



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Presented by The Arc, Ocean County Chapter





About The Arc

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter is a nonprofit organization that has proudly been supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) since 1955. We provide residential, vocational, recreation, family support and clinical services to over 1,000 individuals and their families.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



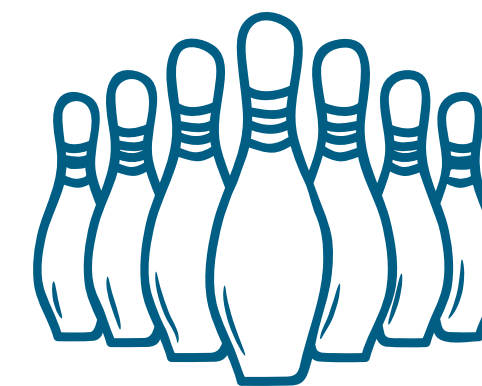
RESIDENTIAL

180 residents receive supports in one of our 21 group homes, 40 supervised apartments or 9 supportive living apartments.



VOCATIONAL

500 participants receive job training, employment opportunities, and transportation to develop life and work skills.



RECREATION

110 clients participate in fun socialization activities that interest them out in the community.



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CLINICAL SERVICES

120 clients receive behavioral, counseling, and medical supports by qualified clinicians.



FAMILY SUPPORT

50 families receive respite, referrals, advocacy and emotional support.

The Arc supports individuals with intellectual
AND developmental disabilities

SO WHAT IS THE
DIFFERENCE?



Intellectual disabilities are characterized by significant limitations before the age of 18 in

- Intellectual functioning such as learning, reasoning, and problem solving
- Adaptive behavior like social and life skills

Developmental disabilities encompass chronic physical or intellectual disability that begins before age 22, is expected to be lifelong, and limits your ability to care for yourself and live on your own.



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INCLUDE...

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- Hearing Loss and Vision Impairment
- Language and Speech Disorders
- Learning Disorders
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Tourette Syndrome





WHY IS MARCH IMPORTANT?

The month of March has been recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month since 1987 which gives us the opportunity to raise awareness about people with developmental disabilities and educate our communities on becoming more inclusive and understanding.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED!



RAISE AWARENESS

GET
EDUCATED

- Invite The Arc to host an awareness presentation
- Learn more about disability inclusion opportunities

JOIN
US IN
MEMBERSHIP

Be an advocate and ally for people with IDD as a member of The Arc in Ocean County, New Jersey and the United States



RAISE AWARENESS

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Wear crazy socks to raise awareness for Down Syndrome on March 21st

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Wear blue and shine a light on Autism Spectrum Disorder on April 2nd



RAISE AWARENESS

**BECOME
AN ARC
AMBASSADOR** Volunteer your time at
events and represent
The Arc in your community

Step Up for The Arc Walk on May 13th

- Set up and clean up
- Crafts, games and refreshments

Mini Golf Tournament in September

- Set up and clean up
- Refreshments and prizes



RAISE FUNDS

**STEP UP
FOR THE
ARC WALK** Create a walk team and
share your peer to peer
fundraising page

**HOST
SCHOOL
FUNDRAISERS**

- Homeroom Penny War
- Staff Jeans Day
- Bake Sale



RAISE FUNDS

GET YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED

- Host a dine to donate at your favorite restaurant
- Ask a friend, family member or co-worker for a donation

SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Use the hashtag #DDawareness2023
- Start a 24 hour social media fundraising challenge
- Create a birthday fundraiser on Facebook





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