



2023 POLICY AND ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

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

The Arc of Illinois's advocacy priorities continue to reflect both the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the disability community and the importance of increasing investment and systems change needed to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their homes and communities. To that end, our advocacy efforts in the 103rd General Assembly will focus on advocating for state-level legislation that will:

- **Increase community capacity by:**
 - Substantial and consistent compliance with the terms of the Ligas Consent Decree;
 - Fully funding and implementing the Guidehouse study recommendations;
 - Providing competitive wages and benefits to Direct Support Professionals;
 - Redirecting Medicaid funding from state operated developmental centers to person-centered home and community-based supports;
 - Increasing the availability of safe, affordable, accessible, and integrated housing options;

- Ensuring that people with high medical and behavioral support needs receive person-centered and evidence-based supports in the least restrictive environments;
- Investigating the buying power of the self-directed mode of services delivered through the Home Based Services waiver program; and
- Not requiring community-based organizations to have a 14c certificate on file to participate in the state use program.

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