



# The Arc<sup>®</sup>

## Wisconsin

### Mission Statement

The Arc Wisconsin advocates for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to improve their quality of life; expand opportunities; and to increase their full inclusion in all aspects of community throughout their lifetimes. The Arc Wisconsin strives to promote awareness and respect for the value, contributions and rights of all people with I/DD.

### Vision Statement

#### ***Our Vision for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Their Families***

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) of all ages are valued members of their communities and are fully accepted and able to participate in and contribute to all aspects of community, including but not limited to school, a job with fair wages, civic activities and places of worship. People with I/DD and their families have access to the support, information, resources and services they need to enjoy the same opportunities in life as people without disabilities.

#### ***Our Vision for The Arc Wisconsin and Local Chapters***

The Arc Wisconsin is the state's leading advocate for people with I/DD of all ages and backgrounds and their families. Chapters of The Arc provide and promote essential services and model best practices that allow people to succeed in living their lives the way they want to with necessary supports. The Arc Wisconsin is a leading public policy voice, ensuring that there are sufficient resources to meet the needs of people with I/DD in every community in our state.



# The Arc Wisconsin Strategic Plan: 2017-2019

The work of The Arc Wisconsin will be guided by a series of external and internal goals and related strategies.

## EXTERNAL GOALS

**Goal I.** Infants, children and youth with I/DD have access to the supports and services they need to live in their family homes, to succeed in school and to partake in all the experiences of childhood.

- **Strategy 1:** Increase the inclusion, participation and integration of students with proper accommodations in their neighborhood schools in general education and in other public settings and activities.
- **Strategy 2:** Increase the quality and accessibility of lay and professional advocates to support people with I/DD and their families, including the development of parent advocate and youth self-advocate groups and essential resources.

**Goal II.** Adults with I/DD have the opportunity to lead lives of their own choosing, to be free from poverty, to be employed, to reside in the community, and to live independently with ready access to whatever services and supports they need.

- **Strategy 1:** Identify and promote best practices in services and supports for people with I/DD related to housing, employment, recreation, and other aspects of community participation.
- **Strategy 2:** Support efforts to rebalance the Medicaid program so that home and community-based services and family support are readily available with consistency and quality statewide.
- **Strategy 3:** Promote and expand Family Support and Future Planning resources that enable families that include a member with I/DD to ensure the individual can lead a good life as independently as possible as needs and supports change across the lifespan.

## INTERNAL GOALS

**Goal III.** The Arc is a powerful advocate for people with I/DD, leading a vibrant, engaged and growing movement of people with I/DD; their family members, friends and colleagues; and the nonprofit organizations that serve them, committed to the full inclusion of people with I/DD in society.

- **Strategy 1:** Build the capacity of all chapters of The Arc to engage in both public policy advocacy and individual advocacy for people with I/DD.
- **Strategy 2:** Dramatically expand the number of members and activists, including obtaining greater participation of families of younger children and people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- **Strategy 3:** Develop a network of well-trained, empowered and informed self-advocates.

**Goal IV.** The Arc is a catalyst advancing best practices among all community-based service providers and the preeminent provider of inclusive services and supports for people with I/DD and their families.

- **Strategy 1:** Promote and share resources on the latest best practices in supports and services for people with I/DD, including specific best practice programs, services and supports offered by chapters of The Arc.
- **Strategy 2:** Share clear direct-service standards related to best practices in services and supports for people with I/DD and their families, contributing to a system of education, training and support to promote organizational improvement aligned with standards.



  
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