



A New

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*The Arc Minnesota
2012 Statewide Conference*

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Do you want a future where people with disabilities are living full lives and included in your community? Today's economy and political systems are calling on us all to think about our future. We think that a bright future for people with disabilities and their families is still possible. Our annual conference can help provide a new way of looking at disability supports and services in the years ahead.

Presenters to Help Put Your Vision Into Action

You'll hear from parents, self-advocates, and people employed in the field who are creating visions of what is possible and how to get there. You'll also hear from prominent leaders who are advancing disability rights and new futures for people with disabilities, including:



Anne Barry
*Deputy Commissioner
Minnesota Department
of Human Services*



Judge Donovan Frank
*U.S. Federal District Court,
St. Paul*

Resources to Reach Your Vision

Our breakout sessions will give you up-to-date information to help prepare for the years ahead, and agencies from across Minnesota will share information in our exhibitors' hall about their products and services to aid you, too.

A Time for Celebration, Networking, and Fun

- Connect with old friends and meet new people in the disability world.
- Celebrate at our Awards Banquet as we honor individuals and organizations.
- Enjoy major attractions nearby, including the Mall of America.

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A Great Learning Opportunity For:

- Adults with disabilities
- Parents and other family members
- Leaders of The Arc's chapters
- Direct care staff
- Other disability service providers
- Other interested professionals

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Suites Airport – Mall of America
Three Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425

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Reserve your hotel room today! Our room block includes lodging with king beds, two double beds, or king beds with sofa beds. Room rates: \$99 a night plus tax.

To reserve your room, call 1-877-810-5190, or go to www.arcmn.org to link to the online registration site. Let the hotel know if you need accommodations in your hotel room. Reference group code ARC or The Arc Minnesota when placing your reservation to get our \$99 room rate. Contact Nancy Solinger at 952-876-8650 or nsolinger@cpsuitesmsp.com with any hotel room concerns.

Deadline for reserving hotel rooms: Oct. 26, 2012

Conference Schedule

Friday, November 16

- 10:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Exhibit Area Open - Visit With Our Exhibitors and Silent Auction**
Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Keynote**
A New Vision: How We Can Create Better Lives Together
Keynote: Anne Barry, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Deputy Commissioner Anne Barry oversees all programs and services at the Department of Human Services and is in a key position to see where the department is heading in the future. She will discuss the department's vision of self-advocates and families having greater control over the funding they receive for services—and how you can be a part of that vision.
- 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
1. Reform 2020: What Future Services Will Look Like
 2. Assistive Technology You Can Use: The Latest in Off-the-Shelf Devices, Including Security Systems
 3. Finding a Place in the Community: Self-Advocates and Families Share Success Stories of Housing Access Services
- 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
1. Opportunities for You to Transform State Policy and Services
 2. Reinventing Quality: A Parent's Take on the System and What You Can Do For Your Child
 3. Blazing the Trail for Competitive Jobs: Self-Advocates and Support Professionals Show How It's Done
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Hospitality Hour, Cash Bar**
- 7:00 p.m. **The Arc Minnesota Awards Banquet**

Saturday, November 17

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Keynote**
The Law Has Created a Foundation: Now Let's Reach for the Skies
Judge Donovan Frank, U.S. District Court, St. Paul
Judge Frank has been a leader in the legal community in educating his peers about the rights of people with disabilities. In his work in the U.S. District Court, he has helped ensure that people with disabilities receive justice and are treated with respect. In his keynote, he will encourage us to pursue our dreams confidently, knowing we have the foundation of recent laws and court decisions to support us.
- 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**
1. Challenges Faced, Solutions Found: People with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families Share Their Journeys
 2. Accessing the Community: The Latest in Wheelchairs and Other Equipment
 3. Expanding the Circle: Forming and Sustaining Friendships in the Community
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
1. Developing Your Own Vision for the Future: Advice from Person-Centered Planners
 2. Creating a Strong Educational Team: Making Dreams for Student Success a Reality
 3. A New Era of Public Policy: Preparing for and Participating in the 2013 Legislative Session
- 2:00 p.m. **The Arc Minnesota Annual Business Meeting**

(Schedule is tentative and may change. See www.arcmn.org for updates.)

The Arc Minnesota: Helping to Create a New Vision

The Arc Minnesota has devoted much time and energy to promoting new policies and services that create a better future for people with disabilities. This is essential to meet the needs of the self-advocates and families we serve and to recognize the fiscal and economic realities of the 21st Century.

We are making progress. Our advocacy at the State Capitol has helped pass legislation that will give people with disabilities more control over the funding they receive and the staff who support them. Our involvement with key state committees and input to key state officials has helped move our system towards one that is designed to better meet individuals' needs and to use every available service dollar more effectively.

Housing Access Services has helped more than 500 Minnesotans with disabilities find homes of their own in the community in a cost-effective manner. Our Transition to Community and Employment has helped Minnesota high school students with disabilities raise their expectations about getting a competitive job and becoming fully included.

We want to help move Minnesota forward, and at this year's conference, we are joined by other Minnesotans who share that new vision. Join us too, and let's start the work together.



REGISTRATION

Event Registration Fee Includes:

- Registration for All Conference Workshops
 - Saturday Continental Breakfast
- The Friday Awards Banquet is an additional charge.
All other meals are on your own.

Early Registration Savings:
Register by September 29
and Save \$20!

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Daytime or cell phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Please provide to get conference updates

AMOUNT

- _____ \$110 Registration Fee for Adult Self-Advocates
(Early Registration: \$90)
- _____ \$160 Registration Fee for an Individual Adult
(Early Registration: \$140)
- _____ \$40 per person Friday Awards Banquet
(Not included in registration fee.)
- _____ \$20 credit for Members of The Arc (Must be current member.)
Chapter Membership: _____
(list local chapter)
- _____ **Grand Total**

- I request a vegetarian meal option.
- I have other special dietary needs. Please contact me.
- I have specific accessibility needs during the conference events. Please contact me.
(Please notify The Arc Minnesota at least two weeks prior to the conference to ensure that we can meet your needs.)
- I want to volunteer at the conference. Please contact me.

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To register by mail, send this registration form with check to:

The Arc Minnesota
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Final Registration Deadline: Oct. 31, 2012. No Refunds after November 12, 2012. To sponsor the conference, exhibit, or donate an item to the silent auction, contact Dawn Lampros, at dawnl@arcmn.org, 651-604-8070 or 1-800-582-5256, ext.109. For other questions, e-mail mikeg@arcmn.org, or call 651-604-8066 or 1-800-582-5256, ext.113. Conference updates and final schedule will be posted at www.arcmn.org.