

FIVE FAST FACTS FOR FRIDAY

The Arc of New Jersey's Criminal Justice Advocacy (CJAP)



- CJAP provides alternatives to incarceration on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who are defendants in the criminal justice system, and is the only program of its kind in New Jersey.
- CJAP serves as a clearinghouse of information about offenders with I/DD and serves as a liaison between the criminal justice and human service systems, monitoring the quality of care and service provided to those with I/DD as they move from one system to another.
- CJAP helps to overcome the criminal justice system's lack of understanding of developmental disabilities by providing technical assistance to attorneys who represent these individuals.
- CJAP educates the criminal justice and human service systems about intellectual and related developmental disabilities and the ways in which appropriate community supports can address their habilitative needs.
- The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program provides advocacy services to individuals who, because of their disability, may not understand the process and procedures of the criminal justice system.