Legislative issues have been in the headlines for the past six months. One of the most critical issues for people with disabilities and those who are older is the expansion of Family Care services for the seven counties in Northeast Wisconsin not included in the recent budget, (Brown, Door, Oconto, Shawano, Marinette, Kewaunee and Menominee).

Northeast Wisconsin Family Care, a local non-profit organization comprised of representatives from each of the seven counties, has been planning for over two years to implement the Family Care program. All the counties have passed resolutions to participate in the program. The only thing needed now is for the State of WI to approve funding.

The State Fiscal Bureau is doing an analysis of Family Care which is due out in Mid-December. Current indicators are predicting the report will bring forth positive results in the cost efficiencies of Family Care. The Joint Finance Committee will then review the report and make recommendations to Governor Walker in January regarding whether to fund the expansion.

Recently, Representative Garey Bies from Door County drafted legislation to expand Family Care to the designated seven county area. People with disabilities and those who are older in these counties are on waiting lists for services, some for 5 years or more. Family Care expansion would eliminate these waiting lists and could be the difference between living at home or going to a nursing home. It is that important.

The next two months may determine whether the expansion takes place next year or continues to be on hold. We urge you to contact your Legislator and let them know how not having Family Care affects you personally and your ability to live independently in the community. If you are not sure who your Legislator is or need contact information, go to the following website: //legis.wisconsin.gov/pages/waml.aspx

Once again, we are reminded of those immortal words of Justin Dart: “Get into politics as if your life depended on it. It does.”
Support Groups Meeting at Options

Options for Independent Living hosts many support groups who meet at Options, 555 Country Club Road, Green Bay:

NEW Multiple Sclerosis Support Group—Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at Options from 6:30—8 pm. Care partner breakout sessions at most meetings. Contact Debbie at 920-373-7160 or email her at debbiebernarde@gmail.com for more information.

CARE Café – “A place for adults on the spectrum.” This is a social/support group for adults 18 and over on the autism spectrum. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Friday from 6-8 pm at Options. The meetings are free. For more information contact CARE Café on Facebook or email jjmortongbay@aol.com. You can also request that you be added to their email roster which will include updates on meeting plans and location, any meeting changes, etc.

Epilepsy Support Group – Meetings are held at Options every 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8 pm. For more information contact Ann Hubbard toll-free at 1-800-693-2287 or direct at 715-341-5811 or email her at ahubbard@epilepsywisconsin.org.

ALS Support Group - Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Options from 6 pm—8 pm. For more information contact Carolynne Younk, MS, Care Service Coordinator for ALS Association WI Chapter Satellite office in Green Bay. Contact number is 920-288-7095.

NEW Tourette Syndrome Support Group - Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from noon to 2:00 p.m at Options. Open to all who are interested in learning more about Tourette Syndrome (TS). For more information, please contact Patti Bani at (920) 217-0032 or kbani@new.rr.com.

MTM - New Non-Emergency Medical Assistance Transportation Provider for WI

Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM) replaced Logisticare on August 1st as Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Assistance Transportation provider. MTM is a company based out of St. Louis, Missouri and now have offices in Madison and Milwaukee. If you have Medical Assistance/Medicaid and need a ride to a medical appointment, you can call MTM and schedule a ride for the date and time you require. The toll-free contact phone numbers are below:

- Reservation Line: 1- 866-907-1493
- Where’s My Ride: 1-866-907-1494 — The “Where’s My Ride” line will be for inquiries about a ride that is late or did not show up, not complaints.
- “We Care” line (Complaint Line): 1-866-436-0457
**THE NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE**

Effective October 1, 2013, through the Affordable Care Act, consumers have access to a new Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace will sell health insurance called qualified health plans. The Marketplace will offer five categories of qualified health plans that have different monthly premiums, co-pays and deductible costs: Bronze (covers 60% health care costs), Silver (covers 70%), Gold (covers 80%), Platinum (covers 90%), and Catastrophic (for those under age 30 only).

