

URGENT ♦ PUBLIC NOTICE ♦ URGENT

DO YOU CARE ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES? IF SO, YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE TENTH BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE FORUM— OCTOBER 2nd, 2010 - 12:30P.M. AT THE ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER

WHY URGENT?

Illinois has the 5th highest gross domestic product in the U.S. but ranks 51st when it comes to services for people with disabilities. WHY? They'll say, "It's a matter of priorities." Exactly the issue. Why does Illinois public policy accord the lowest priority to people with disabilities of any state in the union? Any doubt this is the policy? The 2011 state budget cuts \$100s of millions from services—more is threatened, no one knows how much. Programs eliminated, provider agencies closing down, layoffs, people and families losing services, waiting lists growing. YES, Urgent.

WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT?

YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR WHAT YOUR INCUMBENT STATE SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OPPONENTS HAVE TO SAY. WHAT DO THEY PROPOSE TO DO TO REVERSE THIS TREND AND MAKE ILLINOIS CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES A PRIORITY IN THE FUTURE? THERE WILL BE TIME FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

SPEAKERS

(All Speakers are confirmed)

Welcome

Advocates United President, **Claudia Albertsen** / Orland Park Village Trustee, **Bernard Murphy**

12:30 Panel

43rd District Senatorial Candidate, **Cedra Crenshaw (R)** / 43rd District Senatorial Incumbent Senator, **A.J. Wilhelmi (D)** / 75th District State Representative Candidate, **Sue Resin (R)** / 47th District Rep. Candidate, **Bob Mueller (G)** / 7th District, State Representative, **Karen Yarbrough (D)** / 40th District Senatorial Candidate, **Adam Baumgartner (R)** / 79th District State Rep., **Lisa Dugan (D)** / 37th District State Rep., **Kevin McCarthy (D)**

Questions from the floor

1:30 Panel

19th District Senatorial Candidate, **Adam Wojcik (R)** / 19th District Senator, **Maggie Crotty (D)** / Candidate For Illinois Secretary of State, **Robert Enriquez (R)** / 36th District Rep. Candidate, **Kelly Burke (D)** / 36th District Rep. Candidate, **Richard Grabowski (R)** / 47th District Rep. Candidate, **James F. Speta (D)** / 81st District Rep. Candidate, **John Unhoch (D)** / 40th Senatorial District, **Senator Toi Hutchinson (D)** / 41st District Rep. Candidate, **Brian Stevenson (D)**

Questions from the floor

2:30 Panel

11th Congressional District United States Rep. Candidate, **Adam Kinzinger (R)** / 11th Congressional District Incumbent United States Representative, **Debbie Halvorson (D)** / 29th District Rep. Candidate, **Kenneth Williams (R)** / Candidate for Illinois State Treasurer, **Robin Kelly (D)** / 35th District Representative Candidate., **Barbara Bellar (R)** / 82nd District Rep., **Jim Durkin (R)** / 85th District Rep. Candidate, **Maripat Oliver (R)** / 30th District Rep., **William Davis (D)**

WHEN : SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 2010

WHERE: ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER

14750 S. RAVINIA AVENUE, ORLAND PARK

(One block West of La Grange Road at 147th)

TIME: 12:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. DOORS OPEN AT NOON

CHECK YOUR VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD TO SEE WHAT SPEAKERS ARE FROM YOUR DISTRICT

EVERYBODY WELCOME: Persons with disabilities of all kinds, their families, friends, advocates, community leaders, service providers, staff persons, concerned citizens. Now is the time to make a difference and have your voice heard. Meet State Government Leaders, Incumbents & Candidates for the State Legislature face to face. Find out why Illinois lags behind the nation on services for people with disabilities even though it's the 5th wealthiest state.

Ask questions about when priorities will change. What do they propose to do?

THEN DECIDE & VOTE. EVERY VOTE COUNTS.

THE CIVIC CENTER IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE—FREE PARKING RIGHT OUTSIDE THE DOOR
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- ★ Avenues To Independence
- ★ Bethesda Lutheran Home & Services
- ★ Bethshan Association
- ★ Blue Island Citizens for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- ★ Charleston Transitional Services
- ★ Community Services Foundation
- ★ Community Support Services
- ★ Cornerstone Services, Inc.
- ★ Covenant Enabling Residences
- ★ District 202 Special Education PTA Association
- ★ Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center of Will/Grundy Counties
- ★ ECHO Special Education Cooperative
- ★ Elim Christian School
- ★ El Valor Corporation
- ★ Equip for Equality
- ★ Family Resource Center on Disabilities
- ★ Fox Center Family & Friends
- ★ Garden Center Services
- ★ Gateway Special Recreation Association
- ★ Good Shepherd Center For Exceptional Children
- ★ Good Shepherd Manor
- ★ Grand Prairie Services
- ★ GROW Residential Center
- ★ Helen Wheeler Center
- ★ Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center
- ★ Illinois League of Advocates for the Developmentally Disabled
- ★ Illinois Mentor
- ★ Illinois Valley Industries
- ★ Individual Advocacy Group
- ★ Institute on Public Policy
- ★ Joliet/Bolingbrook Special Recreation Association
- ★ Kankakee Association for the Mentally Retarded
- ★ Kankakee County Local Interagency Council
- ★ Kankakee County Mental Health Council
- ★ Kankakee County Training Center
- ★ Kankakee Valley Chapter of the Autism Society of America
- ★ LARC-Lansing Association For Retarded Citizens
- ★ Legacy Health Care Solutions
- ★ Lincolnway Special Recreation Association
- ★ Little Friends
- ★ Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
- ★ Mental Health Summit
- ★ Misericordia Family Association
- ★ NADS - National Association for Down's Syndrome
- ★ NAMI of Kankakee
- ★ Neighborhood Opportunities
- ★ New Hope Center
- ★ Northern Illinois Developmental Disabilities Nurses Network
- ★ Oak Lawn Special Recreation Park District
- ★ Oak/Leyden Developmental Services
- ★ Options Center For Independent Living
- ★ PACT, Inc.
- ★ Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center
- ★ Parents Association For Cerebral Palsy Residential Homes, Inc.
- ★ Park Lawn School & Activity Center
- ★ Pinnacle Services
- ★ Pioneer Concepts
- ★ Ray Graham Association
- ★ River Valley Special Recreation Association
- ★ Seguin Retarded Citizens Association
- ★ Seguin Services, Inc.
- ★ Sertoma Centre, Inc.
- ★ Service of Will, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Inc.
- ★ South Chicago Parents & Friends Of The Retarded
- ★ Southland Transition Planning Committee
- ★ SouthStar Services
- ★ South Suburban Special Recreation Association
- ★ Southwest Community Services
- ★ Southwest Special Recreation Association
- ★ Special Recreation of Joliet/Channahon
- ★ St. Coletta's of Illinois
- ★ Suburban Access
- ★ Thresholds
- ★ Tri-County Special Recreation Association
- ★ Trinity Services, Inc.
- ★ United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago
- ★ United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois Prairieland
- ★ Voices for Illinois Children
- ★ Will County Health Department Division of Behavioral Health Programs
- ★ Will-Grundy Center For Independent Living
- ★ Will-Grundy Local Interagency Council
- ★ Wishing Well

Directions to the Forum

14750 S. Ravinia Ave, Orland Park, IL

One block west of LaGrange Road (Route 45) at 147th St

