



# Potpourri

## *Waiting List Lawsuit on Appeal*

In February 2005, Judge Richard Matsch issued a decision in Mandy R., et. al. v. Bill Owens, et. al. Judge Matsch decided against the Plaintiffs who sought to be removed from the waiting list and to receive adult developmental disabilities services. In April 2005 the Plaintiffs filed an appeal of Judge Matsch's decision with the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. All of the briefs have been filed and oral argument could come as soon as May of 2006. Attorneys for the Plaintiffs believe they have some good issues on appeal and are optimistic with respect to the outcome.

## *Early Intervention Services and Part C of IDEA*

In January 2006 Governor Bill Owens issued an order changing the lead agency for the administration and implementation of the State's Early Intervention and Part C IDEA programs. The Colorado Department of Education has for years been the lead agency, but that has now changed to the Department of Human Services. The Division for Developmental Disabilities will administer and implement the programs through primarily the 20 Community Centered Boards throughout the State.

## *Statewide Image Campaign*

The Arc of Colorado is in its first year of a statewide image campaign. Using the images developed by Sukle Advertising and Design, and the tag line "I'm different, aren't we all," billboards and bus shelter boards have gone up all around the state. Billboards and/or bus shelter boards are in Greeley, Fort Collins, Denver, Craig, Grand Junction, Cortez and Pueblo. This was made possible through a grant from the Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council.

## *Nora Has Her Baby*

Nora and Randy Earnest are the proud parents of 8 lb Eric Gifford Earnest born January 31. Nora is The Arc of Colorado's Associate Executive Director and provides its direct advocacy services around the state. Nora will be on maternity leave until May 1, 2006. ***Congratulations!***