

The Arc of Illinois and Programs of The Arc of Illinois



The Arc of Illinois
Meg Cooch, Executive Director
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815-464-1832

The Arc of Illinois is Illinois' largest statewide advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Illinois provides legislative advocacy and training for self-advocates, family members, and professionals. Individuals interested in learning about issues important to their loved ones with ID/DD can stay informed and active in shaping the system through membership in The Arc of Illinois.



Illinois Life Span (ILS)
Deb Fornoff, Program Director
www.illinoislifespan.org
708-212-4758
1-800-588-7002

Illinois Life Span provides statewide resources and information on advocacy, services, and supports for individuals with ID/DD, their families, and professionals. Individuals seeking information related to disability supports or services can call our toll-free line or use our website for statewide resources and county specific information.



FAMILY SUPPORT
NETWORK

Family Support Network of Illinois (FSN)
Shirley Perez, Director
www.familysupportnetwork.org
708-331-7370

The mission of the Family Support Network is to unify individuals with disabilities and their families to advocate for funding, services, and community resources that strengthen and support the individual and the family directly by responding to their individual needs and empowering them to live in their own homes. The Family Support Network further seeks to ensure the continuation of all individual supports through the life span of the individual. The FSN has expertise in the adult service system and works with families who have questions/concerns and need assistance.



The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center (F2F)
Faye Manaster, Program Director
www.familyvoicesillinois.org
708-560-6703 — Toll-free English 866-931-1110 and Spanish 800-588-7002

The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center (F2FHIC) is a free service for families of children and youth with special health care needs, funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and The Arc of Illinois. We are part of a national network of 50 F2FHICS, one in each state, and a State Affiliated Organization, Family Voices, Inc. Our staff of experienced parents are here to answer questions about health care and health insurance for families and professionals about children with special health care needs, disabilities and/or chronic illnesses ages birth to 21.



Family Transition Project

Katherine Hamann, Project Director

www.goinghomeillinois.org

708-465-2827

Home and family is at the heart of the Family Transition Project. FTP families have experienced the successful transitions of their loved ones from state operated developmental centers to homes in their communities of choice. We share these successes with families who are contemplating or just beginning the process. We provide compassionate support to families, helpful information, and a lifelong experience in coping with the challenges our loved ones face and the barriers we and they may encounter. But most of all we offer hope that a successful transition is possible and is well worth it.

Ligas Family Advocate Program

Shirley Perez, Director

www.ligasfamilyadvocateprogram.org

708-331-7370



The purpose of the Ligas Family Advocate Program is to provide family-to-family advocacy support for Ligas Class Members, individuals and their families who are selected through the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Prioritization of Urgency of Needs (PUNS) as a result of the Ligas Consent Decree. It is a place to get accurate information about options; as well as exposure to experts in the areas of employment, housing and so much more. We create opportunities for Ligas class members and their families to connect with other families. We are a state-wide organization that allows stakeholders to share their unique perspective in the system.



Consumer Stipend Program

Lee Ann McQuen, Program Director

www.thearcofil.org/events

815-464-1832

The Arc of Illinois administers the Consumer Stipend Program, funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. Consumer stipends are distributed to qualified applicants, enabling individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend conferences/trainings directly related to disability issues.

The Arc of Illinois Training Department

Janet Donahue, Director of Development

www.thearcofil.org/events

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The Arc of Illinois also provides ongoing trainings and conferences throughout the state for self-advocates, family members, and professionals. The Arc of Illinois, through a generous donation, has developed a new *Assistive Technology Program*. This program will fund, or partially fund, the purchase of assistive technology for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who have received an evaluation/assessment from a qualified provider but the purchase is not subsidized by Medicaid, Medicare or Private Insurance. Our goal through the Assistive Technology Program, is to enhance and improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for individuals to receive technology to help with communication, education, employment, community living and independence.

The Arc of Illinois Presents

Technology Assistance

Who Can Apply?

- A person with an intellectual or developmental disability
- Family member on behalf of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability
- Must be an Illinois resident

How Do I Apply?

- The application form must be completed and returned to The Arc of Illinois
- You must include a copy of an evaluation/assessment to show the need for the assistive technology device and what type of device is needed.

CONTACT

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Frankfort, IL 60423
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Our goal through the Assistive Technology Program, is to enhance and improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for individuals to receive technology to help with education, employment, community living and independence.

The maximum amount funded will be \$500.00 per person or family. Upon approval, the device will be shipped directly to the applicant.



