



**PURPOSE: THE STOP THE WAIT DISABILITY POLICY RALLY** is a Statewide Rally to increase awareness of the needs of Alabama children and adults with disabilities and to advocate for continued state funding of existing services and increased state funding for children and adults who are waiting for needed services.

**WHO IS INCLUDED:** Children and Adults with Disabilities, Families of Children and Adults with Disabilities, Community-based Public and Private Agencies serving Children and Adults with Disabilities, State Departments and Agencies serving Children and Adults with Disabilities, Mayors and Members of City Councils, Chairmen and Members of County Commissions, Members of the Alabama Legislature, Governor Bob Riley and Members of his Cabinet, Alabama's Congressional Delegation and their staffs.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** In front of the Alabama State House, 11 South Union Street, Montgomery

**SPONSORED BY: The Arc of Alabama, Inc.**

The Arc of Alabama, Inc. is the largest volunteer, membership-based, 501 © (3) non-profit organization, advocating for the rights and needs of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1957.

**CO-SPONSORS TO DATE ARE:**

State Representative DuWayne Bridges; People First of Alabama; Alabama Conference of Executives of The Arc (ACE/Arc); Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities; Alabama Council of Community Mental Health Boards; Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program; Alabama Head Injury Foundation; Alabama Department of Mental Health, Office of Consumer Empowerment; Glenwood, Inc.; Autism Society of Alabama; Independent Living Resources of Greater Birmingham; Independent Living Center of Mobile; Montgomery Independent Living Center; The Arc of Jefferson County; The Arc of Madison County; The Arc of Walker County.

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