



The Arc of NJ Testifies at Assembly Human Services Committee Hearing



The Assembly Human Services Committee held a hearing last month on the topic of abuse and neglect of individuals with I/DD which included testimonies from family members and disability organizations in the State. Families talked about their experiences as well as pending legislation that would allow residential settings to have cameras in the common areas and in bedrooms under certain circumstances. Sharon Levine, Director of Governmental Affairs and Communications, testified before the Committee regarding Direct Support

Professionals and the work they did for individuals with I/DD during the pandemic. **(Pictured top row, second from the left.)** To continue reading, [click here](#).

Remote Learning Piece on "The TODAY Show" Features The Arc's 1st Vice President & Daughter

The Arc of New Jersey's First Vice President Kevin Sturges and his daughter Clare spoke with "The TODAY Show's" Craig Melvin on October 20, about the difficulties of remote learning for students with I/DD and the challenges facing families during COVID-19. Kevin shared his personal experiences since the pandemic began and ways members of the larger community can help families as parents also try to balance the responsibilities that come along with remote education. The clip features two other families and the struggles that began when schools closed in March. Kevin and Clare did an outstanding job raising awareness of what many families are going through and they did an excellent job representing people with I/DD. Click the image to the right to view the clip.



Download Now: 2020 Get Out the Vote Guide

Election Day is **TOMORROW Tuesday, November 3, 2020**, but due to COVID-19, this year's voting process is very different. If you haven't done so already, make sure you return your mail-ballot or plan to complete a provisional ballot at your polling location. Also, be sure to check out our

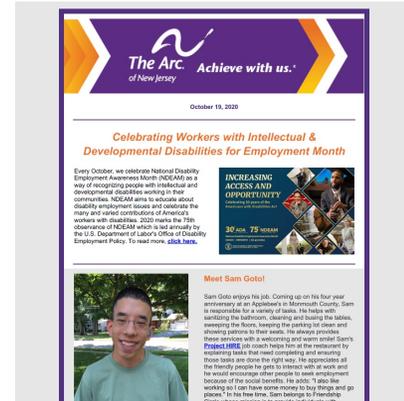
annual Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Guide, which you can download by clicking the image to the right. Our 2020 GOTV Guide was created to help you navigate the new way of voting, but it also provides resources, insights from individuals who vote, and important deadlines. In addition to the Guide, make sure you visit our Get Out the Vote web site, www.getvotv.org, for additional resources and information.



Project HIRE Awarded CARF Accreditation

In September, following an intensive three-day program audit, Project HIRE was again awarded the full, three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). This important and prestigious accreditation must be maintained in order to provide supported employment services in the vocational rehabilitation system in New Jersey. Project HIRE administration and field staff members were proud to have the program surveyed and were pleased to receive this accolade which noted high quality program design, program implementation and outcomes for participants.

Want to learn more about Project HIRE? [Click here.](#)



And if you missed our October feature for National Disability Employment Awareness Month spotlighting people with I/DD working in their community, [click here.](#)

News You Can Use!

1. An important notice for individuals with I/DD who are receiving SSI and unemployment insurance: [Click here.](#)
2. The NJ YMCA is seeking stories about your experiences during COVID. This is a chance to ensure the perspective of people with I/DD is included as stakeholders examine the pandemic. [Click here for more info.](#)
3. The NJ Department of Human Services is offering child care tuition assistance for families dealing with remote learning. Funding is only available through December. [Click here for more info.](#)
4. The Arc of the United States and Comcast NBCUniversal announced a three-year renewal of their national partnership to expand digital technology opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. [Click here](#) and [here](#) to learn more.
5. The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD) will be processing requests for electronic devices for adults (21 and older) with intellectual and or developmental disabilities (I/DD) enrolled with the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities Community Care Program or Supports Program. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Chapters to Host Virtual Events This Fall





Upcoming November/December Events

- [The Arc Mercer 2020 Virtual Gala](#)
- [The Arc Somerset Virtual Talent Show](#)
- [The Arc Monmouth Winter Glow Gala](#)

Looking for more upcoming events? Check out our [calendar](#).

Although events may look a little different than previous years, local County Chapters of The Arc will continue to host events throughout the fall. Check out the virtual and outdoor happenings near you and register today to support our Chapters and the people they serve! *Above is a photo from The Arc of Atlantic's October Pro-Am Golf Event at Galloway National Golf Club.*

Upcoming Virtual Events!



We've added additional webinars to help individuals with I/DD and their families during this difficult time. Register today and be sure to check out our [calendar](#) for other upcoming events.

Webinars:

- November 5: [Addressing Barriers to Oral Health and Health Care for Adults with IDD in NJ: Five-Year Plan](#)
- November 9: [Webinar: The 2021 Medicare Part D Changes for Persons Who Have Both Medicare and Medicaid \(The Dual Eligibles\)](#)
- November 19: [Alternatives to Incarceration: A District Attorney's Office Program for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

College Tours:

- November 3 at 6 pm: [Virtual College Tour: The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College](#)
- November 13 at 10 am: [Virtual College Tour: The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College](#)
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Stay Healthy at Home - a webinar series hosted by the NJ Self-Advocacy Project - every Tuesday at 2 PM on GoToWebinar

The webinar series covers a variety of topics related to advocacy, life skills, employment, and civic engagement. Sessions are designed to be accessible to self-advocates, parents, and support staff. Live viewers can share comments, ask questions, and access resources.

- November 3: [Best Practice or Best Friend? The Value of Professional Boundaries](#)
- November 10: [What Comes Next? 2020 Election Results & What They Mean](#)
- November 17: [Hand-Made Tale: DIY Gift Making Guide](#)
- November 24: [Can I Help You? Mental Health First Aid](#)

Healthy Lifestyles Project LIVE! - every Wednesday at 11 AM on Zoom

This interactive series of events is hosted by the NJ Self-Advocacy Project and focuses on activities to promote health and wellness education for students and adults with I/DD. Live viewers will be able to share comments, ask questions, and participate in activities led by professionals *in real time*.

- November 4: [Living on the Smile Side of Life with Laughter for the Health of It!](#)
- November 11: [Music to My Ears: A Collaborative Song-Writing Session](#)
- November 18: [Eat This, Not That: THANKSGIVING Edition](#)
- November 25: [Breathing Space: Supporting Healthy Advocacy](#)
- *NEW* We also have Fitness Fridays at 1 PM: [Click here to register](#).

A Message from The Arc of New Jersey

Thank You

Thank you to all our generous donors who, over the past few weeks, have made donations to support us. These critical funds will help us in our efforts to assist individuals with I/DD and their families, as well as our local county chapters, through the COVID19 crisis. To put your donation to work for individuals with I/DD and their families, [click here](#). If you have

questions or need assistance, our staff is here to help. [Click here](#) to access information about our Programs.

Use Your Amazon App to Support The Arc of New Jersey

If you are an AmazonSmile customer, you can now support The Arc of New Jersey, Inc. in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
2. View Settings and select AmazonSmile.
3. Follow the in-App instructions to complete the process.

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon shopping App, update your App. Click [here](#) for instructions.



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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