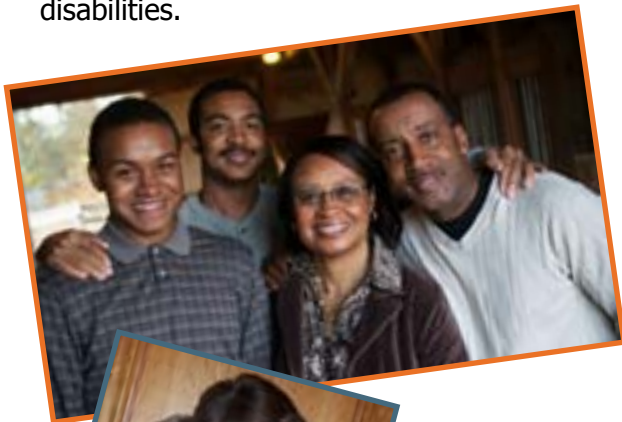


Advocacy

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 that promote community inclusion.

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*. It keeps members informed about current issues that affect the lives of Tennesseans with disabilities. Additionally, The Arc takes advantage of all opportunities to communicate to the community at large through listservs, information fairs, workshops, seminars, its website and Facebook.

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

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What is The Arc Tennessee?

The Arc Tennessee is a statewide, grassroots 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 60 years The Arc of Tennessee has been creating choices for individuals with disabilities supporting systems change.

The Arc is a membership organization of people with disabilities, their families, 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 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 participate in research and to attend trainings at reduced rates; and a connection to a large support network.

Public Policy 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.

This project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee.

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.) Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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