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# The Arc of Illinois Update

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# Listening Sessions & Community Engagement

Gathering valuable data to inform our work.



- **Survey Responses**  
Over 315 survey responses have been collected, providing key insights.
- **Upcoming Session**  
Join VP Kim Zoeller and Samantha on March 31st at 10:30 am for a dedicated session.
- **Informing Advocacy**  
Insights gathered directly fuel our advocacy and policy development efforts.

Your participation is crucial in shaping our future direction.

# Team Achievements & Impact

By the Numbers

People Served

60,500+

through affiliate network

Event Participants

11,000+

last two years

Direct Individual Contacts

10,000+

Chapters and Affiliates

55

# Advisory & Committee Leadership

The Arc of Illinois actively participates in crucial state and federal policy discussions and leadership roles.



## Extensive Representation

The team holds a total of 28 seats on state committees and advisory boards.



## Key Focus Areas

Engages in critical areas such as State Oversight, Family Voice, and Transition & Planning.



## National Voice of Advocacy

Director Vincent Smith spoke this morning on Capitol Hill

# FY2027 Governor's Budget & IDD Impact

Safeguarding Essential Services Amidst Funding Challenges



## Protected Services

The Governor's budget maintains funding for critical IDD services, including the DDD budget at \$3.2 billion and crucial workforce support for DSPs and Ligas Consent Decree compliance.



## Areas of Concern

Potential state resource limitations are noted due to anticipated cuts in federal Medicaid and SNAP funding. Opposition remains against proposed 10% reductions to established 'legacy' program lines.

The Governor's budget aims to protect essential IDD services, but potential federal funding cuts and proposed program line reductions present areas of concern that require ongoing attention.

# Federal Threat: HR1 & Medicaid Impacts

## Risks to Medicaid and IDD Services



### Significant Medicaid Cuts

\$1 trillion over 10 years, potentially impacting 11.8 million people.



### Vulnerability of Waiver Services

Medicaid waiver services may be classified as 'optional' under federal law.



### Increased Work Requirements

Mandatory 80 hours/month by Dec 31, 2026, leading to greater documentation burdens.



### Frequent Eligibility Redeterminations

Expansion adults face redeterminations every six months.



### Increased State Cost Burden

Reductions in FMAP will raise Illinois's share of costs.

The Arc of Illinois is actively monitoring and advocating on these critical issues.

# What's Next

Our advocacy is continuous and impactful.



## Upcoming Events & Actions

Stay informed about key dates and ongoing efforts.



## March 31: Listening Session

Engage with VP Kim Zoeller.



## April: The Arc of Illinois' 76th Annual Convention

We can't wait to see you



## May 2: Wings For All at ORD

See you at ORD



## Ongoing Advocacy

Legislative session, budget hearings, and Ligas oversight.



## Keep an Eye out for Advocacy Actions

Your engagement is crucial.

Host a listening session, share impact data, and stay engaged to further our collaborative mission.