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The League of Human Dignity is a consumer based nonprofit organization, whose purpose is to promote the full integration of persons with disabilities into society. To this end, we will advocate their needs and rights, while providing quality service to assist them in becoming and remaining independent citizens.

Established in 1971, the League now serves consumers in 62 counties throughout Nebraska and Southwest Iowa through our Centers for Independent Living in Lincoln, Norfolk, Omaha, and Council Bluffs; our Panhandle Medicaid Waiver Office in Scottsbluff; and our Mobility Options shop in Lincoln.

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#### MOBILITY OPTIONS HOSTED GRAND OPENING IN AUGUST

(pictured in the middle left of the page is the front of the new Mobility Options shop)

ABOVE: On Tuesday, August 22nd, Mobility Options officially opened its new digs at 1720 O Street. If you haven't had a chance to stop by, please do so.

(pictured in the bottom left of the page is a group of people inside the new Mobility Options shop at the grand opening)

BELOW: A crowd of shoppers browse the selection of items available in-stock at Mobility Options. You can find lift chairs, scooters, tub seats, hearing amplification devices, and so much more at the new location.

(pictured in the bottom right of the page is Theresa Thoms accepting the DVD player from Dave Simmons)

BELOW RIGHT: Mobility Options Sales Representative Dave Simmons presents Theresa Thoms of Lincoln with the DVD/VCR combo. Theresa registered to win the big prize at the open house and was delighted when notified that she had won. Congratulations Theresa!

Mobility Options welcomed nearly 100 people to the new location on August 22nd. KFOR radio was on-site for part of the day and did a live remote to remind everyone that it was the day of the Grand Opening. Hot dogs and other goodies were available to munch on while people perused the scooters, chairs and other durable medical goods.

Mobility Options phone number is still (402) 441-7871 and we are still providing the great service we always have, so stop by and say hello!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The gradual fall of temperatures around us signal the change from summer to fall. And the change of seasons always indicates a new fiscal year for us here at the League of Human Dignity.

As we start a new year I want to draw your attention to our Systems Change Program. We recently hired Rich Skerbitz as our Systems Change Coordinator. Rich is working to develop an entire program dedicated to advocacy and systems change that will help to make independence more readily achievable.

Our focus is to have a well-organized systematic approach of targeted advocacy efforts. We are working to recruit consumers who want to be involved in this adventure with us. We are also working with consumers to strengthen their advocacy skills.

In the upcoming year there will be many important issues facing Nebraskans and Iowans

with disabilities. We plan to be at the center of several of these issues, advocating for people with disabilities. Please stay tuned to see how you can become involved with this critical program at the League.

Enjoy the glorious autumn weather as colder months, and snow, are not too far behind.  
Mike Schafer  
Chief Executive Officer  
League Of Human Dignity

#### A NEW WAY TO GET TO KNOW IOWA GUBERNATORIAL CONDIDATES

Des Moines, IA-According to the latest statistics, a small percentage of Iowans with disabilities have turned out for recent elections. Rik Shannon with ID Action, a statewide initiative to engage that population in political and civic life, is launching a new way for this segment of the population to find out candidates positions on issues.

IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES HAVE A ONE-OF-A-KIND WEBSITE TO GO TO THAT GIVES THEM ACCESS TO INTERVIEWS WITH THE IOWA CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THEM. THE STATE'S 400 THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF VOTING AGE CAN LOG ONTO WWW.IDACTION.ORG TO FIND THE CANDIDATES' RESPONSES. RIK SHANNON WITH I.D. ACTION SAYS "VOTE 2006" IS AN INITIATIVE TO GROW THE TURNOUT AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

"One of the things we heard is that some people with disabilities feel they don't have good information, they feel unprepared to make meaningful choices. So, we hope that by connecting people with information about issues that they identify as key or central to them, we can increase into their engagement into the political process and the election."

SHANNON SAYS HIS ORGANIZATION DID FOCUS GROUPS AROUND THE STATE AND DISCOVERED THERE WERE CERTAIN QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WANTED ANSWERS TO.

"The areas in which we interviewed candidates were the areas of employment, education, community living and transportation and those are areas that were specifically identified as critical areas by people with disabilities, by families and by advocates."

All Iowa candidates participated. The candidate interviews can be accessed at [www.idaction.org](http://www.idaction.org)

Another great place to get information about the candidates in your area is to log on to [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org)

#### BY JEFFERY RIDGEWAY

They say I can't vote.

They say the decision is not mine.

They say I don't understand.

I guess they think they're being kind.

I wonder what they would say or think if they only knew that when they call the Governor "Our Governor,"

I want to call him mine, too.

If I never get the chance to vote –

pulling the lever, punching the card or writing his name down –

I stay the same – dumb, misinformed, unchanged, unempowered.

That is what this world expects me to be.  
But I want so much more!!!  
I want to be the most educated  
– the most informed  
- the most totally changed  
– the most totally empowered person I can be when I vote.  
I can make a difference and then I can say with pride,  
“Not yours,  
not theirs,  
but my Governor  
because I helped put him there.”

### 2006 LINCOLN AUCTION A SMASHING SUCCESS

(pictured in the middle right of the page is Sarah Fili)

Sarah Fili, who worked alongside her mother Auctioneer Shayne Fili during the night, was the “official card drawer” during the cash raffle. Good Work Sarah!

(pictured in the bottom left of the page is a couple of attendees discussing with one another)

Auction guests conferring on whether to bid higher or not. We say bid higher of course.

(pictured in the bottom middle of the page is Elaine Usher)

Elaine Usher was the big Cash Raffle winner for the night.

