



June 2016

UPDATE FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Education Bill Advances, Budget Meetings Continue

The Arc of New Jersey Executive Director Tom Baffuto and Second Vice President and parent Kevin Sturges testified before the Senate Education Committee in May, in support of legislation that would limit the use of restraint and seclusion in schools. This is an important piece of public policy and a high-priority agenda item for our organization. Currently, New Jersey lacks statewide regulation on the use of restraint and seclusion techniques in schools and we believe protections need to be put in place. To continue reading, click [here](#).



The Arc Bestows Awards to Student Contest Winners

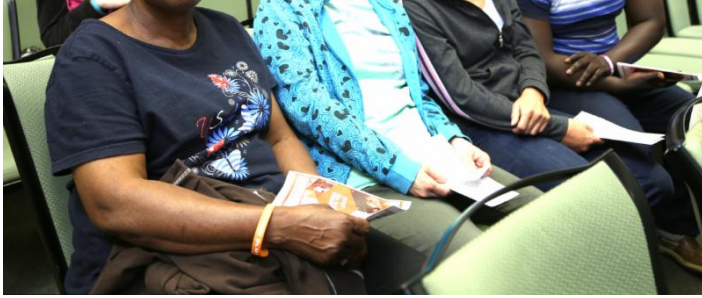


The Arc of New Jersey visited with schools across the state to present our Developmental Disability Awareness Month student winners with their certificates and prizes. The theme of this year's design contest was "We Can - Just Like You!" and we received submissions, from grades 3-8, in districts across the State.

Classes were asked to design a bulletin board in their school that incorporates this year's theme and illustrate the students' acceptance of all people, regardless of a person's level of ability or challenge. Above are the winners from Manchester Elementary School and pictured below is Indian Hills Middle School. Want to see more photos from our classroom visits? Check out our [Facebook page](#).

First NJ Sprout Film Festival Attracts Families, Self-Advocates





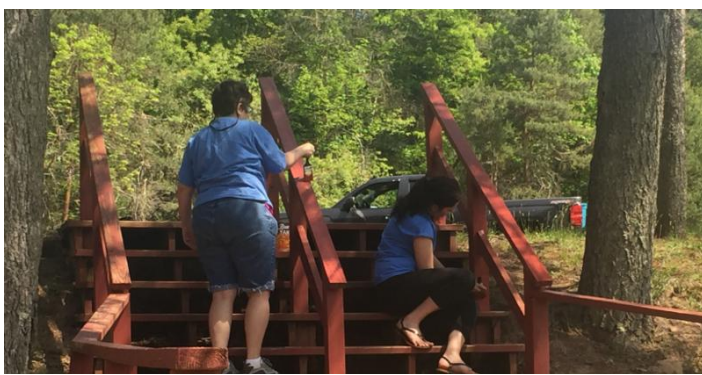
Audience members attend Sprout Film Festival.

This past weekend, The Arc of New Jersey hosted our first [Sprout Film Festival](#). This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase short films that celebrate the diverse lives and creativity of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event was held at Rutgers University Busch Campus Center and included a Q&A by Anthony Di Salvo, Founder and Executive Director of Sprout. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our first Sprout event! Want to see more photos from this great event? Visit our [Facebook page](#)



Audience members watch a short film about people with I/DD.

Volunteers Prep & Clean Camp Jaycee for Summer Season



Supporters 'Step Up' for Local County Walkathons across NJ



Top Left: The Arc Middlesex, Top Right: The Arc Burlington, Bottom Left: SCARC, Bottom Right: The Arc Mercer

Step Up For The Arc is an annual statewide initiative of The Arc of New Jersey, with walkathons held locally by every county Chapter. Check out these photos from recent events, and be sure to sign up for the last walk of June at [The Arc of Ocean County](#). Walks will resume in September, so check out this [site](#) for more details and dates.

