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of New Jersey

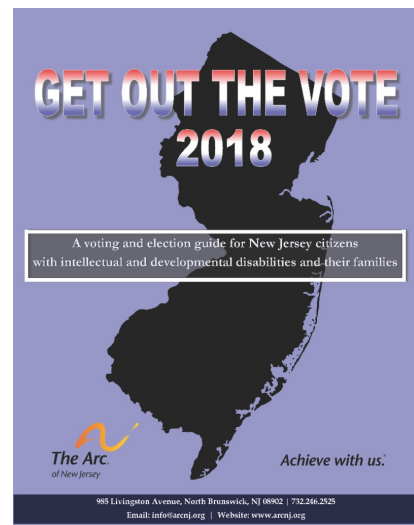
For people with intellectual
and developmental disabilities

Achieve with us.

Coming Soon: 2018 Get Out the Vote Guide

This November, New Jersey residents will head to the polls to elect a US Senator and a member of Congress who will represent your local district. Before you head to the polls, make sure you check out our 2018 Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Guide. This publication is a great resource for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Inside you'll find important dates, information on how to register to vote and the process for voting by mail, as well as external resources you should explore in order to learn more. We are putting the final touches on the publication and will make it available to you as soon as it's done. In the meantime, check out our [GOTV website](#) and check back often to download your copy before Election Day on November 6, 2018!



The Arc to Celebrate Honorees at Awards Dinner

The Arc of New Jersey is excited to honor and celebrate an outstanding group of individuals and organizations who their efforts on behalf of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families at our Annual Awards Dinner on October 18. The event, which will be held at The Imperia in Somerset, will include a cocktail reception followed by dinner and the awards presentation. The full list of honorees is as follows:

- **President's Award - Primepoint LLC**
- **Spirit of The Arc Award - Carmen Bannon**
- **Legislator of the Year - Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin**
- **Professional of the Year - Melissa Soules**
- **Healthcare Professional of the Year - Linda O'Connell**
- **Volunteer of the Year - Shuffle**
- **Employer of the Year - Green Vision, Inc.**
- **Bill Sackter Award - James Storti**
- **Distinguished Community Service - Heather Childers**
- **Community Inclusion Award - Special Needs Alliance for Pride (SNAP)**
- **Martin Papish Award - Alice Siegel**



For additional information, as well as sponsor and ad journal opportunities, [click here](#). You can also purchase a ticket for the event by [clicking here](#).

The Provident Bank Foundation Supports The Arc



recognizing the work that we do.

The Arc of New Jersey would like to take a moment to recognize The Provident Bank Foundation (PBF) for including our organization in its Second Cycle 2018 Major Grants. Jane Kurek, Executive Director of The Provident Bank Foundation along with Darleen Gillespie, VP/Market Manager of Provident Bank, presented the grant to Executive Director Tom Baffuto, Family Institute Director Lisa Ford and Family Institute Coordinator Cheryl Crick, in August. The grant, totaling \$7,500, will support our continued advocacy and assistance to families. This includes providing information, referrals and resources through The Arc of New Jersey's Family Institute. The Family Institute assists more than 5,000 individuals a year with a variety of advocacy needs. We are grateful for this wonderful support and we thank The Provident Bank Foundation for

NEW LOCATION!

Self-Advocates Plan 35th Annual Fall Conference

Each year The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project and the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network come together to host the annual New Jersey Self-Advocacy Network Fall Conference for an all-day event of advocacy, education, socializing, and networking. This year's conference will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at a **new location: The Westin Princeton.**

The event will include workshops on a variety of issues including: transportation, supported employment, healthy relationships and dating,

support coordination and independent living skills and emergency preparedness. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 7th, so [click here](#) to reserve your spot! Questions? Contact Frankie Bayak at fbayak@arcnj.org or call (732) 749-8514.



