save funding for 2017 & 2018 high school graduates with I/DD.
- Protect Community Residential and Employment & Day Services from deep cuts.
- Get a reprieve for Community First Choice (CFC) program.

As legislators head into the 2018 legislative session they will face a $240 million deficit for the current fiscal year. This means people in our community need to keep a close watch on funding for people with I/DD. Nothing can be taken for granted anymore.

The struggle to keep the services people with I/DD have, while also trying to...
Sign up to testify!
We realize that due to time constraints, not all who attend will have the opportunity to testify in person, but we encourage you to sign up. This is your day to tell your story. Whether or not you are able to testify in person, you can and should submit written testimony.

Sign up will take place in Room 1C of the Legislative Office Building between 9:15 am - 10:00 am. Testimony will be first come, first serve. Please bring 2 copies of your testimony whether you plan to testify in person or not.

Tips for writing testimony
Your testimony should be your story, in your words. Why are you testifying? What do legislators need to know about you, your family, and your current situation to help them protect funding and make good policy decisions for people with I/DD?

Oral testimony is limited to 3 minutes. Speak from your heart!

All written testimony sent to familyhearingtestimony@gmail.com prior to the hearing will be made available to legislators on the I/DD Caucus.

Guidelines for preparing testimony:

- Name
- Town
- Thank I/DD Caucus leaders, Representative Case, Representative Hampton, Senator Kennedy, Senator Linares and other legislators on the I/DD Caucus for hearing your testimony.
- The name and age of your loved one with I/DD.
- What funding and supports if any, do you currently have? DDS? Community First Choice? Housing Vouchers?...
- Why is having do those supports important to your loved one with I/DD and your family?
- How would losing those supports impact your family?
- Are you on a DDS waiting list for supports?
- How does not having the supports you need impact your family?
- What are your concerns/fears for the future for your loved one with I/DD?
- What can legislators do to help your family?

TAKE THE DAY OFF! TELL YOUR FRIENDS! ORGANIZE A CARPOOL! COME TO THE CAPITOL FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY HEARING DAY!

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