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January/February 2017

Calendar of Events

*Group meetings take place
at The Arc unless otherwise noted.
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Brain Injury Support Group
Jan 5, Feb 2 6:30

Parents Day Out
Jan 21, Feb 18 10:00

Working Together
Jan 18, Feb 15 3:30
@ C. Burr Artz Library

Sibshop
Nov 12, Dec 10

Parent Support Groups
Jan 11 11:30, Feb 8 11:30
Contact: Aschlitzer@arfc.org

**Hispanic Families Support
Group**
Jan 21 12:30

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The Arc 2017 Public Policy Platform

The Arc of Frederick County will partner with advocates from across Maryland to achieve The Arc Maryland's 2017 Public Policy Platform. Highlights from The 2017 Public Policy Platform include:

I. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Protect current funding and secure additional funds to ensure a stable, quality system of Community Programs funded by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) that supports all individuals, regardless of age and severity of disability.

II. WAITING LIST

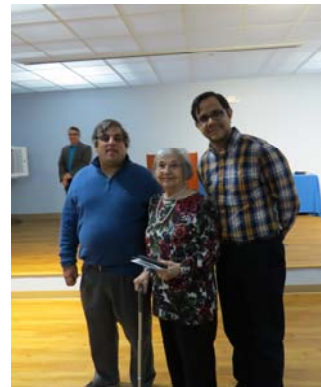
Seek funding to meet the needs of individuals on the DDA Waiting List. Maryland is the wealthiest state in the nation; yet over 8,000 children and adults with I/DD wait for critical services.

III. TRANSITIONING YOUTH

Fully fund all Transitioning Youth (TY) who exit the school system at age 21 years so they have the supports they need to participate in their community, jobs, and life-long learning and/or higher education to ensure meaningful adult life and opportunities. In FY2017, 685 transitioning youth are anticipated.

The Arc of Frederick County's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016 (which ended June 30, 2016) is now available. The report may be viewed and downloaded from our website: <http://arfc.org/about/annual-reports.html>. If you would prefer to receive a copy in the mail, contact Kendra Sampson at 301-663-0909 x 116.

Annual Awards Overview



The Arc of Frederick County held its Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7th at The Arc at Market Street. With over 175 people in attendance; it was a wonderful evening celebrating individuals, organizations, and groups who have gone above and beyond for people with developmental disabilities in the past year. Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

Frances and Lease Bussard Award: Beth Parchment

Frances and Lease Bussard donated the building that first housed

The Jeanne Bussard Workshop. This award is presented to a person or group with developmental disabilities who has demonstrated incredible self-advocacy in furthering their own independence and success or whose achievements have set an example for others.

The Media Award: Frederick County Public Schools Media Outreach

This award is presented to a publisher, organization, television station or radio station, which has made a significant contribution to increase the community's awareness and understanding of the abilities and talents of people with developmental disabilities.

Charlotte and Charles Glick Award: Angie Brosius

The Charles and Charlotte Glick Award is presented to a parent or family member whose uncompromising courage leads the way to make extraordinary things happen for their children and other parents.

The Employer Award: Frederick County Public Schools Health and Nutrition Services

The Arc of Frederick County values its relationships with employers in the Frederick community. This award is given to an employer in Frederick County who looks beyond their employee's disability and looks at how they can promote and cultivate their skills.

Outstanding Volunteer Service: Dulcia Dutrow, Dolores Harris, Pat Warrenfeltz, and Linda Snyder

Volunteer of the Year: Lori and Don Good

We are so fortunate to have caring, dedicated volunteers who, indeed, have made life a lot better for many people. We thank all of you who work so hard for the people we all serve and although we can't award everyone, we know that making the difference in the life of another is reward enough.

Community Involvement Award: Prospect United Methodist Church

This award was developed to honor the partnerships with businesses and other agencies and organizations who work with all of us to make services flow more smoothly, and to help people with disabilities live more independently in our community.

Special Acknowledgements:

Dr. Rick Parente
The Buddy Project
Frederick Community College
Mount Saint Mary's Best Buds Program
Kids These Days, Inc.

The Arc is appreciative of the difference that these individuals or groups have made to The Arc of Frederick County over the past year.

Staff Person of the Year Award: Anjela McNally

The foundation of our agencies is built on employees who believe in the mission of their work. This award is presented to the employee of the agency who most deserves recognition for his/her contribution to people with developmental disabilities through his/her job.

Alex Keepers Award: April Brydon

Alex Keepers was a valued respite provider for his niece, Ashley. He passed away suddenly on December 31, 2007 but his love and dedication to his niece stands as an inspiration to all care providers. This award is presented to a skills educator, respite provider, classroom assistant, job coach, residential staff or personal care attendant who provides dignified one-on-one support to people with developmental disabilities to empower them to increase their skills, participate in their community and live independent, person-centered lives.

Ike Stevens Award: Jean Doyle

Ike Stevens died over 35 years ago. His legacy in advocating for people with developmental disabilities is remembered today. He is known as a trailblazer and one who has systematically sought to build better lives for people with developmental disabilities. This award is presented to an individual or group who has initiated programs and system change for people with developmental disabilities or who has led agencies through great change or periods of growth.

Development

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Save the Dates!

Join us for a roaring good time at The Arc of Frederick County's Annual Trivia Playoff. It will be held on March 24, 2017 at The Arc at Market Street. Registration information will be coming soon!

Developmental Disabilities Day at the Legislature will take place in Annapolis on February 23, 2017. DD Day is the time when people with disabilities, families, and advocates come together to meet with elected officials to discuss critical issues to protect and expand supports for people with developmental disabilities. Registration for DD Day at the Legislature will open up in January 2017.

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