All plans in the Marketplace offer the same essential health benefits. Essential health benefits include outpatient care, emergency room, inpatient care, pregnancy, mental health and substance use disorder services, prescriptions, laboratory testing, services and devices to help you recover if you are injured or have a disability or a chronic condition, preventive services and pediatric services (including dental and vision care for children only). However, specific health care benefits can vary slightly between health insurance plans.

The first year, the Open Enrollment Period begins on October 1, 2013 and ends March 31, 2014. In later years, the Open Enrollment Period is October 15th to December 7th of each year. The effective coverage date depends on when you enroll. In 2013, if you enroll from October 1st through December 15th, your coverage will be effective January 1st. Thereafter, if you enroll on or before the 15th of the month, effective coverage will begin the 1st of the following month (for example, enrollment on February 2nd will be effective March 1st). If you enroll between the 16th and the end of the month, effective coverage will begin on the first day of the 2nd following month (for example, if you enroll on February 18, coverage will begin April 1). If you miss the Open Enrollment Period deadline, you will have to wait until October 15th, 2014 to enroll unless you are eligible for a Special Enrollment Period. To be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period you must have a “qualifying life event.” A qualifying life event can be things like losing your coverage, gaining citizenship status, having an error in the enrollment process, a change in your subsidy eligibility, etc.

Marketplace subsides (help paying costs) may be available to people who have low-income and cannot afford health insurance. If you are not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid, cannot obtain “affordable” employer-based health insurance, and have income between 100% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) you may be eligible for help to reduce the cost of a qualified health plan. When you apply in the Marketplace, your application will automatically be reviewed to determine your eligibility for a subsidy.

If you do not have health insurance coverage in 2014, you may have to pay a penalty fee (also known as a “shared responsibility payment”). The fee in 2014 is 1% of your yearly income or $95.00 per person for the year, whichever is greater. The fee in 2014 for uninsured children is $47.50 per child. The most a family would have to pay in a penalty fee in 2014 is $285.00. If you have a penalty, it will be collected like your regular taxes.
Benefits Corner cont...

Health Care Market Place Continued...
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ENROLL INTO A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IF YOU HAVE MEDICARE, MEDICAID, EMPLOYER-BASED GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, OR COBRA, etc. You are also exempt from having to apply if you are a member of an Indian Tribe, incarcerated, an undocumented immigrant (illegal alien), because of your religious beliefs, your income is below the level that you would have to file a tax return ($9,350 for a single person in 2013), or your out-of-pocket cost for health insurance is more than 8% of your income, etc.

If you have questions or wish to enroll into the Marketplace, you may go online at www.HealthCare.gov or contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596.

IT’S TIME FOR THE MEDICARE – OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD
(NOT JUST FOR NEW ENROLLMENT)
Whether you are comfortable with your current coverage or not, you should review your Medicare coverage during the Open Enrollment Period. You will want to see if your benefits and/or costs will change in 2014. During the Medicare Open Enrollment Period from October 15 through December 7, each year people can make changes to their existing Medicare coverage. If you decide to change plans, the effective coverage will begin on January 1. To find coverage, costs, and comparison plans online, you can go to www.medicare.gov and look for the “Find health & drug plans” icon. You can also contact your local Aging & Disability Resource Center for assistance from a benefit specialist.

If you have Original Medicare you can look at the 2014 Medicare & You handbook (mailed in mid-September) for coverage and costs in 2014. If you have not received the handbook, you can download it online at www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE for a copy to be mailed to you. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan or Part D plan, you should have received an Annual Notice of Change or Evidence of Coverage to information about changes to your plan. If not, you can contact your plan directly (contact number should be on your card) with questions you may have.

Remember, it is best to make sure that the health care services you need and the drugs you take will be covered by your plan in the upcoming year.

