



***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

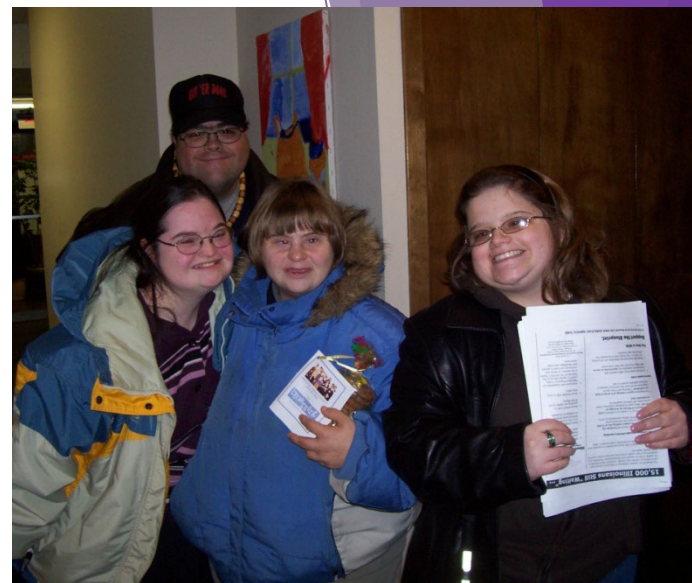
Meet with individuals as requested to work through budgeting and money management



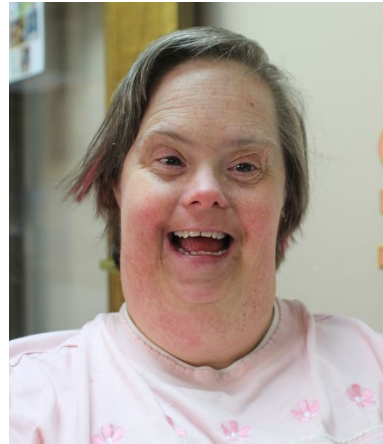
# Life Skills Classes

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](http://www.thearc.org)  
FASD  
NCCJD
- ▶ The Arc of Illinois  
[www.thearcofil.org](http://www.thearcofil.org)

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

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- ▶ [www.ChocFroc.com](http://www.ChocFroc.com)

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