



**Join  
The Arc  
Family!**



## *Who We Are*

The Arc is the largest national organization advocating with and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

Through public policy advocacy, grassroots organizing, innovative programs, and a strong network of chapters, The Arc protects and promotes the rights of millions of Americans with disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.



Becoming a chapter of The Arc connects your organization to a vibrant network of knowledgeable and experienced executive leaders ready to share their resources, guidance, and support.

Regardless of your location, budget, supports or services - there's a place for you at The Arc!

**650+** *State and Local Chapters*

**RESOURCES ON**



*Public Policy*



*Grassroots Organizing*



*Legal Advocacy*



*Employment*



*Education*



*Health & Wellness*



*Housing*



*Transportation*



*And More*

A national office of staff ready to help you.

Affordable affiliation fees.

Don't go at it alone. Harness the collective power of our dynamic movement and strengthen your efforts in the community you serve!

# Why Join The Arc?

## *Influence Policy and Policy Makers:*

Chapters have a direct line to Members of Congress through our public policy team. Our federal policy work protects and enhances vital programs and services — working in partnership with local chapters to aggregate statistics, analysis, and personal stories that decision-makers need. Learn the most effective strategies to mobilize your self-advocates, families, and staff to share their stories and advocate on issues that affect you and the people you serve.

## *Top-Notch Events:*

Three annual events to hone your skills:

- **Disability Policy Seminar:** Brush up on your federal policy knowledge and meet with your elected officials on Capitol Hill.
- **Summer Leadership Institute:** Network with fellow disability sector leaders to identify problems, share replicable solutions, and develop your skills.
- **National Convention:** Attend sessions and events for self-advocates, families, professionals, executives and board members.

## *A Strong National Identity:*

Use of The Arc's trademarked name and logo identity. The Arc's nearly 70-year history, mission, and values are recognized and respected by the I/DD community and beyond across the nation.





***Resources at Your Fingertips:***

Materials to help your organization succeed, including webinars, marketing, development, and public relations support. Access data, toolkits, and templates to enhance and streamline your work.

***The Inside Track on Funding:***

An opportunity to learn about and apply for grant and funding opportunities.

***Collaborative Fundraising:***

Free national fundraising platforms like our vehicle donation program, planned giving workgroup, and discounts on WealthEngine™.

***Benefits for Your Employees:***

Discounts on retirement plans that can save your organization thousands in operating costs.

***Discounts for Your Organization:***

Discounts on office supplies, postage, liability insurance, car rentals and other items from 43+ vendors.

***Organizational Support:***

A guide in achieving best practices in nonprofit management and governance through collaboration with the [Standards for Excellence Institute®](#) — including the opportunity for accreditation.

***National Conference of Executives (NCE):***

A strong network of experienced executives of The Arc offers personal and professional support and mentorship.

*Ask us about our chapter web service:  
unlimited training and support + an  
accessible and modern website!*

Learn more at [web.thearc.org](http://web.thearc.org).





*For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities*

To learn more about what chapter affiliation can do for you:

Visit [thearc.org/get-involved/become-a-chapter](https://thearc.org/get-involved/become-a-chapter)

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