Changes to Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits
Wisconsin Act 20 and Wisconsin Act 36 change UI benefits. The following are some of the most significant changes for people with disabilities:

- Effective January 2014, a person who actually receives Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits is ineligible for UI benefits starting the week the SSDI is received.
- A claimant must inform the Dept. of Workforce Development (DWD) if he or she is receiving SSDI benefits.

For more information, you can call the UI Benefits Information and Assistance line at 800-494-4944 (toll free). You can also visit the Unemployment Insurance website at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uir.
**Update on Options for Independent Living’s Medicaid Personal Care Program...**

*Options* Medicaid Personal Care Program is currently serving 63 individuals with disabilities who have 75 personal care workers working for them. If you are interested in utilizing our MA PCA program the following are the program eligibility parameters: You must be a person with a disability and on Medicaid; you must require personal care services and have identified an individual to provide your personal care.

The program is consumer directed and includes personal care assistance with: bathing, dressing/undressing, prosthetics, grooming, eating, mobility in home, toileting, transferring, and incidental services (laundry, light housekeeping, meal prep). The consumer must agree to be responsible in the use of personal care services, must have chosen an individual who they are interested in hiring, and have back-up support available as needed. *Options* does not provide emergency or back-up personal care services.

The Personal Care Worker (PCW) the consumer has chosen must be at least 18 years old and, ideally, be trained in the skill(s) necessary to provide cares to the consumer. The PCW can not be a parent/guardian of a minor child or a spouse.

If you have a referral or would like more information on *Options* Personal Care Program please contact Maia Xiong, HR Manager/Personal Care Coordinator, at (920) 490-8270 ext. 114 or toll-free at 888-465-1515, ext. 114 or e-mail at maiax@optionsil.org.

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**Hats off to the Knights of Columbus Council 617!**

On a beautiful Saturday morning, August 17th, the Knights of Columbus Council 617 held a free wheelchair wash and safety check at *Options* for Independent Living in Green Bay. Over 15 Knights of Columbus volunteers were on hand to clean over 20 wheelchairs and scooters. Independent Mobility Plus inspected and performed minor repairs on the mobility devices. Many participants also toured *Options*. It was a good day for all! *Options* would like to thank the Knight of Columbus Council 617 and Independent Mobility Plus for their hard work in helping people with disabilities maintain their independence with such a wonderful service.
Tech Closet News

Credit card sized tracking device locator that will quickly find your lost possessions. Directs you to your keys, TV remotes, phone and more!

How many times have you turned the house upside down, been late for meetings and even cancelled all your cards...just because you’ve mislaid your keys or wallet?

Now there’s a simple and cost-effective way to avoid this annoyance and uncertainty. The Loc8tor Lite is the ultimate locating device to help you keep track of your valuables such as keys, TV remotes, cameras, mobile phones, wallets, purses or even your car.

Designed specifically for locating either at home or out and about, it actually directs you which way to walk right to the exact location of your lost item, whether it’s stuffed down the back of the sofa or left behind in a shop. The Loc8tor comes supplied with two mini homing tags and enables you to find things in seconds that could have you hunting around for hours.

The iBill Talking Banknote Identifier is a great solution for those individuals who have a hard time identifying the denomination of their bills. It is an easy to use, compact device that can be carried in your pocket, purse, or keychain. It provides independence and peace of mind. It includes privacy options such as a vibration function and an earphone jack. All you need to do is slide the bill in the easy access slot, press the button and your bill will be identified usually in less than one second. The iBill clearly indicates unidentifiable bills, e.g. torn or badly defaced ones.

