

The Advocate



In the third issue of The Advocate, The Arc of Indiana County would like to welcome our readers, parents, teachers, administrators, students, ARIN IU, and other service providers of Indiana County and Beyond.

The Arc of Indiana County's Mission strives to include individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental delays, and other disabilities into every aspect of our community and beyond. Achieving this by identifying barriers, building partnerships, and realizing positive solutions.

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A smile from the Executive director Michelle Jordan, My genuine hope is that this newsletter finds you all safe, well and rested from the holiday of thanks and gratefulness. I am truly grateful for all the amazing support, well wishes and prayers I personally received during a recent injury and subsequent surgery and throughout my healing process. The saying goes "It takes a village", and this has been shown time and time again recently, how people come together to be helpers. I admit, it is not easy being on the receiving end when you are used to being the helper but I am learning to relent and say yes with a grateful thank you! I am thankful for my colleagues, staff, board of directors, Julia Huot my Intern, my family, friends and the amazing individuals that I passionately advocate for, that are so full of love, life and joy! They are the reason for my get up and go and my smile you know so well!

We have many wonderful programs, events and resources listed in this Fall Newsletter for our parents, Individuals, caregivers, educators, service providers. Highlights are the Sensitive Santa, Individual Spotlight Interview, Special Olympics Update and The new Initiative with the Arc of PA to address disparities of individuals with disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

I will continue to work diligently building partnerships, creating initiatives, providing program growth and organizational expansion, fighting for legislative policy that supports funding to provide for services, family leave, ending the waiting list, employment opportunities and much more for individuals with all disabilities in the Indiana/Armstrong communities and beyond.

With many celebrations and Holidays such as Kwanzaa, Christmas and Hanukkah fast approaching there are so many neighbors in need in our community who continue to experience food insecurities and hardship. I ask you to be a light, a giver and a helper during this season. Call that friend that you have been thinking of, look in on the neighbor or send a box of fresh fruit to a shelter, the helping is good for the soul. Be well, rest, spread love and kindness this holiday season.

The Arc welcomed a new Intern Julia Huot this semester who was pivotal in the success of several programs and events utilizing her leadership, advocacy, disability study skills, initiative, and creativity. We wish her well and great success in her future endeavors!



Hi my name is Julia Huot and I am a senior at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. My major is Disability Service with a Minor in Deaf Studies, as well as a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). I interned and volunteered at The Arc of Indiana Spring and Fall 2021. I have always wanted to work with people with disabilities because of the impact I could have on someone's life. Providing the best care and support to someone and helping the growth and development of their own abilities makes me so happy. Watching people of all ages become confident in their own unique qualities is super important to me. The Arc of Indiana empowers as well as advocates for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Indiana County is excited to announce a collaboration with Catherine Hughes the Director of Family Support and Community Engagement for Achieving True Self Inc to provide a Sensitive Santa event at the Indiana Mall on December 19, 2021 from 9:30 am.

Sensory Santa provides an opportunity for children with autism and/or sensory processing disorder to visit Santa in a quiet and welcoming, sensory-friendly environment. Sensory Santa's can be found at certain local malls and are often held before the malls open when it's quieter.



Contact Information for more information or questions:

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Arc of Indiana County Programs:



Educational Advocacy Program: (EAP) 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.

As a mediator, the Arc advocate serves as a professional bridge improving communication and understanding between the school district and the parents. Assisting with the IEP process, developing goals, and achieving positive outcomes for IEP meetings. The educational advocate as the mediator will add a level of professionalism and support for the parent to utilize to ensure their child's educational needs are met and understood.

