



2018 Public Policy Agenda Executive Summary

The 2018 legislative session provides many opportunities to advance initiatives that will lead to greater independence for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD). Below is an overview of the legislative priorities for The Arc of Indiana.

Legislative Priorities:

Support workforce legislation that could lead to increased employment opportunities for people with I/DD.

Support bias crimes legislation that increases sentencing to offenders who commit crimes solely based on a person having a disability.

Continue efforts to educate legislators about the needs for a sustainable system that attracts and maintains the Direct Support Professional workforce.

Work to ensure a clear and accurate interpretation and implementation of Indiana's state plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Work to ensure that all students have options on graduation pathways leading to a high school diploma.

Work to ensure that the implementation of the new certificate of completion does not lead to unintended consequences that harm students receiving special education services.

Work to ensure the assessment replacement for ISTEP (ILEARN) includes opportunities for students receiving special education services to have access to a test that allows them to demonstrate academic progress with the appropriate accommodations and resources, including comprehension, as determined by the case conference committee.

Support efforts that educate legislators regarding the need for increased preschool funding.

Support efforts that continue to educate lawmakers regarding supported decision making being a viable option to guardianship.

Support legislation that requires licensure for applied behavior analysts.