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## Family Ambassador Volunteer Position Description

### **Purpose of Position:**

To speak to legislators and other policy makers about developmental disabilities issues and how they impact families.

### **Qualifications:**

1. Resident of New Jersey
2. Family member of an individual with an intellectual or developmental disabilities
3. Ability to travel throughout the state as needed
4. Flexibility to attend hearings on short notice
5. Willingness to share your personal story and talk about how disability issues impact your personal and family life

### **Responsibilities include:**

1. Adhere to The Arc of New Jersey's mission, positions, and policy agenda
2. Respond to all action alerts in a timely manner
3. Meet with legislators and policy makers as needed
4. Testify at hearings as needed
5. Participate in other types of advocacy activities and initiatives (for example: advocacy days at the state house, being interviewed by the media, etc.)

### **Training and support to be provided:**

1. An hour long orientation to The Arc of New Jersey
2. A half-day training on the legislative and budget processes, disability issues, and how to be an effective advocate
3. Ongoing one-on-one support and education, including assistance writing testimony and support at legislative meetings

### **Expected time commitment:**

On average 10-50 hours per year, but the time commitment varies greatly. There are many months when there will be no advocacy activities and other months where you may be asked to do several things. We always try to give as much notice as possible but the legislative calendar is unpredictable and hearings are often scheduled on short notice.

*If you are interested in becoming a Family Ambassador, please fill out and submit an application at [www.arcfamilyadvocacy.org](http://www.arcfamilyadvocacy.org)*