Dear Parents and Guardians of The Arc, Ocean County Chapter,

The Coronavirus has become a serious concern throughout the country, including here in New Jersey. Although we haven’t had any confirmed cases in Ocean County, our staff are working behind the scenes to prevent any outbreaks and to keep our staff and participants as safe and healthy as possible. Some of the things we are doing include:

1. Extra cleaning of surfaces that participants contact often, such as work surfaces, tables, sinks, and handrails.
2. Talking to participants about safely sneezing or coughing into a tissue or their sleeve.
3. Talking with participants about washing their hands often. Participants should wash with soap for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available (Center for Disease Control).
4. Making available extra cleaning products, including disinfecting wipes, tissues, and paper towels.

As parents and care givers, you can help us to make sure our programs remain safe. The most important thing is to keep your family member home if they are not feeling well, even if they do not go to the doctor. Germs spread quickly in our programs. We do not want to put other individuals at risk if a participant comes to program sick.

We have received from local, county, and state-level officials the best strategies to combat the spread of the Coronavirus. The Arc, Ocean County Chapter has always had an emergency preparedness plan in place in case of possible emergencies. So please be assured that The Arc is staying on top of recent events that could impact our participants and families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Laura Williams
Executive Director