

WHO WE ARE

The Arc of Delaware County (DELARC) is a nonprofit membership organization, incorporated in 1956 by parents advocating for the well-being of children with mental retardation. Today, The Arc is the leading advocacy organization for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of The Arc of Delaware County to advocate for the civil rights, social inclusion and self-determination of persons with developmental disabilities. Together with our network of members and community partners, we provide **advocacy** services for individuals and families, connect people with **resources**, improve systems of supports & services, promote inclusive **community** practices, and influence public policy.

Membership Benefits

- ◆ **Free** advocacy for children and adults
- ◆ Helping to secure services and supports for families and individuals
- ◆ Quarterly newsletter
- ◆ Membership in Arc-PA and Arc-USA
- ◆ Information and resource/referral
- ◆ Information and support for planning for the future, including special need trusts
- ◆ Social and recreational activities such as adult and teen bowling, day trips and theme dances
- ◆ Training and education opportunities for self-advocates, family members and professionals
- ◆ Independent monitoring of community-based supports and services

The Arc of Delaware County

ADVOCACY RESOURCES COMMUNITY

The Arc of Delaware County, also known as

DELARC

has been providing

Advocacy, Resources and Community
for children and adults with

developmental disabilities

for more than 50 years, through such activities as

Developmental, social & recreational supports to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Educational Advocacy services to families with pre-school or school-age children with special needs.

Legislative Advocacy designed to inform public policy and legislative processes regarding the needs of persons with disabilities.

Adult Advocacy services to self-advocates and their families who encounter obstacles to obtaining needed services & supports.

Resource Center activities and services, including information & referral, training & education, and links to needed resources.

Community & Systems Advocacy through collaborative leadership within the diversifying community of disability organizations, and through partnerships with business, civic and religious organizations.

NEW Member Application Form

Age group of member

1-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-65 66+

Classification of member

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional in the field of developmental disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/relative of a person with a disability |

Name of Person with disability

First _____

Last _____

Date of Birth _____

Nature of Disability _____

Residence of person with disability

- Living with family member
- Community Living Arrangement
- Own residence
- Family Living
- ICF Facility
- Residential Housing

Complete this form and mail to:
The Arc of Delaware County
740 S. Chester Road, Suite G
Swarthmore, PA 19081

Join The Arc
You Can Make a Difference

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I Wish to support The Arc by:

Becoming a member (check one):

_____ Individual \$20

_____ Family \$25

_____ Life \$500

Making a financial contribution:

\$ _____

The Arc of Delaware County, is a 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution is an investment in the lives of persons with mental retardation and the community. Contributions may also be made through the United Way Donor Option Program.

The donor choice numbers are:

United Way of Southeastern PA—#00348

United Way of Southeast DELCO—#N087

If membership is under a parent or relative's name please provide additional information on the person with the disability. If person with disability is deceased or information is not applicable to you, please skip the section on the reverse side. If you have more than one family member with a disability, please attach an additional sheet with the requested information.

The Arc of Delaware County was founded in 1951 by a small group of parents in Lansdowne whose children were excluded from public education because of their disabilities.



Incorporated in 1956, this grass-roots non-profit organization worked tirelessly to bring about social and legal changes in support of children with disabilities. In 1974, The Arc celebrated the landmark Rights to Education legislation that opened public schools everywhere to children with disabilities. By the 1980's, adults with disabilities were also celebrating such achievements as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today, The Arc is the leading voice of advocacy for citizens of Delaware County who live with developmental disabilities.

*"The Arc helps people with disabilities and their families find strength through knowledge, mutual support & advocacy. The Arc of Delaware County is a very special organization."
 Member & Parent*



*Providing Advocacy Resources,
 and Community for Delaware
 County's Children and Adults
 with Developmental Disabilities
 & Their Families since 1956.*

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