



# Virtual Conference

November, 2020

# Welcome

*from The Arc of Indiana Executive Director*



Welcome to The Arc of Indiana and Self-Advocates of Indiana 2020 Virtual Conference and Impact Awards.

Things look different this year and it is disappointing we cannot all be together to network and congratulate our honorees in person.

On behalf of the board of directors and staff, thank you for joining us today as we come together to learn from some great presenters and celebrate amazing people doing wonderful things across our great state!

2020 has certainly reminded us how important the work of The Arc is and the many lives we touch. Whether you are a self-advocate, family member, chapter leader, or staff – you deserve recognition and a round of applause for persevering through difficult challenges in 2020. We have learned many lessons and the most important is the challenges we can face and overcome together.

Thank you for joining us for our first ever virtual conference and Impact Awards. Our sessions represent some of the many issues families and self-advocates have expressed wanting to learn more about.

Our Impact Award honorees are outstanding and we want to make sure that though we are not with them in person to celebrate their accomplishments, we have a great deal of gratitude for all they have done and we know they will continue to do.

Thanks for spending your time with us.

Sincerely,  
Kim Dodson  
CEO

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# Welcome

*from Self-Advocates of Indiana President*



Self-advocates of Indiana Board of Directors and I would like to welcome you to the 2020 Virtual Conference & Impact Awards luncheon. There are several great sessions scheduled and we hope you have a good time and enjoy the conference.

If you aren't familiar with Self-Advocates of Indiana, we are citizens who speak out, advocate, and educate for equal rights, respect, and inclusion for all in the community. We have 46 chapters around the state and encourage you to get involved in any way you can!

This year, we continued our work chairing the Employment Array Workgroup, and last month we were pleased to present our recommendations to the 1102 task force on behalf of this group.

We have collaborated with the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) on the waiver redesign project, and worked with the Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC) on their Cultural and Linguistic Competency (CLC) initiative, along with many other projects.

We have advocated for the disability community at both the Indiana Statehouse and on Capitol Hill in Washington DC.

Now, let's kick off this conference! Remember to have fun and learn something.

Thank you for your time,  
Shawn Fulton  
SAI President



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# Virtual Conference Program

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## Monday, November 9

**12:00 p.m.**

*Being a Strong Self-Advocate*

Self-Advocate of Indiana Board of Directors Officers – Shawn Fulton, Nicki Hinkle, Courtney Clark, Megan Burger, Meody Cooper

**1:30 p.m.**

*Transitioning from Sheltered Work to Community Work*

Susan Rinne, Co-Director of Work to Include and Mark Hublar, Hublar Speaks

## Tuesday, November 10

**9:30 a.m.**

*How to Advocate with Legislators*

Hannah Carlock, The Arc of Indiana Director of Public Policy

**11:00 a.m.**

*Supported Decision-Making in Services*

Melissa Keyes, Indiana Disability Rights Executive Director

**1:00 p.m.**

*Low Cost/No Cost Technology*

Brian Norton, Easterseals Crossroads Director of Assistive Technology

## Wednesday, November 11

**10:00 a.m.**

*Planning for the Future with a Special Needs Trust*

Jill Ginn, The Arc Master Trust Assistant Director

**2:00 p.m.**

*Everything's Crazy! Now What?!?!?!?*

Karly Sciortino-Poulter, The Arc Advocacy Network Director

## Thursday, November 12

**10:00 a.m.**

*Transition from School to Work*

Megan Stevenson, Erskine Green Training Institute Director

**1:30 p.m.**

*Working and Government Benefits*

Stephanie Gage, IIDC Center for Careers and Community Living  
BIN Project Coordinator

## Friday, November 13

**11:00 a.m.**

*The Latest Most Important Election of Our Lifetime  
Election Aftermath*

Michael Leppert, Director of Public Affairs, Krieg DeVault, LLP  
Lesley Weidenbener, Managing Editor, Indianapolis Business Journal

**12:00 p.m.**

*Navigating The Perfect Storm; Our Survival Tale!*

Alonzo Kelly, Strategic Leadership Partner & Executive Coach

**12:35 p.m.**

Impact Awards

**1:15 p.m.**

*Beating Burn Out & Understanding Compassion Fatigue*

Penny Hunsicker, American Health & Wellness Group Senior Health Coach



# Impact Award Winners

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## ***The Arc of Indiana Membership Winners***

Stone Belt Arc  
Provider Chapter Membership Award

The Arc of Jackson County  
Advocacy Chapter Membership Award

## ***Champion Award***

Froggy 102.7 FM/Federated Media

## ***Family Advocate Award***

Steve Simpson, Best Buddies Indiana

## ***Outstanding Professional Award***

Emily Compton, ArtMix

## ***Media Award***

Kara Kenney, RTV6

## ***Public Policy Award***

State Senator Erin Houchin

## ***Outstanding Direct Support Professional Award***

Bryan Collins

## ***Darcus Nims Self-Advocate Award***

Katie Boland

## ***The Arc of Indiana President's Award***

Donna Elbrecht, Easterseals Arc of  
Northeast Indiana

## ***Self-Advocates of Indiana President's Award***

Anthony Nash

## ***The Arc of Indiana Executive Director's Award***

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Services at Family Social Services  
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