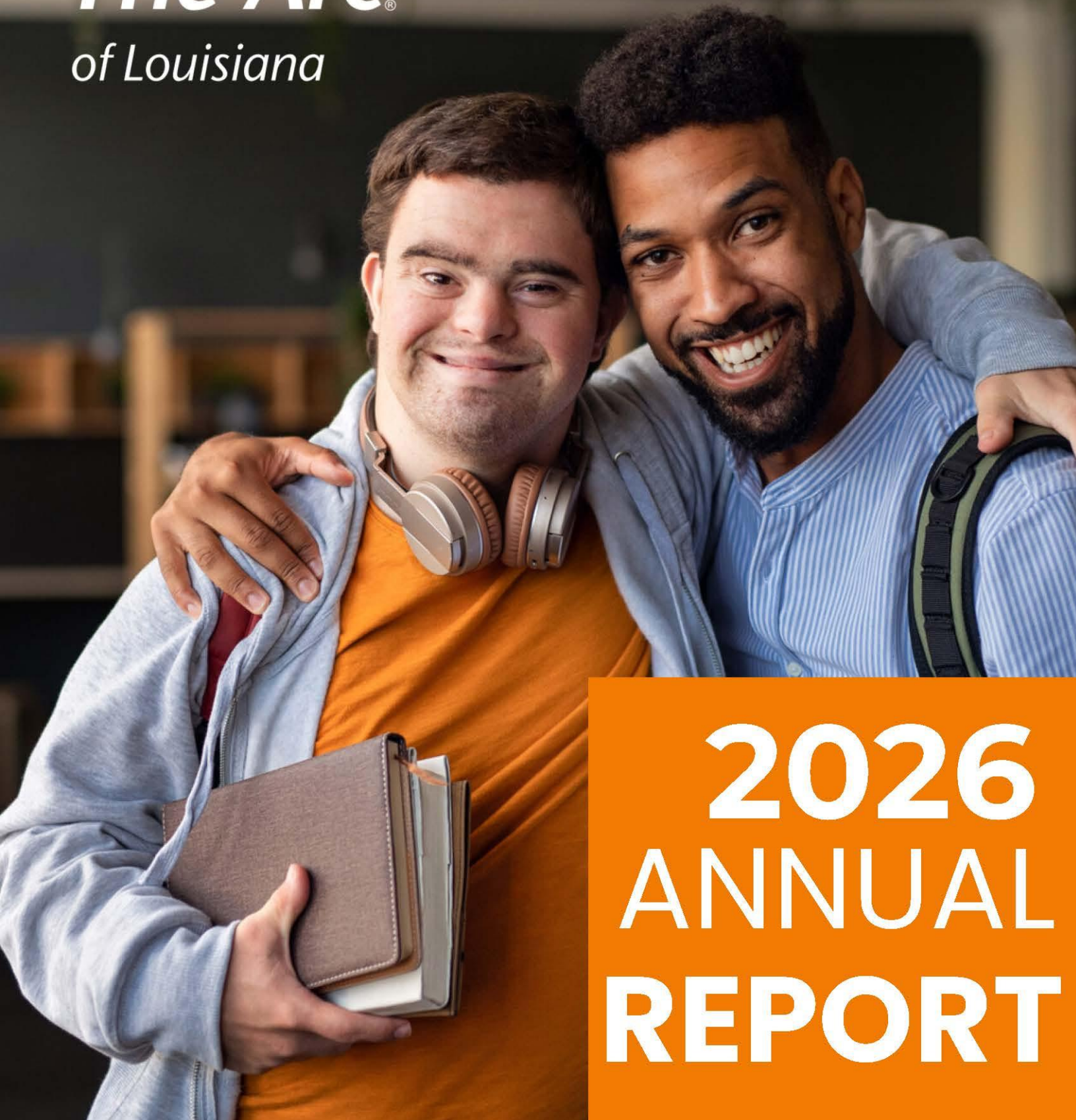




The Arc[®]
of Louisiana



2026 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

This has been a remarkable year for The Arc of Louisiana, and I am proud to share the progress we have made together. Through strong advocacy, collaboration, and the voices of self-advocates, families, providers, and our local chapters, we achieved several important victories during this year's legislative session. These victories will make a lasting difference for individuals with disabilities and their families across Louisiana.

One of our priorities was addressing the Rate Methodology report, and its findings. The Arc worked hard with members of the Senate Finance committee and received a \$10.7 million increase to waiver services. We also secured an additional \$7 million for Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS), providing critical resources to hire much-needed staff and improve services for the people who rely on LRS. Along with these two critical issues, we addressed the concerns many families had regarding cameras in the classroom and allowing ABA services in the classroom. And perhaps most importantly, we successfully worked on Bryan's Call, Louisiana's Emergency Alert System bill.

I am especially grateful to our local chapters, members, families, self-advocates, providers, and community partners who continue to raise their voices and make sure legislators understand what is at stake.

While we have accomplished a great deal, we know there is still much work ahead. I encourage each of you to continue being advocates in your communities and districts. Build relationships with your legislators, share your experiences, educate them about the needs of people with disabilities, and remind them why protecting and investing in these services matters.