(pictured in the bottom right of the page is Judy Kuehn and Gayle Wolfing)

Judy Kuehn and Gayle Wolfing helped greet auction guests the night of the auction.

Another Lincoln auction has come and gone! What a fun night and what a wonderful way to raise funds for the League!

Staff, consumers, donors, guests -- all came together on September 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel to celebrate our individual independence, enjoy a scrumptious dinner and perhaps come home with a few items.

Did we mention the balloons? The balloon raffle is going to have to be expanded next year to accomodate all of the auction goers who hunger for the good deals that come with each and every balloon. It seems like every year there are people who aren't quick enough and miss out.

There were lots of winners at the end of the night..... those who won items on the silent auctions or those who won the raffles. And of course the League was a winner as it moved closer to fulfilling its mission of helping people with disabilities live more independently. Join us next year and you will leave a winner too!

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

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US Bank

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Ringpeople: Keri Flores, Sarah Fili

Cashiers: Elnora Carlson, Patty Hutchinson

Our Lincoln Auction Committee

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Kevin Delka; John Fink; Marlyn Gillispie;

Deborah Holt; Rohn Loyd; Craig Madson;

Jeffrey McKeown; Mary Lee Olson;

Ed Schulenberg, Jr., and Elaine Usher

Our Lincoln Auction Volunteers

Rich Skerbitz, Sue Nannen, Judy Kuehn,

Merilyn Iversen, Mary Lee Olson, Johnny Palmer, Howard Kling, Paula Shufeldt,

Judy Burnham, Rhonda Heiserman,

Jeanne Hibbert and other League staff.

(pictured in the bottom left of the page is Mike Schafer and Cathy Blythe standing at a podium)

Master of Ceremonies Cathy Blythe, from KFOR radio, generously donated her time to make the auction run smoothly. Here Cathy and Mike Schafer draw names for door prizes.

WHO'S SAYING GOODBYE...

Cindy Riekenberg, Lincoln,

Transportation/

Barrier Removal Advisor

WHO'S SAYING HELLO...

Ross Pollpeter, Omaha,

Independent Living Advisor/

Barrier Removal Program Advisor

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**HOMELAND SECURITY & NATIONAL GROUPS JOIN FORCES TO HELP OLDER AMERICANS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced today joint efforts with AARP, American Red Cross (Red Cross), the National Organization on Disability (NOD) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to assist older Americans and individuals with disabilities in preparing for emergencies.

The department's Ready Campaign, AARP, Red Cross and NOD developed two new brochures highlighting the key preparedness steps older and disabled Americans and their families and caretakers should take before emergencies occur. The NFPA also announced its

new Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities, designed to help individuals with disabilities and businesses prepare for emergency evacuation events. Additionally, NFPA is including evacuation planning for people with disabilities in its series of emergency evacuation workshops across the country this fall.

These new tools were announced by Under Secretary Foresman and DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Daniel Sutherland at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. The announcement included remarks by senior officials from AARP, Red Cross, NOD and NFPA, as well as an interactive presentation by local first responders for Armed Forces Retirement Home residents.

Through its Ready Campaign, DHS encourages all Americans to get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the types of emergencies that can happen and their appropriate responses. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates more than 84 million Americans are over age 50. According to the National Organization on Disability, 54 million men, women and children in America have disabilities. The new Ready materials recommend these Americans add medicines, medical records, glasses and hearing aids and other equipment to their basic emergency supply kits. The brochures also recommend that individuals develop an emergency plan tailored to their unique needs and a personal support network they can call upon in the event of an emergency. In addition, the pieces urge Americans to learn about the types of emergencies that can occur where they live and the local plans in place in their communities.

For free copies of the new emergency preparedness brochures or more information about emergency preparedness visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), or call 1-800-BE-READY.

#### WITH GREAT SORROW:

The Omaha Center for Independent Living was saddened with the passing of Mari Bynum on August 18, 2006. Mari was an Independent Living Advisor for the League in Omaha from 2001 - 2003.

Mari left her loving mate Tommy Payne and her two-year old daughter Aliya.

Mari's funeral was held August 25th at Morning Star Baptist Church.

She will be missed by all those who knew her.

The League Membership groups will be selling parking spots in the League lot for all remaining home Nebraska Football games. The spots are all \$6.00. If you have any questions please call Kathy Johnston at (402) 805-9469.

(pictured in the bottom right of the page is an athletic wheelchair)

#### OF LOCAL INTEREST

Madonna Adaptive Sports and Recreation program offers opportunities for individuals with activity limitations to participate in a new sport or get back into the one they enjoyed in the past.

The program provides open practice times on a monthly basis and workshops periodically. Instructions and adaptive equipment are available for each sport.

For more information on upcoming activities or to be on the sports and recreation mailing list, please contact Ian Thompson at (402) 486-8449 or [ithompson@madonna.org](mailto:ithompson@madonna.org).

#### MISC NEWS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2007 DISABILITY POLICY SEMINAR

March 4 - 6, 2007 - The Hyatt Regency Hotel - 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW - Washington, DC 20001

The Arc of the United States, United Cerebral Palsy, AAMR, the Association of University Centers on Disability and the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities are joining together again to host the 2007 Disability Policy Seminar. It is critical that the disability community and other interested participants from around the country participate in this three-day seminar. Preserving and strengthening the federal policies and programs important to people with disabilities is our top priority.

