

For 60 years...

The Arc has promoted and protected the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supported their full inclusion and participation in the community. We do that through a network of about 700 state and local chapters—including organizations just like yours—throughout the United States. Our chapters are large and small, most with professional staff and some run by volunteers. Some provide informal supports, some offer direct services—but all advocate for the people they serve. Our chapters share a common goal—to ensure the rights of people with I/DD to live, learn, work and play as valued and fully participating members of their communities. With a strong national presence, The Arc is here to support you in what you do best—meeting the unique needs of people with I/DD and their families.

If your organization shares our values we invite you to become an affiliated chapter of The Arc and take advantage of the benefits of working with a national organization of like-minded people.

Find out more about our mission and core values at www.thearc.org.

QUESTIONS?

To find more information about becoming an affiliated chapter of The Arc, please:

- Fill out the form at thearc.org/get-involved/become-a-chapter
- Call Chapter Support at 1-800-433-5255 or email at chaptersupport@thearc.org.

The Arc is...

...the largest community-based organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) leading a national movement advocating for and supporting families and individuals with I/DD across their lifetimes and across all diagnoses.

We believe...

... that all people with I/DD have value and must be treated with dignity and respect. We believe in self-determination and empowering people with the support they need to make informed decisions and choices.

Do you?


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Achieve with us.®


The Arc.

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Affiliate



Imagine
what we can do together!

Achieve with us.

WHAT AFFILIATION OFFERS

Your organization is on the front lines every day providing advocacy, services and support for families and individuals with I/DD. We invite you to explore the opportunities available only by becoming an affiliated chapter of The Arc.

“The Arc of Northern Virginia is affiliated with The Arc as a local chapter because of the importance of being part of a larger movement that has a shared vision of promoting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

—The Arc of Northern Virginia, VA

A Strong National Identity

Use The Arc’s recently redesigned trademarked name and logo. The Arc is known and respected by business and community leaders, government officials, philanthropists and experts and professionals.

A Seat at the Table

Take a seat at the table to influence the direction of public policy benefitting the people you serve. The Arc works on a national level to advance public policy to protect and enhance vital programs and services for people with I/DD. Policy victories such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, hate crime legislation and major elements of recent healthcare reform

are a direct result of The Arc’s advocacy.

Resources at Your Fingertips

Access a password-protected section of www.thearc.org for materials to help your



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chapter succeed, including best practices on governance and accountability from Standards for Excellence® materials, educational webinars, marketing, development, public relations support and other resources to take your organization to the next level.

The Inside Track on Grants

Benefit from grants pursued by The Arc on a national level such as the \$3 million Walmart Foundation-funded School-to-Community Transition Project or the \$1.87 million Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) grant which created our Autism NOW national information and resource center (www.autismnow.org). Since 2010, The Arc has given to chapters over \$3.6 million in grants.

National Conference of Executives (NCE):

Join a strong network of experienced, top executives of The Arc offering personal and professional support and development. Find out more at www.ncearc.org.

Collaborative Fundraising

Take advantage of a national platform for raising funds such as our online vehicle donation

program and Sprout Film Festival that bring much needed revenue to local chapters.

Savings

Access the benefits offered by partners of The Arc such as Mutual of America (retirement plans) which can save your organization thousands in operating costs.

Top-Notch Training

Benefit from monthly webinars, annual convention, and other meetings and seminars. Training opportunities at the state and national level are available to affiliated chapters, including discounts on key offerings.

