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MN-CCD Invites Disability Community to Speak Out On State Budget at Town Hall Forum Oct. 10

ST. PAUL – Twin Cities residents with disabilities, their family members, professionals and other concerned citizens can learn about the state budget's impact on the disability community and share their thoughts with policymakers at a Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MN-CCD) *Disability Matters* Town Hall Forum. The forum, co-hosted by The Arc Greater Twin Cities and the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota, will be on Monday, Oct. 10, from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville.

Legislators invited to participate in the event include Rep. Pam Myhra and Sen. Dan Hall from Senate District 40.

There is no charge to attend the Town Hall Forum. To register, call Anni Simons at (651) 523-0823 ext. 112 or e-mail asimons@arcmn.org. Walk-ins are also welcome. ASL interpreters will be available.

The event is part of a series of nine Town Hall Forums across Minnesota this fall. Visit www.mnccd.org for more information. MN-CCD thanks the B.C. Gamble and P.W. Skogmo Fund of The Minneapolis foundation for its support of these events.

MN-CCD is a broad-based coalition of more than 100 organizations of persons with disabilities, providers and advocates dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities. It addresses public policy issues that affect people with disabilities by collaborating with others, advocating, educating, influencing change and creating awareness for understanding.

The Arc Greater Twin Cities fosters respect and access for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, giving them the power to achieve a full and satisfying life. The Arc was started 65 years ago by parents determined to ensure the most full and independent lives possible for their children. Today, The Arc continues to be a family-focused, grassroots organization helping individuals and families address issues such as early intervention, education, transition to adulthood, health care, housing, employment, guardianship and more. For more information and volunteer opportunities, call The Arc Greater Twin Cities at (952) 920-0855 or visit www.arcgreatertwincities.org.

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