The Disability Policy Collaboration, with these national leading organizations in the field of developmental disabilities, including mental retardation and cerebral palsy, brings together state and local executives and affiliates, self-advocates, families, providers and others for two-days of in-depth policy discussions/meetings focused solely on issues affecting people with disabilities and their families. On the third and final day, participants visit Capitol Hill to deliver a unified message that Congress and the Administration cannot continue dismantling the benefits and services important to the disability community.

A preliminary seminar agenda, seminar registration information and hotel registration information for the 2007 Seminar will be available in late fall/early winter.

In addition, please mark your calendars for the 2008 Disability Policy Seminar (March 2-4), which also will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

### Enforcing the Disabilities Law

Among college officials, it's widely known that many campus facilities do not comply with standards for accessibility required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Most colleges focus on the issue when they are adding new facilities or when they receive complaints from students or employees. <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2006/07/19/ada>

The U.S. Justice Department has become interested in the issue, however, and some colleges may be experiencing more scrutiny than they are used to about the ADA. The department this week announced a settlement (<http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=69342>) in which the University of Chicago has pledged to make a series of improvements in facilities over the next four years and to regularly report its progress. The university denied the Justice Department's contention that it was violating the law, but agreed to make the changes nonetheless.

Chicago may soon have company. Its review was focused on Title III of the ADA (<http://www.ada.gov/t3highlight.htm>), which deals primarily with facilities. About 10 other colleges are currently undergoing similar reviews, according to Cynthia Magnuson, a spokeswoman for the Justice Department's civil rights division. To date, only the Chicago review, which has been completed, has been announced.

Magnuson said that the reviews have not necessarily been prompted by specific complaints and Chicago officials stated that their review was not prompted by a complaint. But Magnuson described the review process as "not random" and said that institutions are selected for reviews because "we're aware of certain problems." Department officials hope that the reviews will lead to improvements not only at the institutions being studied, but more generally in higher education, she said.

The compliance agreement with Chicago notes that the university must make improvements both in older and newer facilities (and meet those standards for any that are constructed in the future), and suggests that considerable work may be necessary.

A spokesman for the University of Chicago said that the institution is currently trying to figure out how much all the changes will cost. The spokesman stressed that many Chicago facilities are already in compliance with the law.

The Justice Department's new emphasis is something colleges need to watch, said Sheldon E. Steinbach, vice president and general counsel at the American Council on Education. "This seems to be new. It's possible that the department is looking to more aggressively enforce ADA," he said.

If the Justice Department does start to look at more colleges, Steinbach said that he thinks many institutions could be facing very large bills to pay for changes. Institutions in urban areas and older colleges are "particularly vulnerable," he added.

The irony, Steinbach said, is that most colleges have been working very hard on their own to make campuses more accessible and welcoming to students with disabilities, but much of the activity has taken place on a case-by-case basis. "We were doing this long before ADA," he said.

Richard Allegra, associate executive director of the Association on Higher Education and Disability, said that he welcomed an increased emphasis on complying with the ADA. "If a college is going to say that we are here to educate the students, and there are barriers to some students," he said, "they are not meeting their mission."

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For more ADA in the News issues, see: <http://www.aapd.com/News/adainthe/indexada.php>

#### NURSING HOME/ICF-MRS' "BED TAXES" & MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

Rumpelstiltsken turned straw into gold. So do nearly two-thirds of the States' Medicaid programs at the expense of the ADA's right to avoid "unnecessary institutionalization."

Here's how the straw to gold cycle works: A State reimburses nursing facilities and ICF-MRs for Medicaid services they provide per bed. From these reimbursements, the State then requires "bed taxes" to be paid to the State from these same Medicaid funds that providers have just been paid by the State.

The revenue from the "bed taxes" reduce the actual expenditures the State must pay as part of the State Medicaid match, while at the same time the State then collects the entire federal Medicaid share or match. The State can use the federal funds to prospectively increase the fees it pays to nursing facilities and ICF-MRs. And the cycle continues and the fees increase and the "bed taxes" continue and so on and so on.

Silly us, we thought the State's Medicaid costs were entirely financed from public funds. We thought a State's Medicaid allocations were made based on unbiased policy health decisions.

But the more nursing home or ICF-MR beds a state has, the more "bed taxes" the nursing home or ICF-MR providers pay to the State. If the number of nursing home or ICF-MR beds were reduced, there will be less "straw money" that your State can use, and, egads, the State will have to use real public funds for MA services.

Could the loss of "bed taxes" be an incentive for a State NOT to apply for Money Follows the Person? Could the loss of "bed taxes" be enough for a State or Governor to perpetuate "unnecessary institutionalization" and the violation of the ADA?

Let's look a little deeper at how "bed taxes" work. Assume a State's Medicaid program pays a nursing home or ICF facility, for example, \$125 a day per bed, nearly \$45,600 a year per bed, for the services the facilities provide. The Federal Medicaid match for this bed, let's assume is 57% (the national average) will be \$29,992 per year and the State's

share (43%) will be \$19,608.

Many States impose a “bed tax” on their nursing home or ICF-MR’s beds. States currently set a 6% “bed tax.” In our example, 6% of \$125 per day (the Medicaid reimbursement rate) is \$7.50 per day per bed. Not a lot daily, but, annually, this is \$2,737.50 per bed, and for 1,000 beds it is \$2.7 million. These “bed taxes” are presumably part of the daily \$125 and of the annual \$45,600 reimbursement for the bed that the State pays the providers.

