



## *The Arc of Illinois*

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- What the Arc Does
- Advocacy with Us during Spring Legislative Session
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## *Mission*

The Arc of Illinois  
is committed to *empowering* persons  
with disabilities to  
*achieve* full participation  
in community life  
through informed *choices*

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- Policy and Advocacy
- Information and Resources
- Support for Self and Family Advocacy
- Training and Education
- Assistive Technology Fund
- Consumer and Family Training Stipends

**To learn more about the work The Arc of Illinois,  
go to [www.thearcofil.org](http://www.thearcofil.org)**

# *Support Increased Funding for Services*

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## Rates Study Bills –

- SB 2382 (Fine)– Fund rates study and address homebased budget structure
- Appropriations Bill – HB 1818, SB 578
- House and Senate Resolution - SR169

# *The Arc of Illinois 2021 Key Policy and Advocacy Priorities*

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- **Funding increase** for community options and homebased services budget
- **Wage increase** for frontline staff/DSPs
- **Protection of income** for working CILA residents
- **Services for young adults** who have transitioned from school without supports
- **Money Follows the Person** program to IL
- **911 alternative** for people who need mental health or behavioral support

# *We Need Your Voice – Advocacy Opportunities*

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- Join the advocacy network
- Join the Going Home Coalition – email [nafia@thearcofil.org](mailto:nafia@thearcofil.org).
- April 27 – attend the GHC rally from 10-12 pm
- Respond to calls to action – calling or emailing your legislators, submitting witness slips
- Educate yourselves and share info with your friends – Attend webinars
- Testify on your experience

# *Arc Transition*

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March 31 is my last day.

Joining the Division of Developmental Disabilities to help to lead the state's work to fully implement the Ligas Consent Decree as Deputy Director of the Ligas Consent Decree.

Activities will include working to:

- Create more options for services and supports
- Streamline efforts to move people into services/remove barriers
- Ensure everyone can have access to adult services.

# *Thank You & Questions*

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