



ARRM leads the advancement of community-based services that support people with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives.



ARRM's 2016 Policy Agenda

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of community-based services that support people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities.

Develop & promote innovative services to meet individuals' unique needs for their Best Lives possible

- Advance policies that facilitate flexibility, including choice of housing in the most integrated settings possible, to create services tailored to each individual
- Assure that providers' roles in implementing Olmstead are effective and compensated
- Promote the utilization of technologies to help individuals achieve their Best Lives and provide system savings

Support public policies that establish a strong workforce

- Advocate for payment rates that fairly compensate Direct Support Professionals and allow providers to attract and retain highly skilled caregivers
- Advance policies that facilitate Direct Support Professional career paths
- Develop and promote alternatives to traditional workforce models, such as monitoring technology and natural supports

Support a stable provider community

- Advance and adopt payment methodologies that support our workforce and pay for unfunded mandates and cost drivers, such as minimum wage increases, the Affordable Care Act, licensing fees and new administrative and training costs due to Olmstead and regulatory changes
- Continue to adopt regulatory standards that allow providers to innovate services to focus on quality of life outcomes for all individuals served and eliminate standards that don't pertain to provider accountability and individuals' health, welfare and pursuit of quality of life outcomes

2016 bills

1. Support the Best Life Alliance's 5% rate increase to retain and recruit a professional workforce and advance reforms related to quality of life and person-centered services
2. Support the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS) Coalition bill to assure that the payment rate system meets individuals' needs

ABOUT ARRM

ARRM is an association of providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of community-based services that support people with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. Our members include 161 providers that support thousands of Minnesotans with developmental and physical disabilities, brain injuries, mental illness and autism. Please consider us a resource and contact us for more information.



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