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# **Reasons to Join INARF**

#### **INARF Membership: Real Benefits/Real Solutions**

Contact Nanette Hagedorn, Vice President, Member Services (nanette@inarf.org) for more information on INARF Membership.

#### **Legislation & Advocacy**

INARF represents its members before a broad range of government agencies, stakeholder groups, and associations involved in Indiana's human service programs to create access to a full range of services and support options driven by individual choice. INARF advocates to influence the industry and broader systems, emphasizing quality of services and flexibility in service delivery, competitive rates to ensure high-quality staffing, and reduction in costly, overly burdensome regulations and processes that do not improve quality of service.



#### COVID-19 Support

INARF has been by our members side during the entire pandemic. We developed weekly COVID-19 focused Webinars with industry experts to provide guidance on state and federal updates. Staff identified areas of needed technical assistance and developed responses to on-going questions on PPE, funding, reopening plans and more. "INARF staff have been extraordinary with these webinars each week and I am so proud to be an INARF member."

> Jim Allbaugh, President/CEO, Carey Services, Inc



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The **INARF Political Action Committee (PAC)** is a powerful advocacy tool which allows INARF to financially support incumbents and candidates who embrace INARF's policy positions and serve as friends and champions of the provider community. HCBSPOLICY4EVVtechnology4TELEMEDICINEFundingTelephoavailableavailable

Medicaid Housing

Waiver Redesign Group Homes Audit COVID-19 Waiver

## Technical Assistance

Telephone, email and on-site technical support are available to all members. INARF contracts with consultants specializing in lobbying, governmental affairs, Medicaid reimbursement and community service program operations. This allows our consultants and staff to provide ongoing technical assistance to members, delivering over 2,000 technical assistance response in the first 6 months alone of 2020.



### Member Engagement

- **Member Forums** a monthly platform for members to stay informed on national, state and local issues impacting the industry and the efforts of the Association on their behalf.
- **DSP Series** designed to aid Indiana providers in their workforce retention and advancement efforts by offering multiple Webinars and regional Conferences for Direct Support Professionals to connect, learn and exchange.

"I loved the DSP Conference. It helped me better understand the roles of a DSP and gave me more insight on other ways to interact with the individuals I work with!"

DSP Conference Attendee

- **Professional Interest Section Meetings** offer quarterly opportunities for members to stay informed on current industry related issues through educational presentations, experiential panel discussions, and connecting with peers through robust section discussion.
- Leadership Academy a professional development program targeting employees who demonstrate a commitment to the future of our industry, leadership, and a strong drive to achieve greater levels of responsibility. The Academy offers a robust Curriculum, presented throughout four 2-day classes, led by industry experts and experienced leaders, to a class of 24 selected applicants.

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• **Pre & Annual Conferences** - is the premier annual event for providers in Indiana looking to increase their knowledge of strategies and resources that enhance the support of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This annual gathering allows program managers/directors, case managers, management staff, service coordinators and many other positions to come away empowered with knowledge and information to help them sharpen their vision to bring new innovative approaches into their organizations and the services they deliver.