



## Virtual Talent Show, Raffle & Silent Auction

We are so excited to announce our first ever Virtual Talent Show featuring the very talented individuals at The Arc on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00pm on Zoom! Join us and cheer on your friends taking the virtual stage. [RSVP here](#)

- **Sponsorships & Performer Praise:** Sponsor the event or take out a digital advertisement
- **Raffle:** Take your chance at winning top prize: \$1,000 Amex Gift Card - only 250 tickets sold
- **Silent Auction:** The virtual bidding will go live on March 18th, check it out!

## DD Awareness Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness for I/DD. Self-advocates from throughout the state will educate and advocate to promote respect and share daily obstacles in an effort to help persons with disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives.

This year's theme is "Advocacy: Anytime, Anywhere!" to keep the conversations going with legislatures, family and friends, even virtually.

To learn more visit The Arc of NJ [here](#).


#DDAwarenessMonth2021

### #DDAwarenessMonth

DD Awareness Month exists to spread awareness about intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), educate others about the importance of inclusion, and to share the stories, strengths and successes of these individuals.


**Intellectual disability** is a below-average cognitive ability with 3 characteristics: I.Q. is between 70-75 or below, significant limitations in the ability to adapt and carry on everyday life activities such as self-care, socializing, communicating, etc., and the onset occurs before age 18.

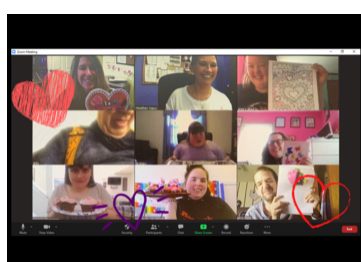
**Developmental disability** is a broader term that includes ASD (autism spectrum disorders), epilepsy, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, fetal alcohol syndrome and other disorders that occur during the developmental period (birth to age 18). The major differences are in the age of onset, the severity of limitations, and the fact that a person with a developmental disability may or may not have a low I.Q.



March is DD Awareness Month! Celebrate with us.

[www.DisabilityAwarenessNJ.org](http://www.DisabilityAwarenessNJ.org)





## Zoom Virtual Programs

Join us on Zoom! We are here for you, offering a variety of activities to encourage new skills and development with [Virtual Vocational Services](#) and fun and games at [Virtual Recreation](#).

There's something for everyone so be sure to visit our Virtual Services [calendar](#).



## Vaccine Clinic

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter was proud to partner with Ocean Health Initiatives to offer 200 COVID-19 vaccines to participants, residents and staff at our agency last month, with the second dose scheduled for March 4th. As we await for our day programs to reopen, getting vaccinated is an important tool to getting back to normal. Register with NJ Health scheduling system [here](#).



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