

Enabled Voices



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Send A Message in Sacramento!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for **May 23, 2007**. That is **Disability Capitol Action Day** in Sacramento when you'll have the opportunity to let your voice be heard as a person living with a disability! People will attend from all over the Golden State to protect the services important to them and talk about issues that affect them.

If you are interested in attending, please contact us at TCIL.

The State Independent Living Council (SILC) is offering some scholarships for the Action Day and information for this can be found at the California Foundation of Independent Living Centers web site (www.cfilc.org) or by calling TCIL. Tri-County will also be offering a limited number of scholarships to help you get there. Give us a call at (707) 445-8404 if you want to let your voice be heard!



Taking Action!!!!!!!



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1 - Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Jan. 3 - Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1)).

Jan. 10 - Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (a)).

Jan. 26 - Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

Feb. 23 - Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).

Local Happenings

"My caregiver has been with me for six years. He brought me home from a nursing home where I had been for 35 months after a month-long hospital stay in a coma. I had to learn to walk and talk again. Without this caregiver, I never could have left the nursing home. He's honest, hard-working and goes the extra mile. Thank God for caregivers!"

—Marilyn, Humboldt County Resident

Support Your Care Providers!

Many of our consumers have stories to tell about their care providers that illustrate how essential they are.

Currently, In-Home Support Services (IHSS) home care providers in our area are fighting for a new contract with Humboldt County. Their effort has been going on for about two years now. What they want are fair wages and health benefits that will enable them to continue with the work they love that provides vital assistance to our consumers. Currently they are paid minimum wage (\$6.85 an hour) and get NO health care benefits.

Your care providers deserve better. Support them by distributing flyers or by attending meetings of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Contact TCIL for more information at (707) 445-8404.

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**Your Elected
Officials**

Meeting Times of Local Boards/Councils

Arcata City Council, meets 7 p.m. the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at Council Chambers, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata. Call (707) 822-5953 for further information or email: citymgr@arcatacityhall.org

Crescent City City Council, meets 6 p.m. the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall, 377 J Street, Crescent City. For further information or reasonable accommodation (at least five days prior to meeting) call (707) 464-7483. TDD use: call (707) 464-2226.

Del Norte County Board of Supervisors, meets 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 981 H Street, Crescent City. For further information call (707) 464-7204. For meeting minutes or upcoming agendas go to www.dnco.org.

Eureka City Council, meets 5:30 p.m. the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at Eureka City Hall, 531 K Street, Eureka. Call (707) 441-4172 for further information.

Ferndale City Council, meets 7 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month, at Ferndale City Hall, 834 Main Street, Ferndale. For further information call (707) 786-4224.

Fortuna City Council, meets 6 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, located at Fortuna City Hall, 6212 Eleventh Street, Fortuna. Further information: (707) 725-7600 days and 725-7550 nights & weekends. Special assistance, call City Clerk at 725-7600.

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, meets 9 a.m. every Tuesday, at 825 Fifth Street, Room 111, Eureka. For further information call (707) 476-2384 or email BOS@co.humboldt.ca.us. For minutes or upcoming agendas go to www.co.humboldt.ca.us.

Trinidad City Council, meets 7:30 p.m., the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Trinidad City Hall, 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad. For further information call (707) 677-0223.

Trinity County Board of Supervisors, meets at 9 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Board Chambers, Trinity County Library, Weaverville. Call (530) 623-1217 for more information or email Kelly Frost at kfrost@trinitycounty.org. Meeting minutes and upcoming agendas available at www.trinitycounty.org.