

## The Arc of New Jersey

The Arc of New Jersey is the state's largest nonprofit advocacy organization **for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families**. The Arc of New Jersey is committed to enhancing the quality of life for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, through advocacy, empowerment, education and prevention.

## The state office of The Arc of New Jersey is responsible for general statewide activities including:

- public policy analysis and advocacy
- email listserv
- social media
- public relations

- community outreach
- information, education and referral
- communications and publications

## The Arc of New Jersey does this through several programs:

- **Project HIRE**, an award-winning supported employment and transition program that connects people with disabilities to integrated employment opportunities in their community;
- **Planning For Adult Life,** assists young adults 16-21 and their families to plan for their adult life;
- **NJ Self-Advocacy Project,** supporting New Jersey's 110 self-advocacy groups for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- **Mainstreaming Medical Care,** Helping families navigate healthcare, while training health care professionals about the health care needs of people with disabilities;
- **Criminal Justice Advocacy Program,** helping the courts and corrections systems work more effectively with people with developmental disabilities;
- **The Family Institute,** provides caregivers with the necessary resources and education to access the appropriate supports and services for their loved one;
- **Camp Jaycee,** Provides a unique overnight summer camp experience for children (17+) and adults with developmental disabilities.

## The 20 local county chapters of The Arc of New Jersey provide a wide variety of direct services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families including:

- early intervention for infants and toddlers
- respite
- after school programs
- group homes and other community based residential programs
- day programs
- supported and competitive employment
- recreation programs

- summer camps
- prevention programs
- transportation
- family support services
- counseling and medical care services
- and much more.