

SEE THE ARC IN ACTION

Join us at The Arc's National Convention each fall where more than 700 advocates, chapter leaders, staff, volunteers, professionals, vendors, experts, plus individuals with intellectual and development disabilities (I/DD) and their families gather for information and inspiration encompassing the most pressing issues in the I/DD community. Each year takes us to a new exciting location and offers us a new chance to collaborate.

And, each spring, The Arc hosts the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with other major national organizations devoted to people with I/DD to discuss how current public policy impacts people living with I/DD. This three-day event culminates with hundreds of advocates coming together to meet face-to-face with their elected officials on Capitol Hill.

Be sure to check out www.thearc.org or our blog at <http://blog.thearc.org> for the most up-to-date information on our events and your opportunities to attend.

HOW CAN THE ARC MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

*Find a Chapter.
Become a Chapter.
Volunteer.
Join. Donate.
Stay informed.*

If you need help, or if you want to help, The Arc wants to hear from you. Visit our website where you can find a local chapter, learn more about I/DD, learn more about what The Arc does or get involved by donating, volunteering or becoming part of our community.

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*For people with intellectual
and developmental disabilities*

Achieve with us.

We invite you to achieve with The Arc, the nation's leading and largest organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.



The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. We're the only community-based non-profit working for people with I/DD throughout their lifetimes and across all diagnoses—from Autism to Down syndrome to Fragile X and more than 100 other developmental disabilities.

More than one million Americans with I/DD and their family members turn to The Arc to serve, support and advocate for them through a national network of more than 700 chapters. The Arc fosters change and expands opportunity in every aspect of their lives, allowing them to achieve their goals.

The Arc champions the civil rights of people with I/DD in areas such as education, housing, employment, health care and more. The Arc works through a variety of channels to foster respect, raise awareness and change attitudes about people with I/DD to remove barriers to full inclusion and acceptance.

How Do We Do it?

The Arc is the largest provider of programs, services and supports for people with I/DD. More than 700 chapters nationwide serve more than one million individuals with I/DD and their family members so that they can live and work in the community and fully participate in society. From early childhood intervention and after school programs to supported employment and home ownership counseling, from personal care to assistive, The Arc is here to serve you.

...By Providing Services and Support Families Need.

CREATING CHANGE

The Arc has created real and personal change for millions with I/DD by playing an instrumental role in the development and passage of landmark legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), an expansion of affordable housing options, and recent healthcare reform. These reforms impact everything from how schools educate children with I/DD to preventing insurance companies from denying coverage of pre-existing conditions.

SHAPING PUBLIC POLICY

A team of dedicated policy experts work at the national, state and local level to make sure that our elected and appointed leaders understand the needs, issues and concerns of people with I/DD and that federal and state laws and regulations help to promote full inclusion. The Arc's Public Policy Office

offers a variety of avenues for individuals to get involved on a state and local level, utilizing grassroots action to affect real change in the legislative landscape at all levels. Sign up to receive Action Alerts and other information when important issues come up and learn how to get involved. Find out more about how public policy impacts the lives of people with I/DD at www.thearc.org under "What We Do."

DRIVING INNOVATION

■ The Autism NOW national information and resource center is specifically for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities and their families. Funded by a grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, the center's innovative Website, educational Webinars and other initiatives such as Regional Summits exploring new ideas and best practices give people with autism and those around them reliable information, new resources and opportunities to connect and share. Get more at www.autismnow.org.

■ The School-to-Community Transition Program funded by the Walmart Foundation and other donors helps young adults transition from school to adult life in the areas of employment, post-sec-

ondary education and independent community living. This program provides direct support and services through nearly 50 chapters of The Arc researching the issues faced during transition and providing a national database to record and validate best practices.

CONDUCTING RESEARCH

The Arc recently conducted a landmark survey of more than 5,000 respondents to assess Family and Individual Needs for Disability Support (FINDS) to direct us in understanding gaps in supports and unmet needs. We issued recommendations for action in the report "Still in the Shadows with Their Future Uncertain" available at www.thearc.org.

