



## Live On New Jersey Mornings

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter's Executive Director Laura Williams interviewed with the host of On New Jersey Mornings with Ken Rosato to share the mission of The Arc and how we support individuals with disabilities and their families across our state. The Arc has been the go-to service provider for families since the 1940's and every county in NJ has a local chapter providing a vast array of programs. [Tune in to learn more.](#)



## Fun on Field Day!

Vocational participants from the ATCs and AEC enjoyed competing in Field Day with games like hula hoop pants and angry birds to encourage physical fitness and personal success. A special thanks to the OceanFirst Foundation for their grant, we had Wavemaker volunteers to assist with activities and give out high fives! [Click here](#) to read more in the blog post.

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## 70th Anniversary Celebration

#ArcOcean will be celebrating 70 years of providing programs and support services to individuals with disabilities and their families at the annual Casino Night on Friday, October 3rd, featuring a cocktail reception, games, and a gift auction. Please consider [making an anniversary gift](#) to The Arc to honor this milestone!

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## Celebrating our DSPs!

National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week took place September 7-13th and #ArcOcean celebrated our staff this year with a fun-filled spirit week with a variety of themes everyone could participate in. Our DSPs were also presented with a gift of appreciation for their dedication to the individuals we support and community inclusion.

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## The J&D Talent Show

The stars of Journeys and Discovery shined bright on stage at their annual Talent Show showcasing the creative skills of the participants! The performers sang, danced, played drums, imitated animal sounds, and showed off other unique talents with lots of cheers from their adoring fans. Bravo J&D!

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## Building Connections for Meaningful Employment

The Arc Employment Center welcomed Assemblyman Avi Schnall and ACCSES New Jersey for a special meet and greet to highlight the importance of sheltered workshops to support individuals with disabilities strengthen work readiness skills to pursue community employment. Read more in our blog post [here](#).

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## Growing Skills Together One Plant at a Time

Participants from the Tuckerton ATC teamed up with the Rutgers Master Gardeners to harvest fresh produce for a local food pantry, and collected flower seeds to plant in the program's front yard to bloom beautifully next spring,



teaching participants valuable gardening skills they can enjoy and share year after year.



## Out and About with #ArcOcean

The Stratford group home residents love attending the monthly themed dances hosted by the Woman’s Club of Lacey Special Needs Adult Committee. From superheroes to Disney princesses, these fun-filled events bring music, laughter, and lasting memories for everyone. We truly love our Ocean County community!

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