The Arc of Illinois

- What the Arc Does
- Advocacy with Us during Spring Legislative Session
- Email meg@thearcofil.org
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
Support Increased Funding for Services

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

• **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

• Join the advocacy network
• Join the Going Home Coalition – email 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

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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