



All the best for a happy, healthy 2017!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Members of The Arc of New Jersey, we want to wish you a wonderful 2017. Be sure to stay connected to the latest news and information regarding children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families by joining our Families Network, Friends Network or Self-Advocacy Network.

Join an Advocacy Network



The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute Receives Support from the MENTOR Foundation

Thank you to the MENTOR Network Foundation for their generous support of The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute. On December 1st, Susan McCarthy, Executive Director of MENTOR NJ presented Lisa Ford, Director of The Arc of NJ Family Institute with a check for \$5,000 to help support our advocacy efforts for families caring for a loved one with I/DD. Pictured here is Lisa Ford, Susan McCarthy and Thomas Baffuto, Executive Director, The Arc of NJ.

Governmental Affairs Update



On December 5th, gubernatorial candidate Phil Murphy visited programs at The Arc Mercer and met with self-advocates and families. Pictured above are Rick Koreyva, President, The Arc Mercer; Thomas



On December 21st, Senate President Steve Sweeney held a roundtable discussion on the proposed amendments to NJ's Statewide Transition Plan, recently sent to the Centers for Medicaid and

Baffuto and Robert Hage, Executive Director and President, The Arc of NJ; Phil and Tammy Murphy; Andrew Monti; and Steve Cook, Executive Director, The Arc Mercer.

Medicare (CMS). Before the discussion, Senate President Sweeney personally gave self-advocates a tour of the Statehouse.

The Arc of New Jersey 2016 Awards Celebration

On December 6th, more than 175 members and friends of The Arc came together to celebrate our 2016 award recipients.

Our wonderful honorees included:

- **President's Award - The Special Needs Ambassador Program at Saint Barnabas Medical Center**
- **Spirit of The Arc Award - Betty E. Hoehne**
- **Spirit of The Arc Award - Thomas Peterson**
- **Legislator of the Year - Assemblyman Gordon Johnson (D-37)**
- **Professional of the Year - Elizabeth Manley**
- **Professional of the Year - David Vinokurov**
- **Volunteer of the Year - Pamela Corrigan**
- **Employer of the Year - Ortho Diagnostics**
- **Bill Sackter Award - Andrew Monti**
- **Distinguished Community Service - Brookdale Community College**
- **Martin Papish Award - Laura Williams**
- **Educator of the Year - Katherine Cascioli**

[See pictures from the Awards Dinner here!](#)

Thank you to everyone who supported this important recognition and fundraising event, especially our generous sponsors.



Upcoming Events

Maximizing Education: How ABA & ESY Can Help You Get The Most of Your Child's Education

Join The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute and Hinkle, Fingles, Prior & Fischer, Attorneys at Law as we discuss how to get the most out of your child's education. This session will explore eligibility for both Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Extended School Year (ESY), as well as the law and best practices.

Wed, Jan 11, 2017 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST

[Register here](#)

Part 2: Conducting Risk Assessments for People with I/DD and Sex Offending Histories

Hosted by the Criminal Justice Advocacy Program, the second half of this webinar series will focus on the psycho-sexual evaluation process for clients with I/DD. Presented by Dr. Jeffrey Allen, this presentation will discuss the psycho-sexual evaluation, building upon last month's review of the risk assessment tool.

Thu, Jan 12, 2017 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

[Register here](#)

Completing the Application For Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Services

In order to receive services funded by DDD, an individual must apply to become eligible as outlined in state law. Join the Planning for Adult Life Program as James Schiralli of the Division of Developmental Disabilities will discuss and explain eligibility criteria. He will discuss the steps of the intake process, necessary documents needed in the intake packet, and things you need to know about the application.

Wed, Jan 18, 2017 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST

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