Application Form

Assistive Technology Program



Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Fill in the blanks that apply:

1. I am a person with a developmental disability. My disability is _____

2. My family member (circle one: son, daughter, other _____) is a person with a developmental disability. Family Member Name: _____

Their disability is: _____

3. I am the guardian/foster parent of a person with a developmental disability. Their disability is:

4. Age of the person who will be using the equipment: _____

5. The primary purpose for an AT device is related to:

- Early Intervention
 Education
 Community Living
 Employment

6. Do you receive SSI? _____

7. Are you Medicaid eligible? _____

8. Please indicate what service (if any) you are receiving or have received from the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities or the Division of Rehabilitation Services or the Illinois school system.

9. Please describe the assistive technology device for which you would like financial assistance. Also, please let us know what your primary use of the device will be and the amount of assistance needed. Use the back of this form if needed.

The following statement must be signed to validate this request: I am requesting assistance from The Arc of Illinois to receive Assistive Technology Equipment that has been recommended for me by a professional evaluation. I would be unable to purchase this equipment without this support. I promise to complete an evaluation form to let The Arc of Illinois know how this AT device has helped me improve my quality of life and/or live a more independent life. Without evaluations to show the positive outcomes, the funding for this program will come to an end.

Signature _____



Additional Forms
Assistive Technology Program



Release of Liability

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Arc of Illinois and The Arc of Illinois Assistive Technology Program and any and all employees, agent or representatives of same, from damages to property or injuries (including death) to myself, and/or any other person, and any other losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions by any party against The Arc of Illinois and any and all employees, agents or representatives of same, in connection with receiving assistive technology equipment from The Arc of Illinois Assistive Technology Program.

I also understand it is my responsibility to get any technical assistance, data plans or any other help needed to use the equipment. Funding or partial funding for the equipment only is provided through The Arc of Illinois Assistive Technology Program

Signature of Applicant

Date

Authorization for use of Photographs/Names

I/We authorize The Arc of Illinois to share photographs (for promoting the program) and evaluation information to the funders of this program for the specific intent of securing continued funding. In order to continue this program, we need to know that it is successfully helping individuals live a more quality life and/or more independent life.

Signature of Individual, Parent or Guardian

Date

Return your signed application, your Professional Assistive Technology Evaluation and this signed form to:

The Arc of Illinois
20901 S. LaGrange Rd.
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Resources for Assistive Technology Assessment/Evaluation

- For children who receive therapy services in school or through early intervention, check with current providers for assistance with an evaluation/assessment.
- Adults receiving agency-based services, check with your Service Facilitator at the agency or Case Manager at your Independent Service Coordination agency.
- Check with your primary care physician for recommendations or assistance with the request.
- Check with local providers of disability and therapy services.
- Check with local hospitals and medical centers. Many have therapy services and departments.
- Check with local universities to determine whether they offer these services.
- The UIC Department of Disability and Human Development Assistive Technology Unit provides free Assistive Technology Assessments. More information and contact details are available at www.uicatu.org. Referrals can be made via an e-mail to atu@uic.edu or faxed to 312-413-3709.
- If you are enrolled in either the Integrated Care Program (ICP) or the Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) Program, you may check with the care coordinator at your managed care company. Start by calling the toll free customer service number.
- The Illinois Life Span website at www.illinoislifespan.org lists service providers by Service Type, Provider Type and by County. Please check for providers or call us at 1-800-588-7002 for assistance.

Consumer Involvement Program Consumer Stipend Funds

The Arc of Illinois, through a grant from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, administers the Consumer Involvement Program and distributes consumer stipend funds to enable people with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend conferences of their choice that are directly related to developmental disability issues.

Who can apply?

- Illinois resident
- A person with a developmental disability
- Family members of a person with a developmental disability
- A guardian/foster parent of a person with a developmental disability



What Can I Apply For?

- Conference must be directly related to developmental disabilities
- In-state or out-of state conference



What can I use these funds for?

- Conference Registration
- Personal Attendant
- Child Care
- Hotel
- Respite Care
- Transportation
- Meals



How much can I apply for?

- \$400 per person per year
- \$700 per family per year

Limitations:

- Participants are limited to a maximum of two stipends per year per individual or family within funding limit.
- Any single conference is limited to a maximum of 25 consumer stipends or a maximum of \$10,000 which ever occurs first. The stipends are issued on a first come first served basis.
- Organizations are limited to a maximum of 15 consumer stipends per conference submitted on behalf of people in their care.
- Anyone that has not provided complete documentation of and receipts for any Consumer Involvement Fund stipend received is ineligible for any further support until documentation is provided.

