The Arc
Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties
Achieve with us.
Mission and Vision

Our Vision:
A Society For All;
Equal Access,
Equal Opportunity,
Empowerment

Our Mission:
We serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through support and advocacy.
People Served

- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families
- Throughout their lifespan
Services

- Home Based Support Program/Service Facilitation
- Guardianship Assistance
- Money Management
- Life Skills Classes
- Project Art
- Social Activities
- Advocacy
Guardianship Assistance

- Provides information, assessment and legal services to families or others seeking uncontested legal guardianship of an adult with intellectual or developmental disabilities

- To be eligible the person with disabilities must:
  - Be at least 18 years of age
  - Live in Winnebago, Boone or Ogle Counties
  - Be unable to give informed consent for his/her own care and treatment or otherwise have significantly impaired ability to make major decisions

- Cost for this service is $700
Money Management

- **Representative Payee**
  - Designated recipient of participants SSI
  - Pay all bills for participants
  - Meet monthly with participants to budget

- **Budgeting Assistance**
  - Meet with individuals as requested to work through budgeting and money management
Life Skills Classes

Interactive groups that meet to learn and practice skills for daily living

- Money Management
- Healthy Relationships
- Health & Wellness
- Emotional Regulation
- Self-Advocacy
- Social Media
Project Art

Develop creative expression, artistic skills and professionalism

Art inherently provides many therapeutic benefits that can promote wellbeing for the populations we serve

- Art at The Arc
  Collaboration with Rockford Park District, Therapeutic Recreation
- Open Studio
- Beadware
- Finding Your Voice As An Artist
- Summer Camp Collaborations
- Make and Takes
Social Activities

- Book Club - Meets every other week at Panera Bread on Route 173
- Rec Nights
- Movie Nights
- Aktion Club
- Group Community Outings
Advocacy

To preserve and protect the fundamental rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

• Communicating with elected officials
• Supporting self-advocates
• Educating the public
• Trainings
• Criminal Justice System- Disability Response team
Community Outreach

• Training for families & professionals
• Future Planning
• Parent to Parent Connection
• Illinois Imagines
• Transition Planning Committee
• INTERSECT for Abilities
• Arc of Illinois
• Disability Response Team
Service Facilitation

- For people enrolled in the Home Based Medicaid Waiver Program
- Program allows people to purchase services needed to live at home
- There is a waiting list for this program and other State funded services
- To get onto the waiting list (called the PUNS) contact Services, Inc
Home & Community Based Support Services is a Medicaid Waiver Program offered by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities. There are nine different HCBS waiver programs in Illinois.

- The purpose of this waiver is to have your needs met in the community rather than living in a residential facility.

- Home & Community Based Support provides money for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to pay for services and supports they need to live at home.

- Comprised equally of tax income budgeted for Human Services by the State of Illinois and Federal Medicaid matching funds.
Eligibility

- Adults Aged 18+, living in Illinois
- Children Aged 3 through 18, Enrolled in Illinois Medicaid undergoing Crisis Situation
- Diagnosed with an I/DD
- Not receiving services under another Medicaid waiver program
- Registered for the PUNS waiting list by contacting an ISC Agency
- Don’t know? in Northern Illinois contact Services, Inc, 815-339-0740 to register and determine eligibility
  Or Independent Service Coordination (ISC) Agencies or Preadmission Screening Agencies (PAS). These agencies can be contacted through the Developmental Disabilities Helpline: 1-888-DD-PLANS or 1-866-376-8446 (TTY)
  Local offices can be found using DHS Office Locator
  Or Call: 1-800-843-6154 (#3 on menu) or 1-800-447-6404 (TTY)
**What Can I Use This Money For?**

You may select from a menu of services based on your individual needs within an overall monthly services cost maximum.

Some examples are:
- Day training programs
- Personal support workers
- Employment services (adults)
- Behavior services
- Unpaid caregiver training
- Self Directed Assistance (SDA)
- Cost maximum:
  - For Adults: $2,382.00* per month
  - For Children: $1,588.00* per month
*Subject to change due to Cost of Living adjustments.

**One Time Funding**
- Adaptive equipment
- Assistive technology
- Home accessibility modifications
- Vehicle modifications
Who Is On My Team?

- YOU can direct your service team
- Your guardian if you have one
- You can choose family and/or friends
- Your ISSA Monitor
- Your Self-Directed Assistant
- Agencies/organizations providing services
- Individuals providing services
- Anyone else who you invite
What is Self-Directed Assistant?
A qualified person is required to assist you with this program in order to:
· Ensure health, safety and welfare of individual
· Assist individuals to gain access to needed services
· Have better access to your community
· Increase your independent living skills

Your SDA:
· Is a QIDP (Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional) who will educate you about the services available in the waiver
· Assists with the development of an Employer of Record Implementation Strategy
· Supports you during the PSW hiring process
· Helps you meet the requirements of the Home & Community Based Support Services Waiver
· Educates you about community resources
After Being Selected From the PUNS List:

- Have a meeting with your ISSA to start developing the Personal Plans based on your needs.
- Decide what services you want
- Interview agencies that serve your needs
- Complete Service Agreements for services that will be provided
- Complete Employer and Personal Support Worker Packets
- Complete Employer of Record Implementation Strategy
Funding

- Fee for Service
  - Home Based Support Services Program - Service Facilitation
  - Life Skills Classes
  - Guardianship
  - Representative Payee

- Contributions
  - Businesses
  - Foundations
  - Service Clubs
  - Individuals

- Fundraising
  - Great Dream Machine
  - Chocoholic Frolic
  - Beadware Sales
Arc Affiliations

► The Arc of the United States
   www.thearc.org
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   NCCJD

► The Arc of Illinois
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The Arc is the largest not for profit advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the USA.
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