

# Make It Work Milwaukee! Coalition

*Strengthening Milwaukee County through better health and human services*

Alzheimer's Association,  
SE Wisconsin Chapter  
American Red Cross in  
Southeastern Wisconsin  
ARC of Greater Milwaukee, Inc.  
Automated Health Systems  
Badger Association of the Blind and  
Visually Impaired  
Bell Therapy, Inc.  
Curative Care Network  
Coalition of Wisconsin Aging  
Groups  
Community Advocates  
Community Care, Inc.  
Disability Rights Wisconsin  
Eisenhower Center  
Goodwill Industries of Southeastern  
Wisconsin, Inc.  
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Impact  
IndependenceFirst  
Independent Care Health Plan  
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Milwaukee  
Jewish Family Services  
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Managed Health Services  
Mental Health America of Wisconsin  
Meta House, Inc.  
Milwaukee Mental Health Task  
Force  
Milwaukee Aging Consortium  
Milwaukee Center for Independence  
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Community Relations  
M&S Clinical Services  
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Committee  
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Public Policy Committee, Milwaukee  
Child Abuse Prevention Services  
Coalition  
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Services, Inc.  
Southeast Wisconsin ADAPT  
Transitional Living Services, Inc.  
Vital Voices for Mental Health  
UEDA  
Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.  
Wisconsin Council on Children  
and Families  
Gwen Jackson

## Action Alert – October 1, 2009 Ask County Board Finance Committee to Put People First - Maintain the Safety Net In the 2010 Milwaukee County Budget

The Milwaukee County 2010 budget is under development and your help is needed to advocate for essential services. The County Executive's proposed budget will be reviewed by the County Board's Finance and Audit Committee this month and they are likely to make significant changes. This is a key time to contact Finance Committee members with budget priorities.

### Action Requested

- Contact County Supervisor on the Finance Committee and your Supervisor to share your priorities.
- Write a letter to the editor. Limited to 200 words. Include your name, address and daytime phone number & email to [jsedit@journalsentinel.com](mailto:jsedit@journalsentinel.com).

- Turn out for the following:

#### **Finance Committee Budget Hearings on Health and Human Services:**

Thursday October 8: 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Wednesday October 14: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

#### **Finance Committee Hearings on Transportation**

Monday 10/12: 1:00 – 5:00 (currently last item on agenda)

*Note: Finance hearings are held at the Courthouse in room 203-R*

#### **County Board Public Hearing on the Budget**

Monday, November 2: 7:00 at Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W. Vliet

### **Suggested Message to County Supervisors:**

*These are just suggestions – it's best to use your own words and experiences.*

In this time of great need in our community, services funded by Milwaukee are an essential safety net. We urge you to fully fund vital services including:

- Fully fund mental health services and restore funds for targeted case management and outpatient services. These services are a good investment and vital to maintaining people in their recovery and limiting the need for costly emergency room and inpatient services.
- Restore funding for IDAP which is the last shred of the safety net for people awaiting Social Security disability determination. The modest monthly payment (up to \$205 for individuals/ \$344 for married couples) **is a loan which is repaid to the county** from the claimant's retroactive benefit award.
- Fund contract services for people with disabilities. A relatively small investment in services can be life sustaining and enable people to continue to live successfully in the community.
- Maintain Paratransit funding and maintain the service area. Paratransit is essential to the independence of people with disabilities and older adults who have no other option for transportation.

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