Funding for the above items was provided by Wistech. For more information on the above assistive devices or any other disability related equipment questions, please contact Calvin Richtig, Options AT Specialist, at (920) 490-8270, ext. 130, or toll-free at 888-465-1515, ext. 130, or email at calvinr@optionsil.org.
Consumer Spotlights

Nadia Juhnke—“I am an artist in print making. My most recent work has been in vessels and the human body. Right now I am finishing a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio arts and humanistic studies. I started with Careers and Recovery in January of 2013. I am getting ready to make a change soon while in the midst of a career and health related transition. With my mental disability, I utilize Careers and Recovery for myself towards living independently both personally and professionally. It helps me to apply the lessons into my own perspective. I also think of it as an outlet for treatment. Since then, I have stayed connected with it along with peer specialists that lead it. The peer specialists serve as leaders. However, most of the work comes from me. That is my job essentially, to be my own peer supporter too. I would like other consumers of mental health resources like me to go through this program and also to stay connected. For me, I have learned that my peer supporters have a positive impact on the quality of my recovery over time. Peer supporters are not just those I am surrounded by. Their purpose of support are also there for me to get through any work related goal. Any one's own work life goals are reachable. With that, the efforts which are invested toward such goals make them achievable. That is part of the process of Careers and Recovery, which I am currently experiencing.”

Fahlen’s Mother—“Do you remember January 28, 2008? For most people it was a day like any other. For my daughter, Fahlen, and our family, it was a day that changed our lives forever. It was on that morning my daughter Fahlen was on her way to work and hit a snow drift, losing control of her car which was then hit by a vehicle going in the opposite direction. She was unresponsive at the scene and had to be revived. The Jaws of Life had to be used to get her out of her car. Fahlen received a traumatic brain injury and was in the hospital for five weeks in a coma. Still in a coma she was discharged from the hospital and we brought her home. We did have the option to send her to a nursing home, however my husband and I both worked in nursing facilities and knew that it would best serve Fahlen if we had her at home.

That is where Options for Independent Living came in. A friend told us about Options. However, prior to choosing Options, I did check with another at home care facility and interviewed with them as a personal care worker. The facility did not offer the independence that we were looking for. It was not a good fit. With Options we are able to make decisions independently and live our lives as normal as possible. Every 50 to 60 days a nurse, Ann Nelson, visits to check on the care Fahlen receives. I wasn't sure how the visits would work however the nursing staff is very nice and we don't mind the visits. We also have Options to help us with equipment needs or give advice when we are in need of more than just equipment.”

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Options hosts donor and volunteer reception in its new accessible garden/patio area.

On September 10th, Options hosted a donor and volunteer reception in the new accessible garden and patio. It was a warm and rainy day, but that did not dampen the spirit of those venturing out to view the beauty of the garden with the accessibility features. From the raised beds, to the types of plants, to the adaptive gardening tools, it is a beautiful accessible environment for all to enjoy. Options would like to thank all who helped make the beautiful accessible garden/patio possible, as well as all of our donors and volunteers throughout the years!

View from the raised beds.  A few look over the fountain.  Many enjoying the reception.

Completed Garden (right)
Wisconsin WisLoan Program

WisLoan is a state-wide alternative loan program helping Wisconsin’s residents with a disability to purchase assistive technology that assists them in living more independently and productively. Any Wisconsin resident with a disability over the age of 18 in need of assistive technology or home modifications is eligible to apply for a loan.

Some examples of assistive technology include wheelchairs, hearing aids, CCTV’s, and vehicles with modifications. In addition, loans have been approved for home modifications such as ramp construction and roll-in showers. Loan amounts range from $500.00 to $50,000.00, but the actual loan amount will depend on the items purchased and your ability to repay.

Current interest rate on a WisLoan is 6.5%. If you have bad credit, including bankruptcy, your application will still be considered. The focus is on the ability to make monthly payments to pay back the loan. Reasons for bad credit are taken into consideration. For more information or to apply for WisLoan call Options at 920-490-0500 or toll-free at 888-465-1515.

WisLoan is a federally-funded project of the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation, and a cooperative service of the WI Dept. of Health and Family Services, IndependenceFirst, and BMO Harris Bank.

Telework Loan Program

The Wisconsin Telework program is a statewide, alternative loan program that allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or from other remote sites away from the office, such as work on the road or at a Telework center. Loan the funds can be used to purchase equipment, training to use equipment, extended warranties, and cost of maintenance and repairs.