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. Advocacy. **Call today and talk to an advocate. 724-349-8230.**

Independent Monitoring For Quality (IM4Q): The Arc of Indiana County in line with providing support and advocacy for individuals with disabilities, contracts with several counties yearly to complete IM4Q surveys ensuring quality of care and services. The Arc yearly hires and trains monitors to complete the surveys. Monitors are selected from a diverse group of self advocates, their families, IUP students and members of the community . Reach out if you are interested in becoming a monitor or would like more information about being a monitor or the program. Contact The Arc of Indiana Co. 724-349-8230 or info@arcindiana.org "Every year, thousands of people with disabilities, family members and support professionals in Pennsylvania are interviewed by the Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q) project to learn about the overall quality of life for people who receive support through the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) in Pennsylvania. The key objective of IM4Q is to provide information that might help improve the quality of life of people with disabilities."

The Community Disability Awareness Workgroup: (CDAW): providing information and guidance about different disabilities, and disability issues, to help members understand each other's needs and work to build a more inclusive community for everyone. The workgroup meets the 1st Monday of each month at 8:30 am. The next meeting is December 6, 2021 on zoom. Contact Michelle Jordan for the zoom link, mjordan@arcindiana.org

Parents with Purpose: See Newsletter Flyer
Local Task Force: See Newsletter Flyer



COME JOIN US! The Parents With Purpose is a workgroup for parents of school-age students with disabilities. Directed The Arc of Indiana County the Local Task Force on the Right to Education of Armstrong and Indiana counties. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide parents with support, education, and advocacy.

The workgroup meets every third Thursday at 10:00 AM. The workgroup will be hybrid in the future when it is safe to do so. Reoccurring Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86220143688>

The next meeting will be a collaboration with the LTF and will cover Pandemic Caregiving stress and Student Stress. January 20th at 6:30 PM.

The Workgroup is made up of parents, educators, service providers, and governmental agency personnel. The workgroup offers guidance to parents of students with disabilities that are making the transition from any educational setting to a different one, with an emphasis on the transition from high school to post-secondary education, employment, and community living. The workgroup provides advocacy support with everything from the IEP process to community inclusiveness and issues with employment or independent living discrimination.

Facilitators are Kim Rode Director of Special Education www.krode@iu28.org and Adrienne Stiteler Secondary Transition www.astiteler@iu28.org 724-463-5300, Michelle Jordan Executive Director of The Arc of Indiana County mjordan@arcindiana.org 724-349-8230





Special Olympics Armstrong Indiana Counties Update:

This fall both counties participated in Long Distance Walking and Running training 26 athletes from both counties. The program attended the regional competition at Slippery Rock University with 16 athletes and one unified partner. All athletes qualified for the Statewide Competition Fall Fest at Villanova University. For many athletes this was their first overnight trip and the joy and excitement they expressed was beyond our expectations!

This trip was possible due to all the coaches and volunteers who worked very hard to meet all the Covid-19 guidelines keeping the athletes safe during training and competition making this dream come true. One of your first time athletes pictured at the finish of his race and his gesture says it all! The athlete's oath is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt". It had been a long year and a half since the athletes had been able to participate in inperson full training and competition. Special Olympics Pennsylvania worked diligently to provide a COVID-19 policy to safely get athletes back to in person training and competition. SOPA assisted with vaccine information distribution as well as offering transportation cost reimbursement and partnering with Rite Aide to open the doors early on as a safe place and easy access for an individual with a disability to have vaccination access. These proactive efforts all contributed to program athletes being among the highest rate of vaccinations within their population in the state. We are very grateful for all the hard work and dedication to our athletes and the disability community.

Both counties are currently training in the bowling program with Indiana training at Mohawk Lanes on Saturdays and Armstrong training Mon and Tue at Falcon Lanes in Ford City. The local competition will be Jan. 8, 2022 at Mohawk Lanes with both counties attending. There will be a basket raffle during the event and a 50/50 drawing. The public is welcome to purchase tickets for the baskets the day of the event. Drawing will be at the end of the competition. For more information contact Michelle Jordan 814-441-7981 or smileincluded@hotmail.com

Future Trainings: Spring 2022

Athletics will begin at the end of March weather permitting or early April for both counties. Equestrian Training also begins in April in Indiana County. The goal in the spring is to attend the Spring Regional competition in April at Carnegie Mellon and then Summer Games at Penn State in early June. To become an athlete or a volunteer contact Michelle Jordan at the above number or email for registration information and schedule updates.