How do I apply?

Any Questions? Call 815-464-1832

- **The application form must be completed and returned to The Arc of Illinois with a copy of the conference brochure and a completed registration form.**
- The application must be filled out in the person(s) name attending the conference and hotel/motel information and rates should be included, if requesting.
- All applications and conference registration forms should be received 30 days prior to the date of the conference/workshop.
- Conference or workshop topics must specifically relate to developmental disability issues.
- Stipends are not approved retroactively for previously attended conferences.

Where do I apply?

Complete the application form and mail or fax it to the following address. A **completed copy of the conference registration form and a copy of the conference brochure MUST be submitted with the application.**

**Consumer Involvement Program - The Arc of Illinois
20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209
Frankfort, IL 60423
Fax (24 hours): 815-464-5292**

**Any
Questions
? Call 815
-464-1832**

How do I learn if I get a stipend?

- Completed applications are reviewed by a review team committee to determine whether the conference is related to a developmental disability issue, whether the applicant is eligible for funds, and whether or not there are funds available. A consumer self-advocate serves on the review team.
- Applicants are notified in writing following the review team's decision. Every effort is made to ensure the stipends are received before the scheduled event.
- The maximum financial assistance per year is \$400/person or \$700/family.
- Denials may be appealed in writing to The Arc of Illinois.

Appeal Process:

- If you have been denied a consumer stipend after submitting a complete application, you may appeal the denial.
- To appeal a denial, write a letter stating the reasons for your appeal and either fax it to 815-464-5292 or mail it to:

**The Arc of Illinois, Consumer Involvement - Appeal
20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209
Frankfort, IL 60423**

Requirements of Stipend Fund Users:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that the original application form is complete. Where applications are incomplete, project staff will contact you to try and assist in completing the application; however, it is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that they complete the application accurately.
- **Applications are not considered completed until the conference brochure, conference registration form, and total conference expense details are submitted.**
- Funds must be used for the stated purposes.
- Unused funds are returned so that more people with developmental disabilities can attend more conferences.
- **Receipts are submitted for all expenses funded through the stipend.**
- Any individual, family, or organization that has not provided complete documentation of and receipts for any Consumer Involvement Program stipend funds received is ineligible for further support until such documentation is provided.
- **People using stipends must complete and submit a post-conference evaluation form and are expected to:**
 1. use the information received through the conference attended to make a change in their life or to share the information with others.
 2. include on the evaluation form what changes have been made or information shared after the conference.



Application Form - Consumer Involvement Program Consumer Stipend Funds



Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Fill in the blanks that apply:

- I am a person with a developmental disability. My disability is _____
- My family member (circle one: son, daughter, other _____) is a person with a developmental disability.
Family Member Name: _____
Their disability is: _____
- I am the guardian/foster parent of a person with a developmental disability. Their disability is: _____

Names and date of birth (DOB) of all family members attending the conference/workshop.

- _____ DOB _____
- _____ DOB _____
- _____ DOB _____
- _____ DOB _____

Name of conference/workshop you want to attend: _____

Dates _____ Location _____

Have you used the Consumer Stipend Project before?

If so, when _____ For what conference? _____

Enter amount of financial assistance needed for (maximum received is \$400/person or \$700/family):

Registration	\$ _____	Child Care	\$ _____
Attendant	\$ _____	Respite Care	\$ _____
Hotel	\$ _____	Meals	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____		

Total Costs \$ _____

The following statement must be signed to validate this request: I am requesting assistance from The Arc of Illinois, through funding from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, to attend a conference that I would be unable to attend without this support. I promise to use the funds for the stated purposes and to submit receipts for all expenditures funded through this stipend. I will also complete a post-conference evaluation form.

Signature _____



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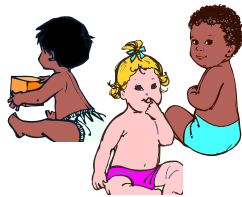


Family to Family Health Information Center

Executive Director: Meg Cooch
Family to Family Director: Faye Manaster
Outreach Coordinator: Ashley Farland

Your Statewide Health Information Resource for families of children and youth with special needs.

The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center serves families and friends of children and youth up to age 21 who have special health care needs, disabilities and chronic illnesses.



Contact Us Today!

We are here to help YOU!

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Call us toll free at 1-866-931-1110



The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center

The Family to Family Health Information Center is here to answer your questions about health and health care!

