



The Arc of New Jersey

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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Who We Are – Overview & History

The Arc of New Jersey was **founded in 1949** by **families of individuals with IDD** and is apart of The Arc of the United States –the **largest advocacy organization** for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- **Serves the entire state** through its respective Local County Chapters and our State Office Programs.
- Highly involved with **public policy, systems and individual advocacy, governmental affair activities, and community outreach/engagement.**



Our Mission & Values

The Arc of New Jersey **promotes and protects the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities** and actively supports their **full inclusion and participation in the community** throughout their lifetimes; and is committed to enhancing the quality of life of those individuals and their families through **advocacy, empowerment, education and prevention.**

People First

Democracy

Visionary Leadership

Community Participation

Diversity

Integrity and Excellence

NOTE:

The Arc is not an acronym; always refer to us as The Arc, not The ARC and never ARC.

The Arc should be considered as a title or a phrase.

What We Do – Our Framework



Systems Advocacy

Individual & Family Advocacy

**Community Outreach &
Engagement**

Education & Training

Direct Services & Support

Governmental Affairs & Communications

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Works collaboratively with the Legislature and the Administration to ensure that the well-being of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities is a priority both legislatively and in each fiscal budget

Advocacy

- Tracking legislation that affects individuals with IDD, their families, caregivers, provider agencies, and DSP employment and wages
- Meet with policy makers
- e-Advocacy Network



The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute

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Provides families with the necessary resources and education to access the appropriate supports and services for their loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability

Advocacy

- Advocate on behalf of family caregivers
- Assists with DDD Applications

Education

- Workshops & Webinars
- Podcast series
- Factsheets
- College tours

Community Support

- Connect caregivers with the Local County Chapters
- Problem Intake Form
- The Family Advocate (e-newsletter)

Resources

- Website
- GO Bags
- My Binder



Children's Advocacy

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Connect children with IDD and their parent/guardian to the appropriate state services that will help them develop and achieve long term goals

Advocacy

- Monitor legislation centered around special education
- Provide testimony in Trenton
- Meet with families, schools, and community partners

Education

- Advocacy with Adara
- Webinars
- Community Presentations
- Website - Resource and Information Pages

Student Support

- IEP Meetings
- Problem Intake Form
- Youth Advisory Board



Resources

- Table Talk (e-newsletter)
- Resource fairs
- Office Hours
- Factsheets

Planning for Adult Life



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Assists young adults (between the ages of 16-21) with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in charting a life course for adulthood

Core Areas

- Postsecondary Education/Employment
- Housing
- Legal/Financial Planning
- Entitlement Programs and Eligibility
- Self-Direction
- Health/Behavioral Health
- Building/Maintaining Community Ties and Friendships
- Planning/Visioning a Life Course

Education & Outreach

- Meet Us In The Middle (of the Month) Webinar series
- School presentations
- Office Hours

Support

- Parent Community Circles
- Parent Boot Camps
- The Teacher Lab TM

Resources

- The PFAL Intel (e-newsletter)
- Factsheets
- Problem Intake Form & Helpdesk
- Resource Fairs

Health Care Advocacy



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Advocates for quality health care for people with IDD and monitors and advocates for changes in Medicaid and Medicare that affect individuals with IDD

Advocacy Areas

- NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid)
- Dual Eligibility (Medicaid and Medicare)
- Supplemental Security Income & Social Security Disability Income
- Disabled Adult Child (DAC) and Non-DAC
- Oral & dental health
- Dual Diagnosis (IDD & mental/behavioral health issues)
- Medical care, services, and provider referral

Webinars & Trainings

- Catching Up With Connor bi-weekly webinar
- Annual Beverly Roberts Memorial Symposium
- Webinar series (women's health)
- Community Presentations

Individual Support

- Provider referral
- 1:1 advocacy related to Medicaid, Medicare, and other related topics
- Support with oral/dental care, mental and behavioral health

Resources

- The Healthy Times (e-newsletter)
- Factsheets
- Problem Intake Form & Helpdesk



New Jersey Self-Advocacy Program

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Supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in learning the skills necessary to speak for themselves, organizing around issues of importance to them, and working collectively on projects of their choosing

NJSSAN

*New Jersey Statewide
Self-Advocacy Network*

- 6 Councils Statewide and monthly meetings
- Provide testimony
- Meet with legislators and policy makers
- Annual NJSSAN Conference

