

### Advocacy

The Arc Tennessee provides guidance to individuals and families who contact our offices looking for help. In addition, The Arc collaborates with other agencies across the state to enhance existing services for people with disabilities and to initiate new policies and procedures to improve their quality of life.

### Training & Education

The Arc Tennessee offers multiple education and training programs for families and people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.



### Public Awareness

The Arc Tennessee publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Arc Connection*, and a monthly newsletter, *The Legislative Monitor*. Both publications keep members and other interested individuals and agencies informed about current issues and legislation that affect the lives of Tennesseans with disabilities. Additionally, The Arc takes advantage of all opportunities to communicate to the community at large through information fairs, workshops, and seminars.

### Information & Referral

Staff and volunteers of The Arc Tennessee regularly provide information and referral to any caller seeking assistance. The Arc also serves as a source of information for the media on intellectual and developmental disabilities, presenting citizens with disabilities in a positive light.

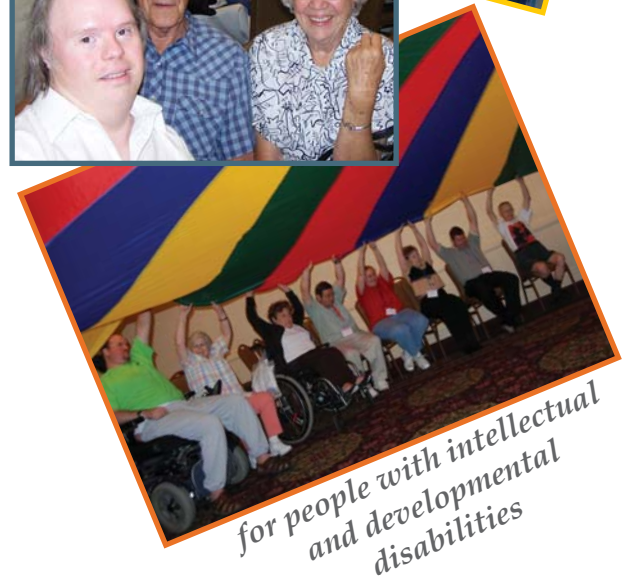
### Collaborating & Networking

The Arc Tennessee serves as a "bridgebuilder" among individuals with disabilities and the community. The following statement represents one of our core values as an organization: "We lead with integrity, justice, courage and respect. We work with individuals, organizations, and coalitions in a collaborative fashion."

*The Arc of TN values diversity and does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, age, geographic location, sexual orientation, gender or level of disability.*

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**Achieve with us.**

## What is The Arc Tennessee?

The Arc Tennessee is a grassroots, statewide, non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, by supporting or providing services and programs. For over 50 years The Arc of Tennessee has been creating choices for individuals with disabilities supporting systems change.

The Arc Tennessee is a membership organization of people with disabilities, their family, friends and professionals who assist them in reaching their goals.



## Local Chapter, Membership Relations and Development

To impact programs and services across the state, The Arc Tennessee strives to develop new chapters in all counties and to promote membership at existing chapters.

We depend upon individuals to become members to help us shape the supports and services needed to continually improve the safety and quality of life for citizens with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

As a member of your local chapter of The Arc, you are automatically enrolled as a member of The Arc Tennessee, and its affiliate, The Arc United States.

Membership benefits include regular newsletters from your local, state and national chapters of The Arc, information on issues critical to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, opportunities to attend trainings at reduced rates and a connection to a large support network.

## Governmental Affairs and Legislative Advocacy

The Arc Tennessee actively participates in legislative activities to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Staff and volunteers work with all branches of the government to ensure the highest quality of services for Tennessee's citizens with disabilities. A special committee develops a legislative platform annually, based on issues that impact our membership.

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I would like to become a member of The Arc United States, The Arc Tennessee and my local chapter (if there is one in my county.)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$15.00 Volunteer Soc. \$100.00 I identify myself as:

Family \$25.00 Sustainer \$250.00 Self-advocate

Corporate \$50.00 Benefactor \$500.00 Family member

Professional

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