



... for the Educator

Welcome to The Arc Apple for the Educator

This is your newsletter! The Arc Apple is written expressly for teachers, school administrators, clinicians, and clinical support teams within your districts. At The Arc Ontario, we recognize that you play a critically important role in helping students with special needs and their families to connect with community service providers.

Your time is valuable, so our newsletter will be brief and to the point. You can read an entire Arc Apple in the time it takes you to eat an apple. Each issue will feature one of the many services offered by The Arc Ontario. We hope our new digital format will allow for easy reference when you need it.

Making the Connection

The transition from high school to the adult world can be daunting for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges. Parents and students turn to trusted teachers and administrators for advice about how to best plan for this new phase of life. The Arc Ontario can help in planning for this transition. We can assist teachers, families and students as they



JoEllen Schaefer, Family Support & Intake Coordinator

explore their options and plan for the future. To make this process even smoother, we have a family support and intake coordinator, JoEllen Schaefer.

Tapping into Services

"My job is to facilitate easy access to services," says JoEllen.

"We are happy to meet with students and families at their convenience. I can help throughout the intake process to answer any questions students and their families have, offer virtual and in-person tours of our day and vocational services, and walk them through the necessary paperwork. Families do not need to do this alone or talk to ten different people."

Programs and Services ~ A Quick Reference

- Autism Services
- Career Services
- Children and Family Services
- Clinical Services
- Day Services
- Home and Community Support Services
- Residential Services

Answers to Pressing Questions

Q: Who can give me an overview of the services available through The Arc Ontario?

A: JoEllen Schaefer can give you the lay of the land and answer your questions about the services offered by The Arc Ontario. If you have a student who you feel could benefit from our services, we would like to open the lines of communication so students can take advantage of what we have to offer. Please, just give us a call!

Q: How can The Arc Ontario assist you with transition planning?

A: We will keep you informed about the supports and services offered by The Arc Ontario for students ages 5-21 and their families. We are available to meet with educators and students via phone, electronic platforms and in-person to talk about program and service options, provide tours/information sharing sessions and support students through our intake process.

In up-coming additions of The Arc Apple we will delve into the programs and services listed above to provide greater detail. We are committed to working with our regional educators to provide the important bridge to adult services and other supports.

A Preview of our March/April Issue

The March/April issue will highlight our Community Pre-vocational Services. These services are offered through our JET Connections, College Experience program, and Project SEARCH™, a nationally accredited pre-vocational service.



The next issues of The Arc Apple will greet you in March/April, May/June, September/October, and November/December, for a total of 5 issues annually. We'll be giving you more information about our programs and the ways in which we can help you help your students. Be on the look out for the next issue in your inbox or at ontarioarc.org.



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