We don’t want to be too cynical, but by not spending its own funds and collecting all the federal match, the State could then increase the nursing facility or ICF-MR reimbursement rates for the next year from

\$125, for example, to \$135 a day per bed. With the increased reimbursement rates for the next year, the nursing facility or ICF-MR will then make back its entire \$7.50 per day “bed tax” and its entire \$2,737.50 per bed per year.

Think Ponzi! In a few years, as this scam continues and builds on itself, and as the State Medicaid funds get put back into increased nursing facility and ICF bed reimbursements, these beds trigger a larger chunk of “savings” for the State. Also, the nursing facilities and ICF-MRs continue to get increases in their fees that generate more federal funds and so on and so on and so on.

Could this be why it’s been so hard to convince States to close down even unoccupied beds? Could this be why some States have fought against implementing “Money Follows the Person?”

We have heard rumors that there are State Medicaid officials who will not apply for the “Money Follows the Person” because they do not want to jeopardize their “bed taxes,” if they were to really “rebalance” their Medicaid programs by reducing beds. Why?

Let’s continue with the example. What would happen if ten people were to decide they wanted to leave the nursing facility or ICF and your State “rebalanced” its Medicaid Long Term Care by reducing the number of beds by ten beds?

Your State would lose those ten beds and would lose the “bed taxes” the beds generate. Your State would also have to use real public funds and not “bed taxes” funds to pay the State share of the Medicaid expenditures for nursing facilities and ICF-MRs.

Could the reason that the numbers of people in nursing facilities/ICF-MRs has leveled off, but the overall nursing facility and ICF-MR Medicaid expenditures keep increasing, have anything to do with increased Medicaid reimbursements for these beds?

Disability Advocates should:

1. Find out if your State is applying for MFP?
2. If yes, will it close beds when the person moves out of the nursing facility or ICF-MR? How will your State “rebalance” its Long Term Care programs without reducing the number of beds?

3. If your State is not applying for MFP, does your State presently impose a “bed tax?”

4. What political influences do ICF-MRs or nursing home providers have in your State? Do they have a Political Action Committee and do they make political donations to your Governor? Your State representatives?

contributed by Steve Gold

Back issues of other Information Bulletins are available online at <http://www.stevegoldada.com>

BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM

Barrier Removal Grants are available to qualified renters or homeowners who experience a mobility limitation (or have someone in their family who does). The program is offered in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Omaha and Council Bluffs, and is open to people who have low to moderate incomes and need funds to remove or modify barriers in their homes.

A few modifications that may be considered eligible under the program include: outside ramps and lifts, grab bars, handrails, wider doorways, accessible tubs and showers, and reachable sinks and counters.

Applications for the grants are available at the Lincoln, Omaha, and Council Bluffs Centers for Independent Living.

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### HHS PROVIDES FUNDING TO STATES FOR ALTERNATIVES TO NURSING HOME CARE IN MEDICAID

WASHINGTON, D.C. — July 2006, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt announced that states will get additional help from the federal government to support elderly and disabled Medicaid recipients who wish to live in the community rather than institutions.

Through competitive grants, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will give states a total of \$1.75 billion over five years to help shift Medicaid from its historical emphasis on institutional long-term care services to a system that offers more choices for seniors and persons with disabilities from all age groups, including home and community-based services. This Money Follows the Person “rebalancing” initiative was included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) currently being implemented by CMS. This endeavor is also a part of President Bush’s New Freedom Initiative.

“With this program, people who need long-term care and prefer to live in their own homes and communities can do so,” Secretary Leavitt said. “States will also get more for their money by giving the elderly and people with disabilities more control over how and where they get the Medicaid-funded long-term care services they need.”

“We’ve worked with advocates and states for years to end the institutional bias in Medicaid, and now we’ve got the best opportunity ever to do it,” said Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D., CMS Administrator. “We need to move as quickly as possible to make that shift across Medicaid. With new Federal funding, there is no longer any excuse for the status quo.”

States interested in applying for a “Money Follows the Person” grant can propose new programs to CMS that are aimed at sustaining people in their homes or communities who would have otherwise received care in a nursing home or other institution. The qualified expenditures

may be eligible for an enhanced match rate from the federal government equal to an increase of 50 percent of the usual state Medicaid percentage contribution in addition to the usual match rate. In effect, the federal government will pay for 75 to 90 percent of the costs of transitioning individuals out of nursing homes and into community settings, and the associated long-term care benefit costs. Grant funds may also be used to help control how they receive these services.

The higher matching rate will be applied to certain services provided to an individual for a one year period after the individual moves out of an institution and into the community. Funds can be used not only for alternatives to institutional care services, such as home health care; they can also be used for home modification costs, respite services to augment informal or unpaid caregivers, personal care and assistive devices. In their applications, states are encouraged to coordinate with local and state housing authorities to provide coordinated assistance for community-based housing needs. CMS and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have made steps to establish a new interagency liaison to support this coordination.

“We know that accessible, affordable, integrated housing is critical to a person’s ability to make the transition into the community”, HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson said. “My agency will strongly urge the Public Housing Agencies and Housing Finance Agencies in the states to work collaboratively with Medicaid programs to help create opportunities for those moving out of institutions into the community.”

Each state awarded a grant must continue to provide community services after the year of enhanced match as long as the person needs community services and is Medicaid eligible. The deadline for the first year’s applications is Nov. 1, 2006. Demonstration grants will be competitively awarded to states from Jan. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2011. Funds will be available for a five-year period; however, states must participate in the demonstration for a minimum of two consecutive years.