You can apply for the amount you need, but actual loan amounts will depend on the item purchased and your ability to repay the loan. The interest rate is 6.5%. Term length depends on the amount of the loan and the item purchased. For more information contact the staff at Options for Independent Living at (888) 465-1515 (V/TTY) or 490-0500 (Voice) or 490-0600 (TTY).

This program is made possible through a grant from Rehabilitative Services Administration and authorized by section (303)b of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and implemented by subsequent program regulation 34 C F R Part 373. The Department of Workforce Development-Division of Rehabilitation received the grant and provides programmatic and fiscal oversight. IndependenceFirst, a community based and consumer-controlled independent living center based in Milwaukee, administers the program in partnership with BMO Harris Bank and WI Independent Living Centers.
Options Grassroots Advocacy Groups meet in Green Bay and Sheboygan

Through funding from the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin, Options facilitates two grassroots advocacy groups who meet monthly in Green Bay and Sheboygan.

Routes for Change - This Brown County group is now working to get an accessible taxi in Green Bay. Routes for Change meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at a different location in Green Bay each month. Call Vicky Lasch at 920-490-8270, ext. 113 for location and meeting time.

Disability Action Advocacy Network (D.A.A.N) – They are working on a card for people who are deaf or hard of hearing to hand police officers if they get pulled over explaining they are deaf. D.A.A.N meets the third Wednesday of each month, downtown Sheboygan at 806 North Eighth Street.

Both groups are looking for more members. So if you want to get involved and make a difference in your community, please contact Options for Independent Living toll-free at 888-465-1515. Advocacy can and does create positive change!

!!Options Welcomes New Staff!!

Gregg Miller — Residential Assessment Specialist — I have an extensive background in serving persons with disabilities. I owned and administered Brotoloc Health Care for about ten years, an agency that provides residential and day services to persons with mental health concerns and persons who had sustained traumatic head injury. I have also worked with Goodwill Industries of NEWI serving as an ADA Consultant. I was the first Director of the Brown County Commission on Aging (presently the Aging & Disability Resource Center) and the first Director of the Independent Living Program-Curative Rehabilitation Center (now Options for Independent Living). I will assist in the provision of Option’s Residential Assessment Service. It’s great to be back with the old gang!

Mackenzie Egan — Independent Living Coordinator Fox Valley Office — I am very excited for this new opportunity as an IL Coordinator and to begin meeting our consumers! Before starting at Options, I graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Social Work and Sociology from UW-Stevens Point. There I was an active volunteer, youth mentor and student. I then worked as a BSW Intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton on a variety of units, allowing me to work with a diverse caseload as a social worker. I love to shop and spend time outdoors with friends and family! You can find me fishing, camping, snowmobiling, horseback riding and more! I look forward to exploring all of the great opportunities to advocate, educate, and reach out to local communities here at Options!
For Sale Items

Vehicles/Vans/ Accessories

Dodge 2005 Wheelchair Conversion Van—SXT package, Northstar lift package (ramp under floor), wheelchair lockdown in several locations, has “jump seat” located behind driver’s seat, power drive seat, power lift rear gate. Newly painted. Has approx 117,000 miles on it. Asking $18,500. Call 715-421-1651. (WI Rapids)

2007 Kia Sedona EX—$12,000 Good condition. Has 86,000 miles. Includes a Bruno Turn Assistance Seat for the back seat passenger. Power doors, windows, DVD player, etc. For more information call or text Patty at 920-819-2508. (Green Bay area)

Mobility Aids

Hugo Transport Wheelchair—lightweight, collapsible, average width. Asking $50. Contact Doug at 920-432-2351. (Green Bay)

Quantum 600 Power Chair — 3 years old. Like new, used less than 5 times. Joystick control. Asking $800. Contact Pat at 920-744-8124. (Fond du Lac area)

Nurmi Neo Pediatric Reverse Walker— comes with seat, breaks, and swivel wheels. Asking $100. Contact Belinda at 920-660-9951. (Green Bay Area)

