

Ways to get Involved

Volunteer

Volunteers are essential to maintaining the everyday operations of the Arc. Volunteers are needed to help in the office, be board members, and assist with fundraisers, social events, or other projects. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer!

Fundraisers

The Arc needs the support of the community by participating in or volunteering at our local fundraisers. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming fundraisers that you could be a part of!

Newsletter

The newsletter contains a calendar of events for consumers. It also provides helpful information related to services for persons with developmental disabilities, Arc membership, and information on upcoming fundraisers. You may request a newsletter at any time, or request to be put on the Arc's mailing list. No fee required.

Socials

The Arc hosts free social events throughout the year for individuals with disabilities. These events range from paint nights, to bingo, to ice cream socials. You can find out more specifics in our Newsletter, or on the Arc website. Everyone is welcome to attend!

For more information on any of these topics, please contact the Arc office.

About The Arc

The Arc stands for Advocacy & Resources for Citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc's purpose is the fostering, protection, and nurturing of the following human rights:

- »The right to be a valuable member of society.
- »The right to a free and appropriate education in an integrated setting.
- »The right to live in a comfortable residence in their own local community.
- »The right to protection from health and safety hazards in their environment.
- »The right to work at a meaningful wage in a vocation appropriate to their talents.
- »The right to social and personal relationships.
- »The right to participate in the recreational activities of their community.

Becoming a Member

Visit our website to fill out a Membership Application. Members get access to things like membership dinners, exclusive Arc pins, and affiliation with the state and national Arc.

Your support makes The Arc's powerful voice even stronger as we address issues such as education, community involvement, and safety that are critical to the disability community.

The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties is a member chapter of The Arc of Pennsylvania and an affiliate of The Arc of the United States.



For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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Waiver Programs and Services

Companion Services

Provided to adult individuals living in private residences for the purpose of providing supervision and minimal assistance that is focused on the health and safety of the individual. Assistance can include: Grooming, healthcare, household chores, meal preparation, planning and socialization. Small group Companion services are also available.

In-Home & Community Supports (IHCS)

Provided to adult individuals in private residences and community settings to protect the health and welfare of individuals and assist in acquiring, maintaining, and improving self-help, domestic, socialization and adaptive skills.

Respite Care

Provides short term specialized care in or out of the family home and with every aspect of the individual's daily life. Respite services are direct services to provide relief to families.

Program Eligibility

Eligibility for all services except Advocacy are determined by the Franklin/Fulton MH/IDD/EI Program. Please call (717) 264-5387 to determine eligibility.

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Van Transportation

Transportation is provided to adult consumers to and from local day programs.

Vendor Services

Individuals may qualify for financial assistance in the following areas:

- Camp Reimbursement (For qualifying camps)
- Home Accessibility Modifications
- Vehicle Adaptions
- Specialized Supplies
- Assistive Technology

Vendor Services must be approved in the consumer's Individual Support Plan (ISP) before payment for the service can be made

Homemaker/Chore

Homemaker Services include cleaning and laundry, meal preparation, and other general household care. Chore services consist of services needed to maintain the home in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition.

Agency with Choice (AWC)

AWC provides individuals with disabilities and/or their designated managing employer the opportunity to manage some or all of their services in their home and other community settings. A participant enrolled in AWC may receive one or any combination of the waiver services (dependent upon the need and budget).

For more information on any of these services, please contact the

Base Funded Services

Base Respite Care

Provides 24-hour specialized care in or out of the family home and with every aspect of the individual's daily life. Respite services are direct services to provide relief to families. Service approval is based on available funding.

Family Aide

Provides short term specialized care in the family home and provides relief for caregivers. Family Aide services are direct care services. Family Aide can be provided at a maximum of 4 sessions not exceeding a total of 24 hours per month. Service approval is based on available funding.

Advocacy Services

Advocacy services help to ensure individuals with disabilities enjoy the same rights, access to opportunities (educational, employment, community living, health care, etc.) and privileges as other citizens. Advocacy is offered free of charge to anyone in need of these services.

The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties works toward the goal of assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate in civil, social, education, health, and employment activities in their home communities which creates the opportunity to grow.

Base Services are funded through the Franklin/Fulton Mental Health/Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities/Early

The Arc's Waiver Services are funded through contracts with the Office of Developmental