THE ARC OF PA INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS COVID-19 HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Arc of Indiana County is collaborating with the Arc of Pa, PA Department of Health, and the CDC to create a local regional workgroup consisting of Indiana and Armstrong Counties. The Arc of Indiana has joined this two-year initiative bringing local stakeholders to the table to collect stories, data and county pandemic response and provide this important information to the PA Arc Taskforce and then to the Department of Health and CDC. The Arc of Indiana is looking to find individuals with any disabilities to tell their story and be a part of this policy changing initiative. More information is provided below from the Arc of PA about this initiative. Reach out to us to tell your story about your pandemic experience. Contact Michelle Jordan at 724-349-8230 or mjordan@arcindiana.org

REGIONAL COMMUNITY WORK GROUP COORDINATION: Contact Michelle Jordan if interested in being member of the Armstrong Indiana County Regional Workgroup. 724-349-8230 mjordan@arcindiana.org

Initiative Purpose To bring together disability stakeholders and healthcare provider stakeholders to identify the COVID-19 disparities in the disability community, especially those from populations that are often marginalized, including racial and ethnic minority groups and people living in rural communities.

- To develop an accessible media campaign to educate the disability community on mitigation efforts on COVID-19.
- To report to the PA Department of Health, Findings, and Recommendations: COVID-19 Health Disparities Among the Disability Community, including a Health Equity Plan.

Regional Community Work Group Role:

- ❖ · Identify health disparities and current gaps in services related to COVID-19 in the local disability community through a series of regional listening tour events.
- ❖ · Develop strategies to build capacity for accessible testing sites, mobile testing and vaccine distribution, distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), contact tracing, and promotion of other mitigation efforts.
- ❖ · Provide quarterly recommendations to the statewide COVID-19 Health Disparities Task Force on disparities and health inequities experienced in local Pennsylvania communities.
- ❖ · Build alliances at the regional level to coordinate a holistic approach that builds on culturally, linguistically, and locally tailored strategies and best practices to reduce COVID-19 risk in the disability community (including blind/vision impaired, and deaf/hearing impaired), including individuals from marginalized backgrounds.

Regional Community Work Group Composition:

The Regional Community Work Group should be reflective of the perspectives and demographics of the region. Remember that we are striving to bring together disability stakeholders and healthcare provider stakeholders to identify the COVID-19 disparities in the disability community, especially those from populations that are often marginalized, including racial and ethnic minority groups and people living in rural communities. As you think about building a workgroup that is reflective of the unique racial and ethnic minority groups in a given region, please consider using data or tools such as the United States Census Bureau QuickFacts to clarify racial demographics specific to the county(ies). Workgroup composition includes; health care and medical community, local government agencies, ethnic organizations, disability programs, and service providers, local emergency responders, local community members, and self-advocates.

Spirit Of Food Program Success:

Individuals with disabilities have been at high-risk for complications and death due to COVID-19. Several surveys and research studies conducted show high levels of stress, and depression, from the effects of social isolation and lack of community connection during the pandemic. The Arc of Indiana County created The Spirit of Food Program in the Spring/Summer of 2021, to alleviate the negative effects of isolation, food disparity, decreased community involvement, while promoting inclusion, community connection, and healthy living and eating habits.

The Spirit of Food Program provided a box of food bi-monthly to 45 registered participants in group homes, and individuals residing with parents and caregivers in Indiana and Armstrong communities. The Arc partnered with community Chefs to offer 4 cooking classes held virtually teaching safe food prep, safe utensil usage, and cooking/baking. The program was free of charge to participants with funding provided by PA Links, Disability, and Aging Services. Individuals also received a cookbook and ICCAP provided Pressure cooker/Insta-Pots. Giant Eagle of Indiana assisted with menu order and delivery to the Arc. The Program was a huge success thanks to Logan Paul Arc Intern from IUP, Giant Eagle, Volunteer Chefs, PA Link, and Indiana County Community Action



Program.