The Medicaid program traditionally pays for care for persons who are elderly and those with disabilities living in institutions who needed help with activities of daily living, because institutional care was the norm when the Medicaid law was enacted forty years ago. To provide home and community-based services, states must get a “waiver” of normal program rules designed to pay for care in institutions. Waivers and demonstration programs offer the promise of significantly lower costs per beneficiary and reductions in overall Medicaid spending as a result of giving individuals control over how to get their services, rather than requiring them to use institutional care in order to get Medicaid long-term care benefits. But rebalancing Medicaid coverage may have some short-term costs, which the new federal program enables states to overcome.

In addition to the Money Follows the Person initiative, the DRA made many changes in Medicaid that will allow states to add home and community-based services to their permanent array of benefits without having to go through the waiver process. For example, under another DRA provision, states now have the option to provide home and community-based services without needing a waiver.

“Even though personal control leads to better results and lower costs for people with a disability, it’s still true today that most elderly or disabled enrollees do not have a choice about how they get their long-term care services under Medicaid,” said Dr. McClellan. “By working with states, advocates, and Medicaid enrollees to take advantage of these unprecedented opportunities, that’s going to change.”

(from the Dept. of Justice)

## A CHRONOLOGY OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The League has been sharing the path of the Disability Rights Movement. This issue focuses on 1975.

We will target 1976 in the next issue. As you can see, the 1970's was a time of monumental change in the disability rights movement.

1975 -

The first convention of American Association of the Deaf-Blind is held in Cleveland.

Congress enacts the Community Services Act, creating the Head Start program, with the stipulation that at least 10 percent of program openings are served for children with disabilities.

Congress passes the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, providing federal funds to programs serving people with developmental disabilities and outlining a series of rights for those who are institutionalized. The lack of an enforcement mechanism within the bill and subsequent court decisions, will, however, render this portion of the act virtually useless to disability rights advocates.

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act (Pub. Law 94-142) is passed, establishing the right of children with disabilities to a public school education in an integrated environment. The act is a cornerstone of federal disability rights legislation. In the next two decades, millions of children with disabilities will be educated under its provisions, radically changing the lives of people in the disability community.

The American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities is founded. It becomes the preeminent national cross-disability rights organization of the 1970s, pulling together disability rights groups representing blind, deaf, physically disabled, and developmentally disabled people. It hires Frank Bowe as its first executive director and begins a major study of the current status of Americans with disabilities.

The Association of Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH) is founded by special education professionals responding to *PARC v. Pennsylvania* (1972) and subsequent right-to-education cases. The organization will eventually call for the end of aversive behavior modification and the closing of all residential institution for people with disabilities.

The Atlantis Community is founded in Denver as a group-housing program for adults who have severe disabilities who, until that time, had been forced to live in nursing homes.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in *O'Connor v. Donaldson*, rules that people cannot be institutionalized against their will in a psychiatric hospital unless they are determined to be a threat to themselves or to others.

Mainstream: Magazine of the Able-Disabled beings publication in San Diego.

The first Parent and Training Information Centers are founded to help parents of disabled children to exercise their rights under the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

Edward Robertson becomes the Director of the California Department of Rehabilitation. He moves to establish nine independent living centers across that state, based on the model of the original Center for Independent Living in Berkeley. The success of these centers demonstrates that independent living can be replicated and eventually results in the founding of hundreds of independent living centers all over the world.

## ASSOCIATIONS AND SUPPORT GROUPS YOU CAN COUNT ON

## WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS

The information listed here has been shared with the League of Human Dignity by individuals and organizations involved in local, regional and national associations and support groups. Please let us know if you would like to add a listing.

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### ADVOCACY

EAD-Equal Access for the Disabled, meets 1st Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Council Bluffs, IA, 6th St & 9th Ave. Contact Pat Butler, President (712) 323-1894 or Gloria, Secretary (712) 323-3438.

### ALS

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Support Group (MDA), Omaha, 7602 Pacific St., Suite 200, 68114 Jessi Thomsen,(402) 390-2914.  
Nebraska Office, Shaker Place, 10730 Pacific, Ste 228, Omaha, NE 68114, (402) 991-8788, 1-866-762-6361; FAX: (402) 991-3691, Keith Worthington Chapter; 8340 Mission Rd., Ste B4, Prairie Village, Kansas 66206, 913-648-2062

### ALZHEIMERS

For more info contact the Alzheimer's Association Chapter at (402) 502-4300 or (800) 272-3900.

Cass Co. Iowa, 2nd Thursday, call Alan & Kathy Teel, (712) 243-9835.

Council Bluffs, last Tuesday of each mo. at 6:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Home, (712) 572-3059.

Alzheimers Association of Lincoln/Great Plains Chapter, regular meeting is the 1st Monday of each mo. at 7 pm, Karen (402) 420-2540, Toll-Free 1-800-487-2585.

Omaha/Eastern Nebraska/SW Iowa (402) 572-3010, 1-800-309-2112.

Fremont Co. in Sidney, IA, 4th Monday each mo. at 7pm, Sidney Presbyterian Church, 1000 Illinois St, call Faye at (712) 374-2433.

Harrison Co., Missouri Valley, last Tuesday of each mo. at 3 pm, Longview Home, call Evonne at (712) 642-2264.

Osceola, 3rd Monday of each mo. at 7 pm, Osceola Good Sam., call Carmen at (402) 747-2691.

Page Co. in Clarinda, 3rd Thursday of each mo. at 2:30 pm, Goldenrod Facility, call Linda at (712) 542-5621.

Scottsbluff 1st Thursday of each mo., Beverly Healthcare, 111 W. 36 St, Stacy Rotherham (308) 635-2019.