Thank you for your continued support, your advocacy, and your commitment to The Arc of Louisiana. I am proud of what we have accomplished together, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the year ahead.

As always, remember: We can achieve great things when we work together!

With gratitude,

Henry Friloux

About Us



The Arc of Louisiana was founded in 1954, at a time when there were no community programs or services to support children and adults with developmental disabilities or their families. What began as a grassroots movement has grown into the oldest and largest statewide advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Louisiana.

For more than 70 years, The Arc has fought to end exclusion, discrimination, and abuse, while opening doors to education, employment, community living, and recreation. Today, individuals with disabilities are living, learning, working, and thriving in their own communities thanks to these ongoing efforts.

The Arc is an organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. With guidance from our board of directors, the dedication of our staff, and the strength of our local chapters, we remain committed to advancing opportunities, improving supports and services, and ensuring that every individual is valued, respected, and included.

For many of our staff, working at The Arc is more than a job; it's a calling to make a lasting difference in the lives of people with disabilities across Louisiana.



Our Mission:

The Arc of Louisiana empowers individuals with a disability and their families to achieve advancements in inclusion, employment, and public policy through advocacy in Louisiana.



Our chapter network advocates for and with people with disabilities and provides supports and services to help them enjoy full lives in their communities.

**21 Local
Chapters**

**Serving over
9,000
families**

**In all 9
regions of
the state**

The Arc is a grassroots organization with almost 10,000 members affiliated through 21 local chapters across the state.

Our local chapters:

- **The Arc of Acadiana**
- **The Arc of East Ascension**
- **The Arc Baton Rouge**
- **Beauregard Arc**
- **The Arc Caddo-Bossier**
- **Donaldsonville Area Arc**
- **The Arc - Iberville**
- **Larc – Lafayette**
- **Arco-Monroe**
- **The Arc of Morehouse**
- **Arc of Greater New Orleans**
- **The Arc Rapides**
- **The Arc of Sabine**
- **The Arc of St. Charles, Inc.**
- **St. James Arc**
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- **The Arc of St. Martin**
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ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY

For 72 years, The Arc of Louisiana has been a strong and effective voice for people with disabilities and their families. Through advocacy, public policy, community education, and self-advocacy, we work every day to create a more inclusive Louisiana where people with disabilities have the opportunity to live, learn, work, and participate fully in their communities. Our advocacy is strengthened through collaboration. We work alongside self-advocates, families, providers, legislators, state agencies, and fellow advocates to identify challenges, develop solutions, and advance policies that improve the lives of people with disabilities.

2026 was another year of significant accomplishments.

Among the issues The Arc of Louisiana helped lead and advance were:

- Secured \$10.7 million in funding for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) rate increases.
- Secured an additional \$7 million for Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) to strengthen services and better meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- Advocated for students and families in Louisiana schools, successfully addressing concerns about restricting access to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services in the classroom and delays in providing classroom cameras when requested.
- Successfully advocated for the restoration of funding for the People First of Louisiana contract, protecting an important statewide self-advocacy program.
- Helped draft and lead the effort to pass “Bryan’s Call,” legislation designed to alert the community when a person with a disability goes missing, strengthening protections and improving the ability to respond quickly in an emergency.
- Successfully opposed legislation that would have changed the definition of disability as it relates to the death penalty, protecting the rights and dignity of people with disabilities and ensuring that disability is not used inappropriately in the criminal justice system.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION



ADVOCACY BEYOND THE LEGISLATURE

The Arc of Louisiana's advocacy extends well beyond the State Capitol. Our staff actively participate on boards, commissions, advisory councils, and task forces at the state and local levels. These partnerships allow us to bring the voices and experiences of people with disabilities and their families directly to the table when policies, programs, and services are being developed.

In 2026, The Arc of Louisiana participated in:

- OCDD Provider Stakeholder Advisory Council
- Regional Advisory Committee
- State Advisory Committee
- ABLE Advisory Council
- My Place Louisiana (Department of Justice)
- State Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)
- State Use Advisory Council
- Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
- Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC)
- Technology and Remote Supports Task Force
- Dental Task Force
- Disability Rights Louisiana PALM (Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness)



Our advocacy is driven by the people we serve. Whether we are at the State Capitol, in a classroom, at a community meeting, or sitting beside a family during an IEP meeting, The Arc of Louisiana remains committed to making sure the voices of people with disabilities are heard, and that those voices lead to meaningful change.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Through a contract with the Southwest ADA Center, The Arc of Louisiana provides training, education, and resources to law enforcement professionals, healthcare providers, self-advocates, families, and communities across the state. These initiatives promote greater understanding of disability rights, improve access to services, and help create more inclusive and accessible communities.

Louisiana Disability Legal Resources/Criminal Justice Project

Part of the Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) out of Houston, Texas, contracted with The Arc of Louisiana to develop the criminal justice program. This project is designed to build the capacity of law enforcement professionals on the rights afforded to individuals with disabilities under the ADA and how to best identify and interact with an individual with a disability. The Arc of Louisiana staff developed tools, resources, and training that are responsive to the needs of individuals with disabilities, their families, and legal professionals.

