



The Stakeholders say ...

a newsletter to help with strategic planning

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UPCOMING EVENTS

When we schedule “café conversations” or listening sessions, we’ll list those here!

Call or e-mail me if you want to schedule a conversation. You could also contact any member of the “Idea-Group” (listed to the right). Any of us would help.

We want to listen to what people say about what they want and need.

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Time to Plan

Planning means: a) Being clear about what people with disabilities want for themselves, what their loved ones want for them, and what parts we want to play in supporting people toward good lives; b) looking ahead—judging what influences or forces are likely to affect the organization over the next several years, and c) deciding how we’ll act (“strategy”) over the coming years, in the expectation that our choices about strategies will lead toward the future we hope for.

It’s time for the MRDD Program to pause for just a moment, reflect on where it wants to go, and develop a new strategic plan. We’re starting now and expect to have a new plan adopted by the Board of MRDD by the autumn of 2009.

“Idea-Group” Prepares

Several folks connected with the MRDD Program have agreed to help gather other “stakeholders”—other people concerned about citizens with disabilities—to talk about what’s needed in the future. The “idea-group” members are:

Cathy Howell,	Wendy Planicka
James Henrie	Trish Musnuff
Denny Rogers	Kris Jones
Barbara Phillips	Ron Smith
Jennifer Kisamore	Robin Thomas
Patty Oehler	Linda McDowell
Mark Miller	Dena Barrett
Cathy & Mike Cox	James Frasher
Susan Mayberry	Darrell Sneed

E-mail me for contact information for any of these idea-group members.

In 2009 we’re going to be LISTENING to those in our communities who care about people with developmental disabilities and the supports they want and need. This letter will serve as an occasional report about what we’re hearing.

AGENDA 360

Our part of the world is looking at goals for its future. Check out “Agenda 360”—the new regional (tri-state) proposals at www.cincinnati360.com. The Agenda 360 chair, Dr. M.H. Powell from Miami University says it’s “a defined path for transforming it (the region) into a place that provides economic opportunity for all who call the region home.”

Community leaders from government, education, business, community-development, the arts, and other sectors of the region have worked on the “agenda” for two years. Agenda 360 focuses on action in six priority areas:

Quality Places
Business Growth
Qualified Workforce
Transportation
Inclusion
Government Collaboration

As our agency gets ready to plan for future supports for local citizens with disabilities, it only makes sense that we keep in mind the parallel planning that’s going on around us.

Take a look at Agenda 360. You’ll find something that interests and engages you.