

Services Provided

1. Support with in-person or virtual meetings in school, legal and in the community.
2. Provide resources and information about Special Education Law, IDEIA, applicable state regulations and how to effectively advocate for a child or adult with intellectual disabilities or developmental delays.
3. Provide resources to school districts and Early Intervention providers to help design and deliver supports and services that guarantee students with disabilities the opportunity to make progress on their educational goals.
4. Provide information about IEP's, due process, special educational lawyers and Disability Rights information.
5. Advocate for accessibility to housing, voting, legal representation, community resources and inclusion, service providers to assist individuals of all ages they have what they need to achieve independence and lead successful lives.



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Educational Advocacy Program

The Arc of Indiana County



EAP EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Supporting parents, students, educators, community



For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities



The Arc of Indiana Co.

The Arc of Indiana County is a chapter of the largest advocacy organization in the United States for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Indiana County was established in 1973 by Joseph Angelo a retired IUP Professor and a long-standing member of the Indiana community. Joe is a father of a son with Down Syndrome and his name is John.

We are a nonprofit organization that has worked diligently over the years to provide advocacy, training, programs, community outreach events and community awareness to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Although we do not provide direct care services we advocate for our individuals and empower them with tools to be able to live their best life and do so independently and in the least restrictive environment.



PARENTAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE IDEA ACT



- The Arc of Indiana County provides resources and information about parent's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and applicable state regulations, including Early Intervention, and how to effectively advocate for their child to resolve issues.
- We provide resources to school districts and Early Intervention providers to help design and deliver support services that guarantee students with disabilities the opportunity to make progress on their educational goals.
- An Educational Advocate can provide Secondary Transition support, resources, trainings, workshops for adult individuals living in the community providing opportunities for community outreach, awareness, and inclusion.
- All service and programs are provided at no cost to students, individuals, and their families.

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY



An Educational Advocate guides parents through the special education process. This includes how to prepare for Individualized Education Program meetings, how to file a due process complaint, and find an attorney for legal representation.

The goal is to ensure that the school adheres to a child's IEP and makes a good faith effort to help the student achieve his or her defined goals. The Arc of Indiana County serves as the parents leading resource for information and support for Armstrong and Indiana Co.