Louisiana Disability Healthcare Resources

In collaboration with the Southwest ADA Center, The Arc of Louisiana provides training, education, and resources that assist healthcare professionals with the tools necessary to serve individuals with disabilities across the state. This project aims to improve the access and quality of healthcare for individuals with disabilities, thus reducing disability health disparities.

Emergency Preparedness

This project, in collaboration with the Emergency Management Disability & Aging Coalition, promotes emergency planning and ensures accessibility in emergency centers across the state.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Family and Student Engagement

Through the Louisiana Department of Education's IDEA Part B State Activities Grant, The Arc of Louisiana provides regional technical assistance, training, and support to families of children with disabilities. The program helps families better understand and navigate the educational system while connecting them with information and resources to support their children.

Services include individualized support for families, development of a family guide, parent training, and a statewide summer summit bringing educators and families together to share information, strengthen partnerships, and promote positive educational outcomes for children with disabilities.

Navigating Louisiana's Complex Systems

Funded by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, The Arc of Louisiana provides training and education to individuals, families, and service providers supporting people with co-occurring intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavioral health conditions.

The initiative focuses on increasing understanding, building skills, and helping individuals and those who support them navigate Louisiana's complex systems of care. Through training and education, The Arc works to promote more coordinated, person-centered support for individuals with co-occurring disabilities.



Community Inclusion Contracts

People First of Louisiana – Local Chapter

Funded by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, People First promotes the development of peer mentoring and support through modeling and training to build their leadership capacity to advocate for their needs and services successfully.

People First of Louisiana – Board

People First of Louisiana is a statewide board comprised entirely of and led by people with disabilities. As a statewide organization, it supports people with disabilities in empowering themselves to become effective decision-makers, gain independence, and enjoy life as equal citizens of the United States of America. It also empowers each other to actively participate in and contribute to their local communities. People First of Louisiana has chapters across the state and is committed to the self-advocacy movement in Louisiana.

Person-Centered Supported Living/State Personal Assistance

The Office of Aging and Adult Services contracted with The Arc of Louisiana to develop a self-directed service model and function as the fiscal agent /Support Coordinator for their Person-Centered Supported Living Program. This program served 50 individuals in FY 2025.

Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Fund

The Office of Aging and Adult Services contracted with The Arc to act as a resource and provide support coordination services for individuals who have sustained a traumatic head and spinal cord injury. Currently, The Arc of Louisiana works with regions 1 & 9.

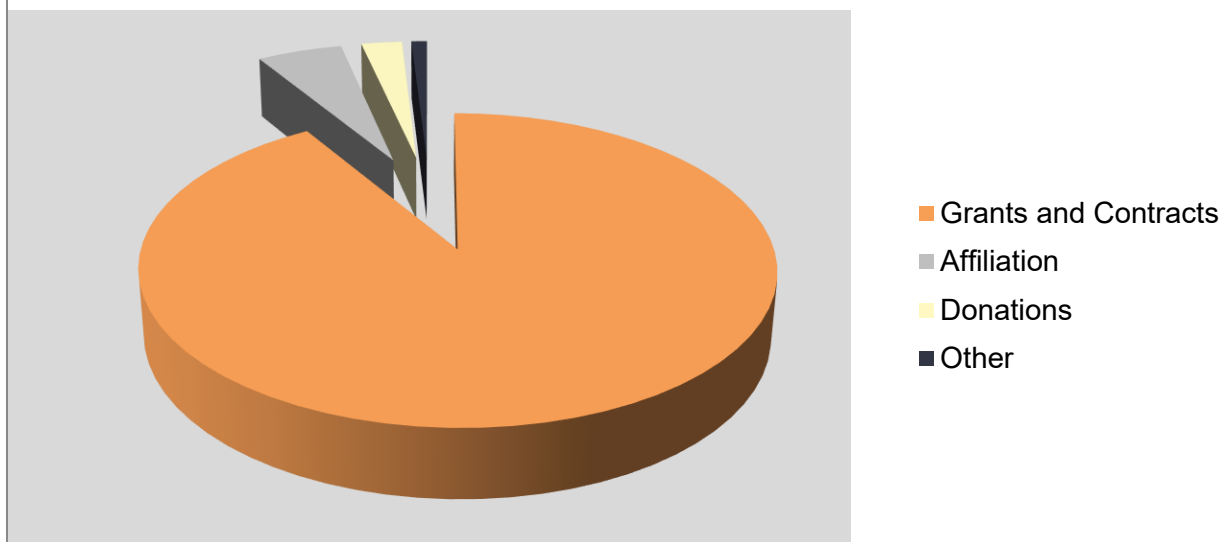




FINANCIAL STATUS

REVENUES AND SUPPORT	TOTAL
Grants & Contracts	\$ 1,537,321
Affiliation Fees	\$ 88,188
Donations	\$ 42,333
Other	\$ 16,134
Total	\$ 1,683,975
Expenses	\$ 1,574,099
Net Income	\$ 109,876

Sales



275 days of working capital

(Number of days an organization can continue to operate with current assets).

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