

The Arc of Indiana was established in 1956 by parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who joined together to build a better and more accepting world for their children.

## We work every day to:

- Empower families with information and resources to help their children lead full and meaningful lives.
- Empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to be self-sufficient and independent to the greatest extent possible.
- Inspire positive change in public policy and public attitudes.
- Promote public awareness of the importance of prenatal care.
- Serve as a voice and advocate for families and their loved ones with I/DD.

Learn more! Visit us at [www.arcind.org](http://www.arcind.org) and find a wealth of information and links to:

- Join us on Facebook and Instagram
- Follow us on Twitter
- Sign up for our E-Newsletter & Action Alerts
- Listen to our "A View from My Window" podcast



## MEMBERSHIP

When you are a member of The Arc, you belong to and support a respected local, state and national association. We welcome you to become a member through your local chapter of The Arc, or, if there is not a chapter in your county, by joining at the state level.

Whether you are a parent, sister, brother, grandparent, friend or a person with a disability, we invite you to be involved in continuing The Arc's mission to inspire positive change.



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## OUR HISTORY *making a difference*

- Ensuring all infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities receive early intervention through First Steps and Early Childhood Special Education
- Leading the fight for all children to attend public school
- Working to close all of Indiana's state institutions for people with developmental disabilities, allowing former residents to live successfully in the community
- Fighting for legislation and funding for Medicaid Waivers for home and community-based services
- Leading the campaign to move people off waiting lists and into services funded by Medicaid Waivers
- Ensuring that health insurance covers treatment for pervasive developmental disorders
- Supporting and promoting the development of Self-Advocates of Indiana
- Establishing The Arc Master Trust – the nation's premier special needs trust

## OUR MISSION *Advocacy, Information, Support, Systems Change*

### The Arc US/Local Chapters

We are affiliated with The Arc of the United States and are proud to work with our local chapters of The Arc throughout Indiana.

### Public Policy Advocacy

Through volunteers and staff, The Arc has a full-time presence at the Indiana State House, and—as an affiliate of The Arc U.S.—in Congress. Through our public policy efforts we advocate for funding, legislation, regulations and policies that make a positive difference in the lives of people with I/DD and their families.

### The Arc Master Trust

*The nation's premier special needs trust.*

Trust I, established in 1988, helps families provide for the future of their loved ones.

Trust II, established in 1995, allows people with disabilities to fund their own trust.

### The Arc Advocacy Network

The Arc Advocacy Network provides information, referral and advocacy in the areas of:

- Government programs, including Medicaid Waivers
- Employment
- Natural and Community Supports
- Guardianship and Alternatives
- Insurance
- My Life My Choice—Community living options for people in group homes and nursing facilities
- Self Advocacy & Self-Advocates of Indiana

### Blueprint for Change

In 2010, The Arc created the **Blueprint for Change**, which laid out a new path for Hoosiers with I/DD and Indiana's system for services and supports. Great progress has been made, but we still have work to do. **Blueprint for Change: Next Steps in the Journey** identifies critical areas that must be addressed:

- Starting your journey with the 'First Conversation'
- Building a workforce for I/DD services and supports
- Establishing 'Shared Living' for residential supports
- Developing a statewide system for challenging behaviors and mental health
- Navigating managed care

### Erskine Green Training Institute

The Arc not only advocates for change, we are working to be part of that change by establishing the Erskine Green Training Institute in Muncie, Indiana. This postsecondary education program provides vocational training for employment at hotels, restaurants, and hospitals. After receiving training, skills will be applied through internships at the Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center, Thr3e Wise Men restaurant, and IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. [www.erskingreeninstitute.org](http://www.erskingreeninstitute.org)

### Works of Arc

Works of Arc is The Arc's online art gallery and store featuring the work of Indiana artists with I/DD. Whether you are looking for a special piece for your personal collection or the perfect gift, Works of Arc has something for everyone. [www.worksofarc.com](http://www.worksofarc.com)