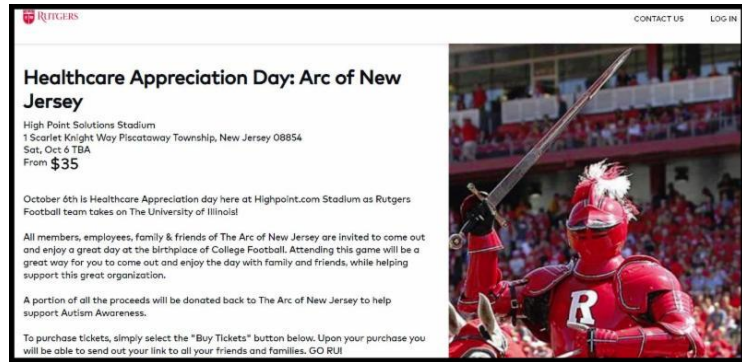
Chapters Step Up For The Arc 2018

The Step Up For The Arc walks are an annual statewide initiative of The Arc of New Jersey, with walkathons held locally by every county chapter. It's a fun, healthy and easy way to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Make sure to [check out this page](#) for details about an upcoming walk near you!

The Arc of Ocean, pictured above at their 2016 walk, will hold their event on Saturday, Oct. 13 at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood. The Arc of Hunterdon will host their walk on Sept. 15 and The Arc of Atlantic will host their walk on Oct. 20th. [Click here](#) for locations and start times.

Rutgers Healthcare Appreciation Day to Benefit The Arc

October 6th is Healthcare Appreciation day at Highpoint.com Stadium as Rutgers Football team takes on The University of Illinois. All members, employees, family & friends of The Arc of New Jersey are invited to come out and enjoy a great day and by attending this game you will also be supporting The Arc of New Jersey. That's because a portion of all the proceeds will be donated back to our organization to help support Autism Awareness. [Click here](#) for more information and to buy tickets to the game.



The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Healthcare Appreciation Day: Arc of New Jersey". It provides details for a game at High Point Solutions Stadium on Saturday, October 6th, with tickets starting at \$35. The text invites members, employees, and family to attend, noting that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Arc of New Jersey to support Autism Awareness. A "Buy Tickets" button is mentioned. On the right side of the screenshot is a photograph of a Rutgers Scarlet Knight mascot in a red suit, holding a sword.

Check Out These Upcoming Webinars

Webinar: Accessing After School Programs for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities **[Tuesday, September 18 at 6 pm](#)**

Please join us as Hinkle, Fingles, Prior, and Fischer, Attorneys at Law discuss the process of accessing after school programs and how families can work with school personnel to make sure after school programs are made available to all students, regardless of whether they have a disability.



Webinar: When Your Student's High School IEP Requires Instruction Beyond Four Years: What You Need to Know **[Wednesday, September 19 at 6 pm](#)**

Parents and students with disabilities face a host of options, along with potential pitfalls, as the student approaches the end of a typical student's high school career. Issues to be considered include whether and how to ensure that students continuing after "12th grade" are able to fully participate in graduation and other senior year activities without jeopardizing continuing services; how and when decisions about graduation should be made; creative options for students continuing in special education after "12th grade"; securing appropriate and adequate community-based instruction; availability of and access to college-based programs and experiences, and a host of others. This workshop will explore these issues in depth and will provide attendees with a roadmap to lead students successfully from school to post-school life.

Webinar: Community Safety & Wandering Prevention for Children and Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities **[Thursday, September 20 at 12 pm](#)**

It is essential that all people, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, understand and practice community safety skills. Observing common safety rules and practices is crucial to prevent unnecessary harm. This webinar will explain potential unsafe situations and will provide strategies for community safety, injury prevention, and getting help when needed. Attendees will learn about pedestrian and passenger safety issues, water safety, prevention and response strategies for a person who has eloped or wandered, and internet safety. This webinar is hosted by The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute and is presented by Adrienne Robertiello, a Special Health Care Educator at Children's Specialized Hospital.

Equal Justice Talks Webinar Series #1 - Creating Pathways to Justice for People with I/DD in 2018 and Beyond **[Thursday, September 20 at 2 pm](#)**

Leigh Ann Davis, of the National Center on Criminal Justice and Developmental Disabilities, will provide an update of the resource available through the National Center, an overview of training initiatives being implemented by the Center and its partners, as well as a "state of the nation" review of issues important to this population.

Need help or more information? Want to become

active in our advocacy network?

- **Visit our website** to access lots of great information that can help you navigate service systems, find resources and keep you informed as to the important issues facing children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.
- **Join our advocacy network** to add your voice to the thousands who are working hard to promote and protect the quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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