



What are Associate Members of The Arc Wisconsin? Information for Advocacy Groups Interested in Working in Partnership with The Arc Wisconsin

1. The Arc Wisconsin is interested in welcoming self-advocacy and other grassroots groups to become ***Associate Members of The Arc Wisconsin***.
2. Associate Members are groups that do not yet meet the qualifications to become a chapter of The Arc (such as not having IRS tax exempt status).
3. Associate Members are encouraged to publicly identify themselves as individual members, supporters or donors of The Arc Wisconsin.
4. At the invitation of The Arc Wisconsin, Associate Members are encouraged to work in partnership on various activities such as:
 - a. Advancing public policy in Wisconsin
 - b. Advancing federal public policy in the U.S.
 - c. Participating in the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organization's activities
 - d. Contributing time to meet the goals of [The Arc Wisconsin Strategic Plan](#)
 - e. Engaging in The Arc Wisconsin learning opportunities
5. Associate Members are encouraged to share information about their Members (e.g. email and street address of each Member) with The Arc Wisconsin. Doing so will enable The Arc Wisconsin to send announcements about learning and advocacy activities related to advocacy, legislation, services, and programs.
6. Associate Members are encouraged to consider becoming a chapter of The Arc Wisconsin and The Arc US in the future.
7. Associate Members may not use or display The Arc's name or logo in its own website or any of its promotional materials, other than to identify itself as a "supporter" of or "donor" to The Arc Wisconsin.

Associate Members are eligible for additional support from The Arc Wisconsin:

1. The Arc Wisconsin must focus its efforts on supporting and advancing the interests of its affiliate chapters. The Arc Wisconsin can commit to additional support of an Associate Member if the advocacy group is on the path to becoming an affiliated chapter of The Arc or the group (or an individual in the group's name) establishes a [recurring monthly gift](#) of at least \$25.
2. Support will last for one year and includes a specific commitment on the part of the group to work toward formal chapter affiliation or the group establishes another ongoing partnership agreement with The Arc Wisconsin.

3. Supports (over one year) to the Associate Member on the path to becoming an affiliated chapter (or monthly gift commitment) include:
 - a. Regular planning calls with The Arc’s Senior Executive Officer, Chapter Growth and Affiliate Relations.
 - b. At least 2 in-person planning meetings with The Arc Wisconsin Director.
 - c. A minimum of one public policy training for the Associate Member group.
 - d. All Associate group members receive The Arc Wisconsin public policy updates and other notices, are invited to all training activities. (Contact information of members must be provided to The Arc Wisconsin.)
 - e. Two Associate group members will be invited to attend a statewide meeting of The Arc Wisconsin affiliated chapters (2 meetings are held annually).
4. Requirements of an Associate Member receiving additional support include:
 - a. Commitment by a steering committee to meet regularly and discuss steps toward adopting and aligning with The Arc’s [Standard Terms and Conditions of Affiliation](#) and [The Arc of the US bylaws](#).
 - b. Taking specific steps toward chapter affiliation and committing signing up a minimum of [5 new Members of The Arc Wisconsin](#). List names of new members below. (Membership = \$10/self-advocate; \$25/individual).
or
 - c. If the group determines they will not be on a path toward formal chapter affiliation, the group establishes (or an individual establishes in the group’s name) a recurring monthly gift of at least \$25.

Commitment of an Associate Member (Choose one option):

List the names of 5 members of the Associate Group’s steering committee who are confirmed as [new members](#) of The Arc Wisconsin.

First and Last Name	Email

Confirmation of [Recurring Monthly Gift](#) (minimum \$25/month)

First and Last Name (or organization)	Email