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VOR Weekly News Update

News and views for VOR Advocates

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Every year, leading up to the Annual Conference and Washington Initiative, the *VOR Weekly E-Mail Update* takes a break until mid-June. This year was no exception, however, there was no notice. I apologize for that lack of notice and will try to make up for that with all the headlines you missed and then some!

Respectfully,

Tamie Hopp

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On or just before June 10, a VOR Action Alert will

Reminders: Help VOR Grow!

\$5,000
Challenge:
Help VOR send
advocates to
Washington,
D.C!

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resource

be distributed in support of VOR Leaders, Members and Volunteers who will be in Washington, D.C. the week of June 10 in support of residential choice, family decision-making, and quality in all settings. The more calls, emails and faxes we can generate while VOR members are visiting these offices, the more effective their visits on our behalf will be. Thank you in advance for taking action.

3. News Roundup! All the headlines you missed and then some

State News

Illinois: [National: Feds target Arizona complex for hearing-impaired](#) (*USA Today*, May 25, 2013)

Illinois: [Gov. Quinn's initiative to close Murray Center is politically motivated](#) (*St. Louis Post Dispatch*, May 30, 2013 - Opinion Editorial by Karen Kelly, Parent)

Georgia: [DOJ pact shows results, but challenges remain](#) (*Georgia Health News*, May 20, 2013)

New Jersey: [Families of Woodbridge Developmental Center residents ask Christie to come visit](#) (including [great video featuring Joanne St. Amand](#), VOR Board Member nominee) (*MyCentralNewJersey.Com*, May 23, 2013)

Wyoming: [A Rare Opportunity to Do More with More](#) (*Casper Star-Tribune*, Opinion Editorial by Connie Howard, *Casper Star-Tribune*, May 28, 2013)

Connecticut: [Debate over Southbury Training School Turns to On-Campus Services](#) (*Hartford Courant*, May 25, 2013)

Illinois: [Two good letters to the editor about care options](#) (*Voice of the People, Chicago Tribune*, May 21, 2013)

Illinois: [Centralia Police Release More Details On Weekend Altercation Between Two Former Murray Center Residents](#) (*WJBD News*, May 28, 2013)

New York: [Severely autistic man branded at Bronx group home with hot potato-masher: negligence lawsuit](#) (*New York Daily News*, May 19, 2013)

National: [Disability and Discrimination at the Doctor's Office](#) (*New York Times*, May 23, 2013) (Is this inclusion?)

National: [Latest Edition of Psychiatry's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders \(DSM-5\) Launched Amid Controversy](#) (*HealthDay Reporter*, May 17, 2013)

Medicaid Reform and the States

Virginia: [Road to Medicaid Reform involves training centers](#) (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*, May 26, 2013)

National: ['I can't chew, you know, because the teeth are very weak'](#) (*Washington Post*, May 8, 2013)

National: [States' Policies on Health Care Exclude Some of the Poorest](#) (*New York Times*, May 24, 2013)

National: [Partisan Gridlock Thwarts Effort to Alter Health Law](#) (*New York Times*, May 26, 2013)

Special Education

[Department of Justice Sends Letter to the Department of Public Instruction in Wisconsin to Ensure That Private Voucher Program Schools Do Not Discriminate Against Students With Disabilities](#) (*The Arc's Capitol Insider*, May 13, 2013)

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Calendar Reminders:

* [Recorded - Listen Here. Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - 12:00 pm central / 1:00 pm central](#)

FREE WEBINAR: How Congress Works: The Basics. Hosted by Peter Kinzler and Larry Innis.

* [Sunday, June 9, 2013](#)

VOR Annual Conference * Washington, D.C. [Registration available. Details online.](#)

*** Begins Monday, June 10, 2013**

VOR Washington Initiative (Begins Monday, June 10, 2013) * Washington, D.C. [Details online.](#)

*** AHCA/NCAL to host Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) Day – October 6, 2013. [Details online.](#)**

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