



Advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families

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The Arc of Oakland County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable membership organization working directly with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

We advocate for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with disabilities. We strive to improve systems of support and services; connect families; inspire our community and influence public policy.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Information and Referral

The Arc of Oakland County provides information about community resources, programs and services (such as schools, job training, residential opportunities, physician, dentists, lawyers and more). We also offer assistance with out-of-state referrals when possible.

Legal Advocacy

The legal team at The Arc of Oakland County assists families with a variety of issues such as drafting power of attorney and patient advocate documents, guardianship petitions, estate planning and other probate matters. We also collaborate with private practice attorneys who specialize in issues specific to individuals with disabilities.

Supported Decision-Making

The Arc of Oakland County offers useful information and guidance regarding the options available for supported decision-making to families whose loved one reaches the age of eighteen years old. We discuss all options including release of information, power of attorney, patient advocate, and guardianship.

Governmental and Financial Benefits

Many people with disabilities qualify for disability benefits such as Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Family Support Subsidy, Adult Home Help Services, ABLE Act savings accounts, and much more. We can help answer questions that parents or guardians have about these and other entitlements.

Special Education Advocacy

The Arc of Oakland County provides knowledgeable assistance and support to parents and guardians preparing for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), based on the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and Michigan's Mandatory Special Education Act, for children or young adults with disabilities.

The Forever Plan

The Forever Plan was developed for parents and family members who are concerned about the many complex needs of a child with disabilities when they themselves can no longer manage life situations because of illness or death. The Forever Plan is a formal, comprehensive, lifetime advocacy program. It provides consistent follow-up and secures appropriate community resources for persons with disabilities. The plan also provides for trustee and/or guardianship arrangements if so desired by the family.

Financial Management Services

Contracted by MORC, Inc., The Arc of Oakland County provides Financial Management Services (FMS) to individuals who have chosen Self-Direction. As the FMS agent, we process invoices and timesheets on behalf of each consumer, help them monitor their individual budget, current PCP guidelines, and Medicaid law. Our staff works with the individual, his/her family, and their MORC, Inc. supports coordinator to help them flex their budgeted dollars to further meet their needs while staying within the guidelines of the current PCP and Medicaid. The Arc of Oakland County acts as "Payroll Agent" for individuals who directly employ their own staff.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Dove Awards Program

The Arc of Oakland County holds an awards presentation every year where we recognize the efforts of individuals within our community and state that, through their dedication and commitment, have enhanced the lives of persons with disabilities. This fundraiser is a celebration of the selflessness and achievements of individuals who help others.

Become a member today!





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