



**DIDD and TennCare invite you to talk more about proposed changes
in Tennessee's Home and Community Based Services.**

Your Voice Matters

It is getting closer to time to renew the state's Arlington and Statewide Waivers. These are programs that offer home and community based services (HCBS) to people with intellectual disabilities.

Earlier this year, we held meetings to gather input on ways to improve these programs and services. We also asked for input about ways to serve people more cost-effectively so that we can serve more people, including people with developmental disabilities. Many of you came to share your ideas. Others filled out our online survey or sent us comments. We put all of the input we received into a *Stakeholder Input Summary*. It was posted on the TennCare and DIDD websites on March 26, 2014. You can read it at: https://tn.gov/assets/entities/tenncare/attachments/ID_DDStakeholderInputSummary.pdf

We used all of the input we received to develop a Concept Paper. It describes the changes we propose to make to the Arlington and Statewide Waivers for people already in those programs. It also describes a new program that we plan to create for new people coming into services for the first time. This includes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Concept Paper will be posted by the end of next week on the TennCare and DIDD websites (<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/> or <http://www.tn.gov/didd/>).

We want to talk with you about the Concept Paper. We want to get your thoughts and ideas about these proposed changes and understand your concerns. We hope you will join us for a meeting in your area.

The 2-hour Consumer/Family Community Meeting will begin with an overview of the Concept Paper. Staff from DIDD and TennCare will be leading the meetings. We will tell you about the proposed changes in the Arlington and Statewide Waivers. We will also tell you about the proposed new program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We will then spend time working in small groups to gather input from you. This is your chance to help finish the work that has been started to create a system focused on providing services people most need. The topics for the small group discussions are:

1. Please tell us the top three things you like best about the proposed plan.
2. Please tell us the top three ways you think the proposed plan can be made better.
3. Please tell us your top three concerns with the proposed plan.

The dates, times and regions of the Consumer/Family Community Meetings are listed on the next page.

The Consumer/Family Community Meeting is open but space is limited. We ask that you pre-register if you plan to attend. You may RSVP by on-line at <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/ltssrsvp.shtml> (the RSVP period has ended and the preceding link is now inactive). You may also call 1-877-224-0219 to register. Be sure to tell us your name, phone number and the date and location of the session you want to attend.



Also tell us if you are a person currently receiving waiver services, a person who is not yet receiving but needs waiver services, a family member, advocate, etc. We look forward to hearing what you have to say.

What if you cannot attend a Consumer/Family Community Meeting? You can still provide input by giving us your comments online. Please visit <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/ltssrsvp.shtml> to provide your comments (the comment period has ended and the preceding link is now inactive).

What if you do not have access to a computer or cannot give your comments online? Then, you may call 1-877-224-0219. Leave your name and the phone number where you can be reached. Someone will call you to help you and get your comments from you over the phone. Calls will be returned Monday – Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm for all calls received by 4:30pm on June 13, 2014. This will allow time to review the comments we receive. We want to use it as we renew the waivers and think about ways to help support more people and their families in the community.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Meeting dates, times and locations:

Region	Date	Time	Address	Directions
West	Wednesday, June 4, 2014	1:00pm – 3:00pm	STAR Center 1119 Old Humboldt Road, Jackson, TN 38305. Meeting held in auditorium of center.	Head east on E Main St toward S Royal St Take the 1st right onto S Royal St Take the 2nd right onto E Chester St Continue onto TN-186 N/US-45 Bypass N Turn left onto Old Humboldt Rd Destination will be on the left
Middle	Friday, June 6, 2014	1:00pm – 3:00pm	River of Life Church 224 Stewart’s Ferry Pike Nashville, TN 37214 Meeting is in the main sanctuary.	Take I-40 to exit 219 (Stewarts Ferry Pike) Take exit 219 and turn so you are headed towards Lebanon Road The church is across from the Middle TN Mental Health Institute Parking is in the back
East	Wednesday, June 11, 2014	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Rothchild Catering & Conference Center 8807 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37923 Meeting room is straight inside front door through the foyer.	Take I-40 to exit 379 At exit 379, take ramp towards Bridgewater Road Turn right onto Bridgewater Road Take the 1 st right onto Kingston Pike Go 0.5 miles and turn right into Baron’s Place shopping plaza. Continue past the double strip shopping plaza to Rothchild Conference Center parking