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Jeanne Bussard Center Update

In response to the closing of the Jeanne Bussard Center in July 2012, The Arc of Frederick County immediately stepped in to offer supports to many of the people who were suddenly without the services that they counted on during the day. More than 30 people and their families have relied on the Arc to support them with their daily needs, provide vocational training, and maintain their current employment in our community.

The focus of our time has been to assist people with feeling secure with their temporary services while The Arc worked with individuals and families to help connect them with ongoing career development, training, and vocational support. In exploring resources, The Arc is looking towards the Frederick community to expand employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Additionally, The Arc is reaching out to community partners to create educational and vocational opportunities for individuals.

The Arc is grateful for the response from the Frederick community. People are gaining skills from volunteer opportunities that they can apply to a current or future job by volunteering at: American Red Cross, Catoctin Creek Nature Center, Dublin Roasters, Frederick Community Action Agency, Frederick Rescue Mission, Glade Valley Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Sycamore Springs Farm, and the Urbana Library.

Also, we are excited about the employment connections we created and maintained for people we are serving. They have jobs at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriot, Food Lion, Green Meadows Petting Farm, Residence Inn by Marriott, Shred, White and Blue, and Westview Cinemas.

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Mission Statement

The Arc of Frederick County provides advocacy, access to resources, and assistance in increasing individual and family connections for people with developmental disabilities. The organization seeks creative solutions to help people with developmental disabilities attain their goals.



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In addition, individuals are incorporating artistic abilities into small business opportunities as we have individuals creating and selling jewelry, doing chair caning, as well as creating and selling gift accessories.

Most of the people who were receiving temporary assistance from The Arc have asked us to continue to provide their services for them. This has meant adding what for us is a new type of service. We are learning much from this new endeavor. We think we also are changing people who served by Jeanne Bussard Center's lives by helping them learn many new skills, have jobs, and dream of a new and brighter future for themselves.

We are so appreciative to be a part of such a giving and caring community.



Upcoming Events

- ◇ **Make It Happen: School Resource Fair**, March 23 at 10:30 AM to 12 N at Rock Creek School. Workshops include Future and Estate Planning and Information and Referral with The Arc of Frederick County.
- ◇ **Pa\$\$port to Wealth: Future and Estate Planning for Families and children with Special Needs**, April 10 at 5:30 PM at the Thurmont Library. Pa\$\$port to Wealth is a financial literacy initiative bringing awareness of basic money management to the community, and offering free financial education in a week-long series of classes and activities for all ages.
- ◇ **Transitioning Youth Resource Fair**, April 19 at Frederick Community College. Frederick County providers including recreation, education and vocational providers will be on hand with information and answers to questions.

