

## Movers and Shakers for Jan. 2, 2011



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**Gary Blumenthal of Sudbury** recently received Bridgewell's Visionary Leadership Award for his lifelong advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Bridgewell is a Lynnfield-based provider of services to adults with disabilities in eastern Massachusetts.

Blumenthal is president and CEO of the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers. He was recently nominated by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency making recommendations to the president and Congress on issues affecting 54 million Americans with disabilities.

Blumenthal previously served as the executive director for the Alta California Regional Center, which oversees service delivery for children and adults with developmental disabilities in the Sacramento area. He was also the Wichita regional director for the Kansas State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, CEO for the Florida State Protection and Advocacy Programs for People with Development Disabilities and director of the President's Committee for Mental Retardation during the Clinton administration.

He was also a member of the Kansas State House of Representatives for 11 years and an American Government teacher in the Shawnee Mission Public Schools in Overland Park, Kan., for 12 years.

Blumenthal is a graduate of the University of Kansas, Lawrence and the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

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