



## **2008 Legislative Results**

## 2008 Indiana General Assembly

The INARF Governmental Affairs Team monitored and successfully intervened on behalf of INARF members throughout the 117th Indiana General Assembly. In a session dominated by property taxes, INARF defended current funding and funding mechanisms, as well as supported efforts to address priority categories on the wait list, qualifications for applied behavior analysis and non-profit modernization.

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## Property Tax Reform

In the final days of the session, a massive property tax relief/reform bill was passed. The results for the industry were a bit mixed, but overall positive.

Despite being total repealed at one point, INARF was instrumental in working with legislators to restore and retain eligibility for continued county funding outside the levy cap for DD Centers currently receiving funding and a provision designating DD group homes in the same category as “other residential” for purposes of the “circuit breaker”—those 1%, 2% and 3% caps on a property tax bill.

Areas that will require additional work in the next 2009 Session and beyond include restoring the cap exemption for those centers not currently receiving county funding and supporting members working on the county level as the full impact of property tax relief is realized.

## Other Bills of Interest

Beyond the issue of property taxes, INARF supported its partners in championing the following bills of interest:

- ◇ HB 1288 prohibits a person from calling themselves a “Certified Behavior Analyst” unless the person obtains and maintains the credential administered by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.
- ◇ HB 1266 requires OMPP to apply for amended Medicaid waivers to allow a priority for services in certain “emergency” situations.
- ◇ HB 1187 improves and modernizes Indiana’s not for profit laws.

## Mission

INARF is a membership organization whose purpose is to provide leadership and support to its constituency in the development of resources and promotion of quality services which will increase the membership's ability to effectively serve the comprehensive needs of persons with disabilities.