

Arion is Expanding Their Services

Monthly Shout Out: **Christine Hancock**

In addition to providing respite, attendant care and habilitation services for members through the Division of Developmental Disabilities you might be surprised at all the new programs available through Arion Care Solutions, LLC. (ACS)

Sonia Dykhuizen is our manager for Long Term Care. This program focuses on serving the elderly and individuals with physical disabilities. To receive services from Arion the individual must be approved by Arizona Long Term Care and select United Health Care Community plan as their insurance of choice. Contact Sonia at sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com or call 623 238 4349.

Melissa Larkin is our manager for Nursing Services. This program assists individuals in need of in-home nursing visits, assessments, nursing-respite care, etc. Contact Melissa at 480 323 0166 or email mlarkin@arioncaresolutions.com Melissa is also our Bilingual/Spanish manager for members requiring Spanish speaking services.

Sarah Duarte is our new Board Certified Behavior Analyst. (BCBA) She is managing our intensive behavioral treatment program and providing consultation and training to our "HAB- M" families and providers. Contact Sarah at 480 404 0242 or email sduarte@arioncaresolutions.com

Joni Jack is our manager that oversees all private pay arrangements. This program is for members who are not eligible for contracted state services but are in need of a caregiver. Contact Joni at jjack@arioncaresolutions.com or call 602 885 5659

Whatever your service needs are, Arion welcomes the opportunity to meet your needs and to continue providing the highest level of care and commitment to our members and providers!



I would like to nominate **Christine Hancock** for provider of the month. She is always reliable and has the deepest compassion toward the care and wellbeing of her clients. The Dragos' have always said that they would love nothing more than to adopt Christine into the family. If I had the ability to clone her and place one in every home I would! She has become such a powerful body in their support team!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to school can be an anxiety-provoking time for parents under the best of circumstances. Making sure your kids have the right clothes and the right supplies can be overwhelming, but when you're the parent of a child with special needs, you have to make sure they have the right program in place, too.

Here are some tips to help make sure you and the school are ready for your child to go back to school.

1. Look over your child's current Individualized Education Plan.
2. Double-check all the pieces of the IEP are in place.
3. Meet your child's new teachers and tell them about your child.
4. Ensure that transportation is set up.
5. Organize and reorganize activities and therapy appointments.
6. Take your child to tour the school.
7. Start a new communication notebook.
8. Go back-to-school shopping early.

<http://moms.popsugar.com/Back--School-Tips-Parents-Kids-Special-Needs-31032926>