Shelby Co. in Harlan, 3rd Wednesday each mo. at 6:30 pm at Harlan Senior Center, call Alice at (712) 755-2757.

### AMPUTEE

United Support for Amputees, Omaha Emmanuel Hospital Rehabilitation Center, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Maxine, (712) 644-2955, after 7 pm.

Beyond Limbloss, Lincoln, Kenny, (402) 466-0268, cell 540-0748

### ARTHRITIS

Arthritis Foundation, Nebraska Chapter (402) 330-6130 (within Omaha) and 800-642-5292 (outside Omaha) FAX: (402) 330-6167

The web site remains the same ([www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)).

Arthritis Foundation Iowa Chapter, Des Moines, meets monthly, (515) 278-0636; FAX: (515) 278-2636; Info.ia@arthritis.org; www.arthritis.org

#### ATHLETICS

Cornhusker Wheelchair Athletics Ass'n Lincoln Ian (402) 486-8449, www.cwaane.org

Eastern Nebraska Wheelchair Athletic Association, Omaha, Greg (402) 289-3521.

Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team, Omaha, Mike (402) 554-2539; Rita (402) 551-4598.

#### AUTISM

Autism Society of Nebraska, Jean McDermott (402) 431-0166

Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Nebraska, Mark Hirschfeld (402) 955-1780

Unlocking Autism, Connie Shockley (402) 933-2565

#### BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED

C-Big (Council Bluffs Blind Information Group) Chuck Dietz (712) 323-4817.

United Blind of Omaha, Gary (402) 455-4116, Sherry 556-4156.

Support Groups for the Visually Impaired Albion, Center, Columbus, Norfolk, Tekamah, Westpoint, John/Glen (402) 370-3436.

Support Groups for the Visually Impaired in Iowa, Iowa Department for the Blind

1-800-362-2587

VIPS Support Groups for visually impaired; over 1000 members throughout Nebraska; to find your group, contact: President Howard Simons, Isanders Group, 324 W 13 St, Grand Island, NE 68801; (308) 381-8003.

#### CANCER

American Cancer Society, Heartland Division (Omaha Office) (402) 393-5800; 1-800-642-8116

#### PLEASE CALL FOR SUPPORT GROUPS IN OMAHA AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Lincoln, Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm Nebraska Union Rm 338. Call Yasmin (402) 472-7450.

Lincoln; Corporate Building, 7441 O St., Suite 301. "Breast Cancer Support Group" and "Look Good Feel Good" meetings will be held on 1st or 2nd Wednesday of the month. Call Mary at (402) 486-7258.

Montgomery Co. in Red Oak, Breast Cancer group, meet monthly at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, 4th Monday of mo at 6:30 pm, call Carla at (712) 623-7215.

Shelby Co. in Harlan, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, call Cheryl at (712) 755-5161.

#### CHRONIC PAIN

Lincoln Chapter, American Chronic Pain Association, 1st & 3rd Tues each month, 7-8:30 pm,

1st Step Recovery & Wellness Center, 2231 Winthrop Rd. Call Chapter President Terrance Dukes (402) 423-9405.

#### DEAF

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) 4600 Valley Rd, Ste 420; (402) 471-3593 or 1-800-545-6244.

Communication Service for Deaf of Iowa, employment services (712) 322-1489.

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa. 1-888-221-3724 V/TTY.

#### DEPRESSION

Manic Depressive and Depressive Association, Lincoln, (402) 483-8886.

Greater Omaha Depression & Manic Depression Association, Omaha, Kate (402) 551-3275.

Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance-Lincoln, 1st Tues each month, 7 p.m., call (402) 481-5320.

#### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The ARC of Lincoln/Lancaster County; Individual & Family Support Services; Dads Groups;

Sibshops; Family Gatherings; Vacation Program; Group Residences; 1101 Arapahoe, Suite 5, (402) 421-8866; [www.lincolnne.com/nonprofit/arc](http://www.lincolnne.com/nonprofit/arc)

Easter Seal Nebraska provides services to children & adults with disabilities & other special needs, as well as support to their families. Call 800-650-9880, [www.ne.easterseals.com](http://www.ne.easterseals.com).

Mosaic: at Bethpage Village, 1044 23rd Rd, PO Box 67, Axtell, NE 68924, (308) 743-2401, [Mosaic\\_Axtell@mosaicinfo.org](mailto:Mosaic_Axtell@mosaicinfo.org); 722 S. 12th; Box 607; Beatrice, NE 68310; (402) 223-4066.

#### DIABETES

American Diabetes Association 1-800-342-2383.

Cass Co, 2nd Wednesday every other mo. at 6:30 pm, call Marcia at (712) 243-3250.

Lincoln Diabetes Center: (402) 481-3055.

Page Co., 4th Monday at 6:30 pm, call Elaine at (712) 542-2176.

Pottawattamie Co., 3rd Tues. at 5:30 pm, call Cheryl (712) 755-4316.

Shelby Co., 3rd Monday at 1:30 pm, March - Nov, call Jan at (712) 755-4316.

#### DOWN SYNDROME

Omaha Nat'l Down Syndrome Society (NDSS); Contact (402) 553-5335 or [nebuddywalk@cox.net](mailto:nebuddywalk@cox.net)

Lincoln, NE Parent and family group; meetings, holiday events, Buddy Walk, parent packets, Call: Deb Safarik: (402) 466-7641

Lincoln Early Devel. Services Coordination (402) 441-6710

Early Development Network in Lancaster County; ESU #6, 1-800-327-0091

National Down Syndrome Society 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, 1-800-221-4602, [info@ndss.org](mailto:info@ndss.org)

Council Bluffs Down Syndrome Parent Group, Kyla Alba at (712) 366-0503 x257 or (712) 322-9391.