Parent Empowerment

Colloquium (PEC):

The Arc of Indiana's first-ever Parent Empowerment Colloquium was held on October 22, 2021, at the Rustic Lodge in Indiana. The PEC was a collaboration with Indiana Area School District and was created to give parents of students with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to attend a one-day informational conference addressing topics from Early Intervention to Secondary Transition. Sessions were offered on various topics ranging from the special education process, autism, the science of literature, secondary transition, becoming an advocate for your child, early intervention, and more. Look for the 2022 PEC next October and all the educational opportunities to explore special education advancements, Secondary Transition, and much more. For more information contact Michelle Jordan at 724-349-8230 or mjordan@arcindiana.org

Annual Arc Basket Raffle:

Held November 12-19th virtually

The Arc of Indiana provides information, education, advocacy, and support for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and for their families. We believe that the earlier a child receives appropriate programs, tools, and services, within the community, the greater the opportunity for the child to live a life in the least restrictive environment and do so successfully with the support of cost-free programs and advocacy through the Arc of Indiana County. We want to thank our contributors and donors for investing in The Arc of Indiana County to advance its mission of promoting and protecting the human rights and full inclusion of Indiana and Armstrong Community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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Annual Arc Basket Raffle 2021

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IndiGO's Shared Ride Program provides transportation for senior citizens and persons with disabilities to travel to appointments, shopping, the hair salon, or anywhere they need to go. Applying for Shared Ride has just become easier with the launch of Find My Ride by the

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Now applicants have the ability to enter demographic information and determine the programs they may be eligible for and apply electronically. Those who qualify schedule Shared Ride trips for shopping, medical appointments, social activities – anywhere in Indiana County. Fares are mileage-based and reasonable.

The cost is \$15 round trip per passenger. (Trips require 2 fare-paying passengers.) All IndiGO vehicles are clean, comfortable, and ADA accessible.

The program can be provided on a one-on-one or group basis for fixed routes or Shared-Ride services. The training provides personalized instruction in the use of IndiGO. This type of instruction includes the practical experience of riding the bus while learning the necessary skills for independent travel.

The one-on-one instruction teaches participants all of the practical skills to travel the Indiana County public transit system with confidence and safety. To schedule a Travel Training, call 724-465-2140.

For more information contact Benda Hill or Linda Mitchell, or go to

www.indigobus.com

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Individual Spotlight Interview



Our spotlight interview this month is with Mahaela (Mikey) Boston from Indiana County. Mikey is proud to be a brand new athlete in the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania Armstong/ Indiana County Special Olympics. She is very involved within her church and works very hard taking care of all her various animals/pets. Mikey is preparing to be an Athlete Leader which is an athlete that helps shape the future of the Special Olympics movements and ensure all people with intellectual disabilities have the opportunity to participate in sports training and competition that is fun and fair.

Q: How did the pandemic affect you:

A: Stuck in the house! Drove me crazy to not be doing the things I'm used to doing. I felt very sad and out of place.

Q: What could you do now that you could during the pandemic:

A: I didn't get to do any activities like hanging with friends, karate, church or even going out to the store!

Q: What are you still limited on doing due to the pandemic:

A: Can't see friends

-Wear a mask (Doesn't like wearing a mask because it's uncomfortable, can't breathe)

Q: How has Special Olympics helped with your mental health:

A: Be more relaxed, Less angry, empowered, more active, more stamina for my other activities like karate.

Q: What do you like about Special Olympics the most:

A: I love going on trips and experiencing new people and places. Doing activities that I love with my friends and trying new things

“The experiences and opportunities that I was given through the Special Olympics pushed me to try new things and add to my other activities. I Feel more advanced and successful”



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Who we are

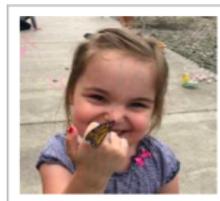
The Local Task Force (LTF) on the Right to Education in Armstrong and Indiana Counties is an advisory group made up of consumers, advocates, and providers of special education.

