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**To:** Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services families, individuals, providers, case managers and BDDS staff

**From:** Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

**Re:** March opportunities to learn more about the Waiver Redesign Initial Concept Paper

**Date:** March 3, 2020

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services has released its Waiver Redesign Initial Concept Paper. We are pleased to share the following opportunities for you to learn more and share your feedback on the ideas and information shared in the concept paper. These include:

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020, from 4 – 6 p.m. EST** – The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, in partnership with Self-Advocates of Indiana and The Arc of Indiana, are hosting Self-Advocate and Family Feedback Sessions in Vincennes, Ind. at Vincennes University located at 120 W Harrison in the Green Activity Center. The session will include an overview of the concept paper and opportunity for discussion and feedback.

**Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 4 – 6 p.m. EST** - The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, in partnership with Self-Advocates of Indiana and The Arc of Indiana, are hosting Self-Advocate and Family Feedback Sessions in New Albany, Ind. at Prosser Career Center located at 4202 Charlestown Road. The session will include an overview of the concept paper and opportunity for discussion and feedback.

**Friday, March 6, 2020, at noon EST** – Join Cathy Robinson, BDDS director and Jessica Harlan-York, BQIS director on Facebook Live. They will be talking about the concept paper with a particular focus on key concepts and answering your questions. To join the event live, please visit the [BDDS Facebook page](#) at noon. If you can't make it live, be sure to visit our Facebook page to watch the recording.

**Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. EST** – BDDS will be giving a presentation at the Inspiring Abilities Expo hosted by FUSE for families and individuals with disabilities to share ideas, provide recommendations and ask questions directly to BDDS leadership on the concept paper, waiver redesign and current services. This event will be held at J.B. Stephens Elementary School located at 1331 N Blue Road, Greenfield, Ind. For more information on the event visit [please click here](#).

**Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 4 – 6 p.m. EDT** - The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, in partnership with Self-Advocates of Indiana and The Arc of Indiana, are hosting Self-Advocate and Family Feedback Sessions in Indianapolis, Ind. at Ivy Tech located at 9301 E 59<sup>th</sup> Street, in Rooms 166 and 168. The session will include an overview of the concept paper and opportunity for discussion and feedback.



**Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 6 – 8 p.m. EDT** – BDDS is hosting a Building Bridges event for self-advocates and families in Plymouth, Ind. at the Plymouth Public Library located at 201 N Center Street. The event is specifically for families and individuals with disabilities to share ideas, provide recommendations and ask questions directly to BDDS leadership on the concept paper, waiver redesign and current services.

**Friday, March 20, 2020, at noon EDT** – Join Cathy Robinson, BDDS director and Jessica Harlan-York, BQIS director on Facebook Live. They will be talking about the concept paper with a particular focus on key concepts and answering your questions. To join the event live, please visit the [BDDS Facebook page](#) at noon. If you can't make it live, be sure to visit our Facebook page to watch the recording.

**Monday, March 23, 2020, from 6 – 8 p.m. EDT** – BDDS is hosting a Building Bridges event for self-advocates and families in Fort Wayne, Ind. at the Fort Wayne Public Library located at 900 Library Plaza. The event is specifically for families and individuals with disabilities to share ideas, provide recommendations and ask questions directly to BDDS leadership on the concept paper, waiver redesign and current services.

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020, from 10 a.m. – noon EDT** – The DDRS Advisory Council will be holding their monthly meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. at the Indiana State Library located at 315 W Ohio Street, in the Authors Room 203. Their meeting will include discussion on the ideas presented in the concept paper. To register to attend and/or to request an accommodation, [please click here](#).

**Provider Feedback Sessions** - These provider focused feedback sessions will provide a brief overview of the concept paper with ample time to ask questions, provide recommendations and share ideas. Provider feedback sessions will be held in March and early April in the following locations: South Bend, Fort Wayne, Newburgh, Columbus, Lafayette and Indianapolis. Providers interested in attending one of these sessions should register by [clicking here for their preferred session](#).

For more information, including links to the concept paper and information on additional ways to provide feedback, please visit the [BDDS Waiver Redesign webpage](#).