

# Who we are & What we do



For people with Intectuell and Developmental Disabilities



# What You Will Learn

- Our history
- Who we serve
- What is Advocacy
- Our Educational Offerings
- Fun and social engagement events
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“The Arc Arapahoe, Douglas & Elbert Counties, a 501(c)3 membership organization, uses advocacy and education to include all children and adults with disabilities, and their families, in their communities.”



# The Arcs in Colorado have chosen to be advocacy organizations and provide no direct service.

- Founded by a group of family members in 1955, we affiliated with the national organization in 1956.
- Most of our funding comes from the Arc Thrift Stores.



# We support all ages and disability labels from birth to death.

We serve individuals with disabilities and their families in Arapahoe, Douglas and Elbert Counties, except the City of Aurora.

- Douglas County School District
- Englewood
- Sheridan
- Littleton
- Elbert County School District
- The Big Sandy School 100J
- Elizabeth School District
- The Agate Schools
- Part of the Cherry Creek School District

Aurora Public Schools and part of the Cherry Creek School District is served by The Arc of Aurora. Please contact their office at 720-213-1420.



# Advocacy

Systems Advocacy

Individual Advocacy

- Children
- Adult Advocacy



# Systems Advocacy

Influencing supports for people with developmental disabilities

- Adequate Funding for Special Education
- Public Policy
- Supporting other Grassroots Organizing
- Presence at the State Legislature
- Educating Legislators
- Monitor and influence Colorado Budget
- Waiver Re-Design



# Children Advocacy



- Information and Referral
- Guidance and Support
- Attending school meetings, IEP's, 504s
- Connect families with State Medicaid and Waiver services





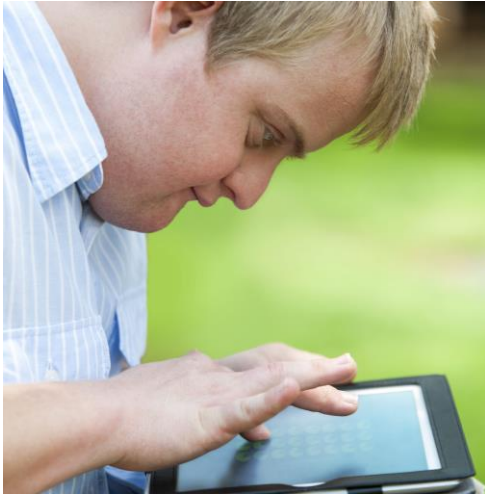
# Adult Advocacy



- Information and Referral
- Connect individuals with State Medicaid and Waiver services
- Help with Vocational Rehabilitation
- Working to increase employment opportunities, job development and Housing Resources
- Attending school meetings, assist with SSI applications, Medicaid and medical care
- Understanding rights and responsibilities in the Adult Service systems



# Our Educational Offerings



- Step Up Into Your Life After High School! Workshop Series (Families/Individuals transitioning from high school)
- Building Blocks Workshop Series (Families with Children in Elementary and Middle School)
- Empowering Family Workshops
- Topical Educational Offerings
- Many are recorded on our YouTube Channel for anyone to view



“We at The Arc A/D/E provide a variety of fun and social events for all ages throughout the year.”



# Fun and social engagement events



- Annual Meeting
- Picnic
- Trivia
- Haunted House
- And Many more



# Individual growth & social engagement events



- The Arc ADventures
  - In Learning
  - In Fun
  - In Leadership





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