Register now for June webinars

Important information sessions will be held throughout the month:

An Overview of Tourette Syndrome: Strategies, Resources and Tips to Help Families

In this webinar, Dr. Hartke Psy.D will provide an overview of Tourette Syndrome as well as strategies, resources and tips to help families that have a loved one with Tourette Syndrome. This webinar is hosted by The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute and presented by Dr. Graham Harke Psy.D.: of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders.

[Tuesday, June 7 at 6 pm](#)

Equal Justice Talks - Obstacles to Employment for People with I/DD and How Criminal Histories



New Jersey Camp Jaycee is grateful to the 27 volunteers from Bristol-Myers Squibb who helped prepare the camp grounds for the upcoming season. Their help, painting, cleaning and organizing, made a big difference. This year's attendees will greatly benefit from all the improvements when they return to camp later this month.



with I/DD who Have Criminal Histories
This webinar will look at the problems individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have criminal histories face when they seek employment. The speakers will address the obstacles faced as well as recommendations for successfully finding and keeping employment.

[Thursday, June 16 at 1 pm](#)

Webinar Wednesday: 10 Things Every Student Should Explore During Summer Break

Summer is here! This is the perfect time to practice skills that you will need for school, work, and living more independently. You will be provided an overview of 10 fun challenges that you can complete during the summer and move you further along the road to adulthood. This webinar is geared for students, their parents, and professionals in the field.

[Wednesday, June 22 at 6 pm](#)

PLANNED GIVING CORNER

Making Important Life Decisions

Life Changes Quickly

In each of our lives, change comes very quickly. You are going to face new circumstances every year.

Yet planning exists to prepare for life-and to give your family members better lives. It is essential to create goals that help your family live better in the midst of new circumstances.

Planning for the future is a key part of a successful life. Even if you or your family are going through major changes, there are several basic steps that will help you succeed in your plans.

Set Goals

Step one for a successful life is to have goals. It has been said, "If you don't know where you're going, you're not likely to get there." This is very true about goals for your family and for your estate.

Often, single persons or couples meet with a professional advisor and have not considered setting specific goals. Your advisor in this circumstance will try to be helpful and suggest "typical" goals.

To continue reading, click [here](#). Have questions about planned giving? Contact Celine Fortin at cfortin@arcnj.org.

IEP Review & Special Edu. Workshops for Families

The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute will host its final regional Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST) Workshop with Michael Steinbruck this month. Ensuring a student's IEP is person-centered is a critical component in planning for a student's transition from school to adult life. During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn fundamental skills, tools and processes to implement person-centered approaches in schools. These include

PCAST - Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition:
For Families, Students and Educators



Join The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute as we host 3 regional PCAST Workshops with Michael Steinbruck.

Ensuring a student's IEP is person-centered is a critical component in planning for a student's transition from school to adult life. During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn fundamental skills, tools and processes to implement person-centered approaches in schools. These include methods for gathering, organizing and presenting person-centered information, and implementing strategies designed to improve post school outcomes for students.

Presenter: Michael Steinbruck, MA is the PCAST Program Coordinator at The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities.

This workshop is funded by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

Register at: bit.ly/pcast_registration

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Dates and Location

<p>May 24th The Arc of Essex 123 Naylon Avenue Livingston, 07039 973.555.1181</p>	<p>May 26th The Arc of Mercer 180 Ewingville Road Ewing, 08638 609.406.0181</p>	<p>June 14th Camp Sun 'n Fun The Sunshower Inn 1036 North Tuckahoe Road Williamstown, 08094 856.848.8648</p>
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3. Make your donation count all year long by becoming a monthly Sustainer. All you have to do is note on your online donation that you would like it to be a monthly contribution.
4. Donate a vehicle by calling (877) 272-2270.
5. Shop through Amazon Smile. Simply select The Arc of New Jersey from the charities at [Amazon Smile](#), and shop like you always do at Amazon.

methods for gathering, organizing and presenting person-centered information, and implementing strategies designed to improve post-school outcomes for students. This workshop is funded by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

The workshop will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. To register, click below:

- [Tuesday, June 14 - Camp Sun 'N Fun](#)

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