

ABOUT THE ARC OF GREATER CLEVELAND

The Arc is driven by opportunity.

The opportunity for hope, for growth, for change; the opportunity for everyone to become a valued, contributing member of their community. We strengthen people with disabilities, their parents and family members, and dedicated professionals by connecting them across our national network of community based chapters. Our collective voice provides the opportunity for all of us to make a difference. The Arc fosters respect and access for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, giving them the power to achieve a full and satisfying life

WHAT THE ARC DOES

- Helps families get the support they need to ensure quality of life for their family member with developmental disability.
- Helps families navigate the confusing public and private service systems.
- Acts as an ombudsman when families are having issues with service providers.
- Guide individuals with intellectual disabilities to become their own advocate.
- Watchdog for any agency or organization which provides services for individuals with special needs.

SERVICES

- **Systems Advocacy** – The Arc works towards achieving a vision of shared values about people with disabilities. The Arc's Partners in Policymaking® educational program is a leadership-training program designed for adults with disabilities and for parents of young children under the age of 12 with disabilities. The program teaches leadership skills, and the process of developing positive partnerships with elected officials and other individuals who make the policy decisions about services.
- **Individual Advocacy** – Help families and individuals with intellectual disabilities solve problems, provide information and service linkage. The Arc also manages a few special programs such as the People First Advocacy Group which empowers young adults with intellectual disabilities to be their own advocate.
- **Public Awareness Education** – Seminars and public forums which educate families and inform the community regarding important issues facing families affected by developmental disabilities. One example is the popular Making Choices / Opening Doors session on financial planning and residential options.

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