



## Law Enforcement Apprenticeships Available



The Arc of New Jersey was pleased to be chosen to receive a grant from The Arc of the US to support a unique program called "JusticeWorks". The program places individuals with I/DD in apprenticeships in law enforcement agencies for 16 hour per week/16 week sessions. The Arc of NJ will be supporting the "cadets" for 2 sessions, one starting in October and another starting in February, both in Monmouth County. JusticeWorks also supports a special law enforcement training to be held September 25th and an ongoing Disability Response Team for New Jersey law enforcement, victim-witness, social service and disability stakeholders. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the apprenticeship program, contact Adam Kubler, Director of Project HIRE at The Arc of NJ, at [akubler@arcnj.org](mailto:akubler@arcnj.org). [Click here](#) to see the apprenticeship application.

## The Arc of NJ & Local Chapters Partner with Advance Auto

Thank you to our friends at Advance Auto Parts for hosting The Arc at four games of the Lakewood Blueclaws this summer. As a sponsor of the Blueclaws, Advance Auto had a table at the games and invited The Arc of Ocean, The Arc of Monmouth and The Arc of New Jersey to join them. The partnership is part of Advance Auto Parts' "Different Abilities Network" that promotes inclusion and diversity throughout their stores and hiring practices. *Pictured here at the August Blueclaws game is: from Advance Auto - Jim Canning, GM Forked River; Rob Houser, GM Toms River; David Silverman, National Field Manager Inclusion and Diversity; and from The Arc of NJ - Céline Fortin, Associate Executive Director; Michael Pearson, Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator, NJ Self-Advocacy Project; and Michael Prendergast, Assistant Executive Director.*



## Self-Advocates Plan 36th 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. 28th, at **The Westin Princeton**. The event will include workshops on a variety of issues including: transportation, supported employment, governmental affairs and voting, healthy communication and financial literacy. The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 4th, so [click here](#) to reserve your spot! Questions? Contact Frankie Bayak at

[fbayak@arcnj.org](mailto:fbayak@arcnj.org) or call (732) 749-8514. Planning on attending the conference? Get your commemorative T-Shirt - see right- for just \$20 at the event!



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## Save the Date for The Arc of NJ 70th

The Arc of New Jersey is turning 70 years old in 2019! Incorporated in 1949, The Arc of NJ was started by families of individuals with I/DD with the goal of establishing a statewide organization committed to improving the quality of life of children and adults with I/DD, and their families. As part of our 70th Anniversary festivities, The Arc of NJ is planning a **70th**

**Anniversary Dinner for Thursday, November 21 at The Imperia in Somerset.** Registration for tickets and ads for the 70th Anniversary ad journal are now available at [The Arc of NJ 70th!](#). Watch this space for our special 70th Anniversary award winners announcement!

## Senate President Visits The Arc of Monmouth

On August 13th, The Arc of Monmouth County hosted Senate President Steve Sweeney and Senator Vin Gopal on a visit to their Work Opportunity Center in Long Branch. Senate President Sweeney praised the work of The Arc and Direct Support Professionals in particular during the visit. "Direct Support Professionals, like the folks working at the Work Opportunity Center, provide crucial services for our loved ones with disabilities," said Senator Sweeney. "We must continue to do everything we can to help individuals with disabilities lead their most fulfilling lives. That means making sure the DSPs are compensated competitively, so the hard working men and women can afford to do the work they love."



Pictured from left, Robert Angel, Executive Director, The Arc of Monmouth; Senate President Steve Sweeney; Thomas Baffuto, Executive Director, The Arc of NJ; Bret Vaks, Senior Director Programs & Services, The Arc of Monmouth; Fr. Hank Hilton, President, The Arc of Monmouth; Senator Vin Gopal; and Sal Coppola, Director of Marketing and Communications, Access NJ.

## Take a College Tour With Us!

**Calling all students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families!**

The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute invites you and your student to tour the different college programs offered throughout the state for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Fall 2019 Tour Dates (More dates being added!)**

**Sunday, September 15:** Career & Community Studies Program - Mercer County

**Thursday, October 3:** Camden County College - Garden State Pathways Program

**Friday, October 18:** The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College - Somerset County

**Friday, November 8:** Keep Achieving (Kach) at Brookdale Community College - Monmouth County

**Friday, November 15:** College Steps program at the Community College of Morris

**Thursday, December 5:** Adult Center for Transition College Tour (Gloucester County)

**Friday, December 13:** LACE (Learning At College Experience) at Sussex County Community College - Information Session

[Click here](#) to see more information and to register for one of the tours. These events are **FREE** but you need to register to attend.



## Work With Me Here! Seminar a Huge Success

On August 15th the team from The NJ Self-Advocacy Project hosted a professional development seminar for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) called "Work With Me Here!" at Warren County Community College. The focus was on effectively interacting with people with I/DD, helping people with I/DD make choices in their lives, and establishing appropriate professional boundaries when working with individuals with I/DD. More than 30 DSPs took part in the free, half-day seminar which will be replicated in other parts of the State in the coming months. See more at [www.njselfadvocacyproject.org](http://www.njselfadvocacyproject.org).



## Chapters Step Up For The Arc 2019

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 2018 walk, will hold their event on Saturday, October 12th at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood. The Arc of Cumberland will hold their walk on September 15th at Parvin State Park, and The Arc of Hunterdon will host their walk on September 28th at Deer Path Park. The Arc of Atlantic and The Arc Gloucester will both host their walks on October 12th. [Click here](#) for locations and start times.



## Webinars Offered This Fall!

Now that Labor Day has come and gone, The Arc of NJ's programs are all set for a Fall full of information and

resources. We have several webinars scheduled and don't forget that they are all recorded and archived on our websites.

### **Assistive Technology" A Piece of the Transition Puzzle Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 12:00 pm**

This webinar will provide an overview of assistive technology and why it is important to include it in your child's IEP transition plan (16-21 years old). It will include an overview of assistive technology tools to help students with reading, writing, time management and organization.

*Speaker: Vanessa Lombardo, Director of Assistive Technology Services Department at Advancing Opportunities*

[Register here!](#)

### **Preparing for Community Living: Sharing the Possibilities Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

Points to consider as your loved one transitions to adult life (age 21) from the education system, as well as varied residential communities will be described. Family members / trainers Natalie Trump and Ann Martinelli from the Community Living Education Project (CLEP) will share important planning steps for individuals and families that are – or will be – exploring community living options. Tips for preparing for the process – even if it may be years in the future – will be highlighted, along with how CLEP works to guide and mentor families as they explore the possibilities. Natalie and Ann will also briefly share the importance of Person-Centered Planning for their adult children when they transitioned from the education system.

[Register here!](#)

### **What is Happening for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System in New Jersey Now**

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm**

Hosted and presented by Jessica Oppenheim, Director of The Arc of New Jersey's Criminal Justice Advocacy Program. This webinar will provide an overview of statewide activities to address sexual assault and sexual harassment and new and upcoming programs to empower people with I/DD. In addition, we will present a new, updated statistical overview of people involved in the CJAP Program and discuss where we can go from here.

[Register here!](#)

**The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Employee Protections: What you need to know  
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

Whether you are seeking a job or are currently employed, this webinar is for you. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) is a federal civil rights law designed to prevent discrimination and enable individuals with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society. Title I of the ADA provides individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to work. This webinar will provide listeners an understanding of an employee's rights under the ADA.

[Register here!](#)

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## 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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