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Deinstitutionalization Toolkit: **STRATEGY – inDEPTH**

This section of the Deinstitutionalization Toolkit includes some additional resources of information on the subject of Strategies. These are external documents that may be accessed for a more “in**Depth**” review of the topic area.

Additional Resources

Personal Stories

From *Loving Arms: Georgia’s Children Living in Nursing Homes and State Hospitals*. Institute on Human Development and Disability. University of Georgia, 2005. (personal stories).

<http://www.ihdd.uga.edu/Website%20pdfs/FromLovingArms.pdf>

Moving Forward: Developmental Center Residents Tell Their Stories About Moving to the Community. State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, 2009. (personal stories)

http://www.closevineland.org/moving_forward.pdf

Self-Advocacy

State-supported self-advocacy:

<http://ici.umn.edu/news/fyi/jun10.html>

Dispelling Myths

Massachusetts Institutions Dispelling the Myths. Massachusetts Arc, 2009.

<http://www.mfofc.org/pdf/mass-institutions-dispelling-the-myths.pdf>



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Working with State Legislators and Congress Members

<http://www.uwex.uwc.edu/government/documents/CommunicatingWithStateLegislators.pdf>

<http://www.nacdd.org/documents/NACDD%20LAC%20Planning%20Your%20Meeting.pdf>

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Overcoming Opposition from Parents

NPR story about tours sponsored by the Georgia Children's Freedom Coalition:

http://www.cpfynys.org/uploads/doc_1859Educate%20the%20Candidates%20Campaign.pdf

Parent once opposed to closure now one of the biggest advocates for closure:

<http://www.khi.org/news/2010/sep/10/parent-defends-closing-state-hospital/>

Mother, daughter find new life after Howe:

<http://southtownstar.suntimes.com/lifestyles/vickroy/4657312-452/mother-daughter-find-new-life-after-howe.html?print=true>

<http://www.npr.org/2010/12/09/131916238/youth-in-nursing-homes-look-for-alternative-care>

An Eight Year Follow-up of Young Adults with Significant Disabilities Living in the Community. Z. Stoneman and B. Al-Deen. 2006. (Georgia—shows that although parents were initially worried, most changed their minds)



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Legal Strategies

Statement of the Department of Justice on Enforcement of the Integration Mandate of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and *Olmstead v. L.C.*

http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a_olmstead.htm

Remarks prepared for delivery by Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Regarding the State of Georgia's Mental Health and Developmental Disability System

http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/tp_georgia_remarks.htm

Legislative Strategies

Massachusetts Disability Law Center letter to support facilities restructuring plan, April 22, 2011. (example of support that a protection and advocacy organization can offer)

<http://www.disabilitylawcenter.org/Segregated-and-Exploited%20v18.pdf>