Training & Programming

- Voter trainings
- Lifestyle-Based Educational Programming
- Webinars
- Healthy Lifestyles Project (HLP)

Publications

- Bi-Annual: The Self-Advocate
- Monthly: Advocacy Matters
- Monthly: Positive Pulse

Education & Resources

- Factsheets and Handouts
- Social Media Campaigns and YouTube videos

Criminal Justice Advocacy Program

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The only program of its kind in the state of New Jersey that provides alternatives to incarceration on behalf of individuals with IDD who are defendants in the criminal justice system

Case Management

- Personalized Justice Plan (PJP)
- Managing case throughout the legal process

Trainings & Education

- Crisis Intervention Trainings (CIT)
- Trainings for court personnel, community providers, families, jails and prisons
- College presentations

Advocacy

- Attend court appearances
- The IDD and Justice Innovation Summit

Resources & Information

- Equal Justice Talks Webinar Series
- Legal and Court Resources
- Equal Justice Journal (e-newsletter)

Project HIRE

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An employment and training program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provides training services designed to assist schools in developing and implementing quality transition plans for students in special education programs

Supported Employment

- Connect people to community integrated employment opportunities
- Serves 13 counties

Trainings & Planning

- Introduces and teaches job skills (pre-vocational training)
- Explores career plans and goals

Project SEARCH

- Offers year-long internship opportunities for young adults with IDD at three New Jersey hospitals

Other Services

- Intensive Support
- Long Term Follow Along Services
- Trial Work Experience

Training and Consultation Services



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Provides staff training and technical assistance to support employment providers, support coordinators, self-advocates, families and schools

Provider Support

- Provides trainings & consultations to employers that carry out supported employment
- Works with employers, individuals with IDD, and necessary stakeholders
- Open trainings

Advocacy – APSE

- NJ Association for People Supporting Employment First
- National APSE Conference

Resources

- Office Hours
- Monthly Newsletter
- Training Catalogue
- Fast-Facts YouTube Series

Camp Jaycee

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Residential summer camp for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities

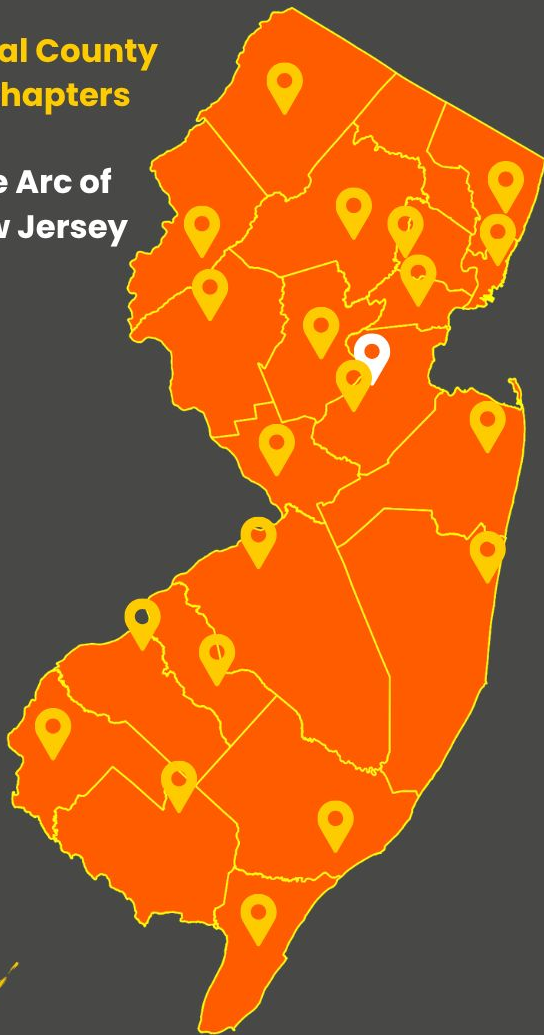
Individual Support & Foster Community

- Located in Effort, Pennsylvania
- Length: 1-8 weeks
- Supported activities with a focus on building independence, teamwork, and lifelong memories
- Campers connect with nature, various social activities, and engage with the camp community



 **Local County
Chapters**

 **The Arc of
New Jersey**



Local County Chapters



Local County Chapter
Location & Contact Information



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