



..... *Putting the ability in disability*

Mission: The Arc of the Capital Area, a local 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, has been committed to promoting independence and choice by providing individualized services to adults and children with developmental disabilities in Austin and surrounding communities since 1949.

Vision: We envision a future in which people with disabilities and their families have the same opportunities as others to pursue full and productive lives.

Our programs are designed to educate parents and family members, keep children with disabilities out of the justice system and institutions, advocate for basic rights, provide living assistance, and take the stress out of care giving.

Arc of the Capital Area Programs Include:



Guardianship Services, a collaboration with the Travis County Probate Court, the Austin Young Lawyer’s Association and law firms in the community, provides training, technical assistance and pro-bono legal services to help eligible low-income families obtain legal guardianship of a child with a developmental disability who is nearing or has reached adulthood.

Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) is the only program in Central Texas that works directly with local education entities to provide case management, advocacy, and support to Special Education students (ages 11-17) who are involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Family & Caregiver Support Services encompass an array of educational and support services for caregivers and families of children with developmental disabilities, including: specialized respite care, Special Education advocacy, parent mentoring, support groups, and educational workshops.

Case Management Services coordinate a range of community integration services and support to help adults with developmental disabilities who live alone achieve and maintain personal independence. Case Managers assess, monitor and link clients to services such as adaptive aids, health/attendant care, home modifications, housing/rental assistance, and transportation.

Basic Needs & Crisis Assistance Services provide access for people with developmental disabilities and their families to holiday assistance, medical/adaptive equipment and supplies, and crisis assistance to help with housing, utilities, transportation, medical payments, and childcare costs.

The **Arc Art Project** is a new program that provides a series of free art classes for people with developmental disabilities (age 15+). Through this project, volunteer artists are matched with clients to create and showcase works of art in a socially inclusive environment.

Academic Coach Program is another new initiative that matches schoolwork helper volunteers with children with developmental disabilities to help them succeed in school.



We Provide Hope!

Help: We are the only non-profit in the area dedicated solely to supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout their entire life-span.

Opportunity: We advocate for our clients so they may live as equal members of society with the same opportunities to learn, work, and enjoy life.

Potential: We work to create a community where every person is able to realize his or her greatest potential so that they may give back to society.

Education: We support parents as they develop and strengthen their care giving and coping skills, and give families an opportunity to stay together by keeping their family members with disabilities out of institutions.