Who We Are

The Arc Connecticut is our state’s oldest and largest advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. We were founded more than 65 years ago by parents who believed that their loved ones with I/DD should have the supports they needed to live and work in their communities. Since then, we have remained actively engaged in promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

The Arc Connecticut is a chapter of The Arc of The United States. Which has 675 Arc chapters in 49 states, with close to 5,000 service locations. Nationwide, we have approximately 7,000 board members, 124,000 staff, 46,000 volunteers and collectively we serve more than 1 million people with I/DD and their family members.

In Connecticut, our 14 Arc local chapters deliver over $100 million in jobs and supports to thousands of people in 162 communities. Together they are the largest provider of supports and services for people with I/DD and their families in the state.

2020 Legislative Priorities

➢ Increase Medicaid rates to cover the true cost of care.

➢ End discrimination against students with disabilities in Connecticut’s Technical Education and Career System (CTECS).

➢ Support equity & access to jobs and affordable housing opportunities for people with I/DD.

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