#### DYSLEXIA

Nebraska Branch International Dyslexia Association, "Smart Kids: School Problems" Grand Island, Brenda (308) 381-8943.

Lincoln, Irene (402) 327-0751.

#### EPILEPSY

Epilepsy Association of Nebraska, Omaha (402) 553-6567.

Epilepsy Support Group, meets third Tuesday each month in Omaha, Wittson Hall on the UNMC campus, Room 3010.

#### FIBROMYALGIA

Omaha, Arthritis Foundation (402) 572-3040.

Gordon area, meets various places.

Humbolt, IA area, call Judy at (515) 332-3376 (9 am-9 pm); [bjmerris@goldfieldaccess.net](mailto:bjmerris@goldfieldaccess.net)

Mercy Medical Center, New Hampton, IA area, meets monthly, call Judy (641) 394-3106 ext 189.

Page Co., 2nd Monday at 5:00 p.m. Call Shelly at (712) 542-2176.

Shenandoah, IA area, meets four times a year or when requested, call Della (712) 246-3244; [delsta@netins.net](mailto:delsta@netins.net)

#### FMS-CF SYNDROME

Support Group, Council Bluffs. Call (712) 323-9448.

#### GRIEF RESOLUTION

With Horizon Hospice, Monday evenings, (402) 474-3600. Lincoln

#### HARD OF HEARING

S.H.H.H. – Lincoln, 7 P.M. New Covenant Church, 3rd Thursday of each month, call (402) 471-3593.

#### HEAD INJURY

Head Injury Support Group, Lincoln, Jan Lingren, 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm, First United Methodist Church (402) 488-1916.

Head Injury Survivors Group, 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Goodwill Industries, Lincoln (402) 231-1933.

Head Injury Support Group, Omaha, Gail Kerwin (402) 571-5651.

Head Injury Support Group, Norfolk, 1st Monday, Faith Regional Health Services.

#### HYDRANENCEPHALY

Omaha Local contact:Lynne (402)485-2229 or rtrease@nntc.net; Internet support also available (please call for more information)

#### LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities Association of Nebraska, Sharon, Omaha (402) 571-7771.

#### LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA

Lincoln Family Support Group for adult patients and family members with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, myeloma or myelodysplastic syndromes. Call The L & L Society, (402) 344-2242 in Omaha, (402) 438-2242 in Lincoln. Omaha-area group meets 2nd Tuesday of the month and Lincoln-area group meets 2nd Monday of the month. Call for more info.

Lincoln Telephone Support Group for adult Myeloma, Lymphoma and Leukemia patients and family members; Mondays 10-11am; talk with support group from home; free service of Nebraska Chapter, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Call Tonya: (402) 344-2242 or 1-888-847-4974.

#### MDA

MDA Duchene Parents Support Group, Omaha/Papillion, meets quarterly Sat., 1-3; Papillion/LaVista High School, 420 S Washington St; Maggie Phillips (402) 390-2914

#### MENTAL ILLNESS

Page Co Serious & Persistent Mental Illness, 3rd Wed. at 1:30 p.m., call Jennifer (712) 542-2388.

Nebraska Family Support Network an advocacy organization for families of children & youth with mental illness, supporting Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy & Washington counties. 3568 Dodge St, Omaha, NE 68131, (402) 345-0791.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill(NAMI)<http://www.nami.org/sites/ne>. For questions, please call Dan Jackson at NAMI Nebraska, 1941 S. 42nd St., Suite 517, Omaha, NE 68105 Phone: 1-877-463-6264;

Mental Health Association of Nebraska 1-800-422-6691 or [www.MHA-NE.org](http://www.MHA-NE.org)  
Council Bluffs, NAMI meets 1st Thurs of mo., call Laura at (712) 242-0050.

Grand Island 877-463-6264; or Carole Denton (308) 382-8604; [jdenton@navix.net](mailto:jdenton@navix.net)

Hastings NAMI Hastings, Kevin Ehly (402) 462-8657;

Juniata/Hastings NAMI - FORSE, Cindy Scott (402) 751-2226, [hs35558@navix.net](mailto:hs35558@navix.net); Hastings NAMI CARE (Consumers Advocating Recovery Through Empowerment) Linda Shaw (402) 463-6354.

Kearney NAMI Central Nebraska, Linda Jensen (308) 865-8729 or Cindy Mayer (308) 234-3212.

Lincoln NAMI Lincoln, Susan Krome (402) 484-8653;Tami Walden (402) 471-4515; Mental Health Lincoln Support Group,Tuesdays 3-4 pm Bennet Martin Library.

McCook NAMI Of SW Nebraska, Sandy Graves (308) 345-3013.

Norfolk/Hartington NAMI Northeast Nebraska, Tom Barr (402) 371-7175.

North Platte NAMI Platte Valley, Margaret Baker (308) 535-7434.

Oakland NAMI Greater Burt County Nebraska, Wayne Jarvill, (402) 685-6857.

Scottsbluff NAMI Western Nebraska, Shirley McLaughlin (308) 635-2239,  
shirley@prairie.web.com

Sutherland NAMI Trails West Nebraska, Margaret Baker (308) 284-4078, bakerm@gpcom.net

#### MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

MCS Information Exchange,

3 Larrabee Farm Road, Brunswick, ME, 04011. conceptmed.com

#### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Omaha, (402) 572-3190 or 1-800-755-3959

Lincoln, contact Karen Olson (402) 486-1885

Norfolk, (402) 648-7906

Council Bluffs, meets 3rd Thursday every month, 7 pm, Jerry Ebsen (712) 366-9569.