Bathroom Aids and Accessories

Invacare Shower Commode Wheelchair—Lightweight aluminum, flip back arms, padded seat, removable commode pail, removable footrests, collapsible for easy transport and storage. $475 or make an offer. Contact Sharon at 920-632-7494 or email spiritsunbroken@yahoo.com. (De Pere)

Stair Lifts

Harmar Mobility Alpine Stair Glide— 2012, very new, rarely used. 14’ track. 350 lbs. weight capacity. Waupaca elevators will install. Asking $1000 or best offer. Contact Mark at 920-445-7446. (Appleton Area)

Bruno Elite Stair Glide (SRE 2010) - 3 years old, rarely used. Was installed by Home Medical, Green Bay. Approx 11’ track. Excellent condition. Asking $1000. Contact Diane at 920-544-9905 (Green Bay).

Bruno Elite Stair Glide (SRE 2010) - Was installed by Independent Mobility Plus, Green Bay. Approx 169.5 inch track. Excellent condition. Asking $1000. Contact Mike at Home—920-866-9743 or Cell- 920-621-4525. (Green Bay area).
For Sale Items Cont…


Miscellaneous Items

**Battery Powered Reliant Invacare Hoyer Lift**—450 lbs. weight capacity - Never used. Asking $800 or best offer. Contact Eleanor at 920-544-0302. (Green Bay Area)

**Battery Powered Invacare 450 Hoyer Lift** - 500 lbs. weight capacity. Battery and charger, flat pad. Asking $1500. Contact Lory at 920-621-4459. (Green Bay area)

**Hand Cycle** - $1,000 - 3 wheel 7 speed, completely adjustable to fit any size person. Has 27” wheels, 10 yrs old, very good condition. Contact Jesse Pontzloff at 920-621-8053. (Green Bay area)

**EZ-Access Aluminum Platform Modular Ramp**—3 years old, excellent condition, used inside a garage. Platform 65”x52”, Ramp 12’10” x 36”, Railing 35” high. Already disassembled. Located in Two Rivers. Asking $1600 (was $2600 new). Contact Leigh at 608-769-5267.

Other Used Medical Equipment Resources

**IndependenceFirst Mobility Store (Formerly Wheelchair Recycling Program)**

**UsedHME.com**: a free listing service where people can buy, sell, or donate "Used Home Medical Equipment". We are zip code driven so usedHME.com is local for everyone. Equipment that can be found: mobility scooters, power chairs, stair lifts, lift chairs, wheelchair accessible vans and much more.

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**Options for Independent Living, Inc.**

**VISION STATEMENT**

*Options* for Independent Living empowers people with disabilities.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Options* for Independent Living, serving people with disabilities in 17 counties of Northeast Wisconsin, is the pre-eminent non-profit organization of choice to empower people with disabilities. *Options* provides opportunities, through advocacy and education, for individuals with all disabilities and ages, to actively access their communities, maximize their independence, and connect with the resources and funding available to them.
**Options Website Under Construction**

*Options* website at [www.optionsil.com](http://www.optionsil.com) is under construction for the next couple of months. The current website is running, still has all the same great info about *Options*, but it is not as updated in regards to events, newsletter articles, staff changes/additions, etc. The new Website will have a different design and be more user friendly. We look forward to the new website being easier for us to update and easier for you to use.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Race fans mark your calendar!
Sunday, February 23, 2014
Options 6th Annual Daytona 500 Party Fundraiser!

Stadium View Bar and Banquet Hall, Green Bay
Watch the Great American Race on 4 - 10’ screens! Doors open an hour before the race.
$20 Ticket price includes:
Beer, soda, lunch and snacks.
All proceeds benefits our programs and services. Hope to see you there!

This is Options only major fundraiser. If you would like to donate a raffle, bucket, or door prize item or would like to sponsor the event, please contact Sandy Popp at 888-465-1515, ext. 179.