Consumers, both students with disabilities and parents/caregivers have the majority membership on the LTF.

Provider members represent area school districts, career, and technical centers, ARIN IU 28, and the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program.

Advocate members represent agencies that serve people with disabilities.

What we do



As an advocacy group for students with disabilities, the LTF works to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs.



The LTF gives parents, administrators, students with disabilities, agency representatives, and others a place to share information, discuss their concerns and seek collaborative solutions.



The LTF works to resolve problems and refers individual concerns to the appropriate person or organization.

[Join Us!](#)

Local Task Force Meetings are open to the public. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Meeting announcements appear on the ARIN **website (iu28.org)** and in the Arc of Indiana County's "The Advocate" newsletter that is distributed electronically. The LTF meets five times during the school year, usually on a Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM to noon at the ARIN IU 28 office. Those who are not able to meet in person are welcome to participate virtually. Please see the ARIN website for login information.

Resources for Parents, Caregivers, Educators, and Service Providers:



<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=83a5585be0&e=cb01c63774> Achieva: Compass

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=83a5585be0&e=cb01c63774> Achieva Family Trust: Trust Matters

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=8e79ca4ef3&e=cb01c63774> Administration for Community Living

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=357731a2d3&e=cb01c63774> Autism Connection of PA

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=1005c296b5&e=cb01c63774> The Arc of PA: In Touch

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=0decfa96c0&e=cb01c63774> The Arc of PA: Pennsylvania Message

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=0decfa96c0&e=cb01c63774> The Arc of the United States Annual Report 2020

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=521f3d2a73&e=cb01c63774> Education Law Center

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=d6eb57851c&e=cb01c63774> The International Journal for Direct Support Professionals

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=8558fae81d&e=cb01c63774> The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services: The Impact

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<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=3469978b14&e=cb01c63774> Parent Education Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=ade30fac3a&e=cb01c63774> Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=c31c82b5f5&e=cb01c63774> Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health (PCOH)

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=cdb25f119&e=cb01c63774> Pennsylvania Health Law Project

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=abd52332c5&e=cb01c63774> Policy Information Exchange: Slice of Pie

<https://achieva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=26aa29fbc6030d3b4aa356be3&id=8adbcb64cd&e=cb01c63774> Western Pennsylvania Disability History & Action Consortium (WPDHAC)

<https://patf.us/who-we-are/publications/funding-your-assistive-technology/> Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)

<http://hflapgh.org/> Hebrew Free Loan Association (Pittsburgh)

<https://hflphilly.org/> Hebrew Free Loan Society of Greater Philadelphia
<http://achievafamilytrust.org/charitable-residual-account/> Achieva Family Trust

<https://www.ucpcentralpa.org/services/assistive-technology/> United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania (UCP)

<https://techowlpa.org/> Technology for Our Whole Lives (TechOWL)
<https://techowlpa.org/center/piat/> Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)

<https://www.upmc.com/services/rehab/rehab-institute/services/cat> Center for Assistance Technology (CAT)

<https://www.phila.gov/programs/phlconnected/> PHLConnectED

[Closing the homework gap brief \(att.com\)](#) AT&T eLearning Solutions for Education & Homework Gap AT&T Internet Access Programs for Schools

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www.pacarepartnership.org PENNSYLVANIA CARE PARTNERSHIP

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www.arcindiana.org THE ARC OF INDIANA COUNTY WEBSITE

www.aibdhp.org ARMSTRONG-INDIANA BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

www.cilcp.org THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SOUTH-CENTRAL PA

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Family resources available through the PA Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) [https:// www.pattan.net/Parent-Information](https://www.pattan.net/Parent-Information)

Family resources available through the Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA) website [http:// www.eita-pa.org/families/](http://www.eita-pa.org/families/)

A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/transition/products/postsecondary-transition-guide-may-2017.pdf>

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