#### MYOSITIS

Support Group, Lincoln, call Mac Warren (402) 438-5183.

Online, [www.myositis.org](http://www.myositis.org)

Support Group, Bennington, call Laura at (402) 238-3261.

#### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Parent Training and Information (PTI) for Families of Children with Disabilities 3135 N 93 St,  
Omaha, phone & fax:(402) 346-0525;1-800-284-8520;kheinen@pti-nebraska.org

#### PARKINSON

Lincoln Support Group meets 4th Sunday each month (except December); 2:00 pm; Madonna  
Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South St (52nd St entrance); Contact: Jill 402-486-8164 or Lori ,  
402-486-9040. Call for schedule of topics.

Fremont (402) 478-4853

Panhandle Area meets 4th Wed each month; Northfield Villa-Bldg 6, Vista Dining Rm, 1:30 pm;  
Contact: Maurice Wheeler (308) 623-2508

Clarinda, IHS, 600 Manor Dr., 2 pm, 3rd Thursday of each month. Connie (712) 542-5161

#### PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Lincoln Support Group meets at Bryan Medical Plaza, 1600 S. 48 St; 2nd Floor; Room 3; Call  
Sandy (402) 483-4908.

#### POLIO

Nebr Polio Survivors Assoc., Omaha (402) 341-0710.

Lincoln/Lancaster County, Vera (402) 467-5650.

#### RESPIRATORY

Better Breathers, 4th Monday at 4 pm, call Sharon at (712) 328-5479.

The American Lung Association of Nebraska offers programs & services to prevent lung disease  
& promote lung health education, research & advocacy. For more information call  
1-800-586-4872.

#### SCHIZOPHRENICS ANONYMOUS

Lincoln Group meets Fridays 7-9pm; First Plymouth, 20th & D St.

#### SCLERODERMA

Lincoln meets at Roper & Son Resource Ctr,4400 S 70 St; Leader: Terry Christensen (308)  
384-4017; terry058@webtv.net

Omaha meets 2nd Tues. every other month, 7-9 pm at Methodist Cancer Center; 8303 Dodge St; lower lobby; Leader: Barb Heenan (402) 291-7670; omahassg@aol.com

Grand Island meets at St. Francis Hospital, 2620 Faidley Ave, Conf. Rm 3A; Support Leader: Terry Christensen (308) 384-4017; terry058@webtv.net

#### SPINA BIFIDA

Spina Bifida Ass'n of the Star City, Lincoln, Jerry (402) 434-3000.

Spina Bifida Support Group, Omaha, meets 1st Wednesday each month 7 pm, Quality Living East Campus, Cabana Room; Call Jolene (402) 894-2070.

#### SPINAL CORD INJURY/DISEASE

ENWISCIA: Please call Brian Richardson, (402) 573-6904 for information or e-mail at ENWISCIA@cox.net. No regular meetings at this time.

Spinal Cord Injury Peers (SCIP) (Nebraska Panhandle) meets monthly; Regional West Medical Ctr, Scottsbluff. Call (308)635-7901; (308) 630-1070; or (308) 436-1060.

Central NE Spinal Cord Injury Group, Hastings. Call Darla McAllister (402) 461-5124 or, bamadarla@alltel.net

#### STROKE

4th Thurs./month @ 1pm @ Madonna ProActive, 7111 Stephanie Lane, Lincoln, (402) 483-9590.

"Come Back Club", Lincoln 1-888-808-5678.

Cass Co., 3rd Wednesday at 3 pm at 1501 E 10th St, Atlantic, IA. Rita, (712) 243-7480.

#### TOURETTE SYNDROME

Lincoln Nebr. Assoc. for Tourette Syndrome Group (402) 467-9077

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FOR SALE: Bruno ASL 202 - Outsider 2 receiver hitch and scooter lift. Bruno VSL - 570 Big Lifter scooter lift for a pickup, suburban or van. Please call Alvin or Ginny at (402) 724-2274. (York)

FOR SALE: Celebrity Scooter, new battery & new tires included. Almost like new, \$1300 OBO. Please call Mickey at (402) 489-5655. (Lincoln)

FOR SALE: Golden Technologies Atlante Power Chair, rear wheel drive, like new, used very little. Paid \$6250, first \$3,200 cash takes it. Please call Mark at (402) 416-5021.

FOR SALE: Rascal 410PC Power chair, excellent condition, free delivery, \$975 OBO. Please call William at (402) 435-2504. (Lincoln)

FOR SALE: PWC-2300 Power Chair with Electric Rise Seat. Barely used. \$7200 New, Asking \$5000. Please call Rod at (308) 382-7231. (Grand Island)

FOR SALE: Pronto M71 electric wheel chair with Sure Step. Used only 6 months, in good shape with little wear & tear. Paid \$2500. Please call Marjorie at (402) 362-5134 and make offer.  
(York)

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FOR SALE: Pride Mobility Go-Go Scooter, like new, used very little. Paid \$1500, first \$850 cash takes it. Please call Mark at (402) 416-5021.

FOR SALE: 1029 North 105th Street. One owner wheelchair accessible ranch with elevator, hardwood fls., extra large garage for easy access in or out of vehicles, walkout lower level with 4th br. and 3rd bathroom with wheelchair accessible shower. \$225,000. Please call Steve at (402) 699-2272. (Omaha, NE) Home can be viewed at donthorsearound.com

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