These are some of the questions that we answer every day:

1. How can I get health insurance for my child with special needs?
2. How can my child's health needs be taken care of during the school day?
3. Who can help me find medical care for my child?
4. How can my family get help in paying medical bills?
5. How can I help my teenager with special needs get ready for the future?

We Are Here to Help YOU!

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A collaborative project with Family Voices of Illinois, we are part of a national network speaking on behalf of children and youth with special health care needs.

(www.familyvoices.org)



WE OFFER:

- **Information and referral services**
- **Health-related training opportunities for families, youth and professional helpers (providers)**
- **Specialized training for parent leaders and organizations**
- **Linkages to local, regional, statewide and national partners**

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2017-2018 Schedule of Trainings/Seminars



- ◆ **August 24, 2017** - *“Ligas Informational Seminar”* Hosted by Park Lawn, Oak Lawn, IL
- ◆ **September 14, 2017** - *“Illinois Health Care Coverage Options and Benefits for People with Disabilities”* Doubletree Hotel, Alsip, IL
- ◆ **October 3, 2017** - *“The Arc of Illinois Living With Autism Conference”* Special Guest Speaker—Ron Suskind, Author of *Life, Animated*, Paula Kluth, Ph.D. and Mo Buti, M.Ed. Hilton Hotel, Lisle, IL
- ◆ **October 30-November 1, 2017**— *Speak Up and Speak Out Summit* funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, Wyndham Hotel, Springfield, IL
- ◆ **January 23, 2018** - *“16th Annual QIDP Leadership Conference”* Doubletree Hotel, Alsip, IL
- ◆ **February 1-2, 2018** - *“The Arc of Illinois Leadership Conference”* Hilton Hotel, Lisle, IL
- ◆ **March 16, 2018** - Brian Rubin, J.D., Sherri Schneider & Benjamin Rubin, J.D., *“Planning for the Future for Children & Adults with Special Needs”* - Hosted by Schaumburg Township, Hoffman Estates, IL
- ◆ **March 22, 2018** - *“6th Annual Arc Ligas Family Advocate Informational Seminar”* Heritage Plaza, Chicago, IL
- ◆ **April 20, 2018** - Brian Rubin, J.D., Sherri Schneider & Benjamin Rubin, J.D., *“Planning for the Future for Children & Adults with Special Needs”* - Hosted by Hope Institute, Springfield, IL
- ◆ **April 25-26, 2018** - *“The Arc of Illinois 68th Annual Convention”* - Hilton Hotel, Lisle, IL

**More to be
Announced Soon!**

JOINING The Arc is easy...

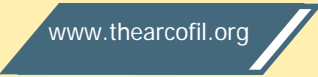
Please complete the membership application and return it with your payment in the amount of :

- _____ \$25 Individual Annual Membership
- _____ Lifetime Membership with a \$1000 or more donation

Payment Options:

- Make checks payable to: The Arc of Illinois
- Charge to my Visa, Mastercard or Discover*

Please send to: The Arc of Illinois
 20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209
 Frankfort, IL 60423
 phone: 815-464-1832
 fax: 815-464-5292



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP + 4 _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Congressional District: _____ State Representative District: _____

State Senate District: _____ County Board District: _____

***NAME AS IT APPEARS ON MASTERCARD, VISA OR DISCOVER:**

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

CARD HOLDER'S SIGNATURE _____

Join The Arc of Illinois

Join Illinois' largest statewide advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities!

- Are you a person with an intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) who wants to be heard?
- Do you care about someone with autism, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, or any other I/DD?



"The Arc of Illinois is committed to empowering persons with disabilities to achieve full participation in community life through informed choices."



The Arc of Illinois CARES about all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

- Early Intervention
- School
- Leisure
- Work
- Home
- Family
- Friends



Join The Arc of Illinois

Why should I belong to The Arc of Illinois?



So Your Voice is Heard.

The Arc of Illinois advocates for funding and legislation to benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).



So You Are Not Alone.

When you belong to The Arc, you receive support from other families and learn from the experiences of others.

So You Can Find Support and Services.

Use the website at www.illinoislifespan.org to find useful information on anything related to intellectual and developmental disabilities.

So You Can Make A Difference.

You belong to an organization committed to progressive legislation to protect rights and improve services for people with I/DD.



So You Can Learn & Network.

Members receive a 10% discount on all The Arc of Illinois trainings, seminars and conferences.

So You Can Receive Benefits from The Arc U.S.

When you become a member of The Arc of Illinois, you are a member of The Arc of the United States. Visit The Arc U.S. website at www.thearc.org for important news, current disability policy issues and valuable online resources.

The Arc of the United States

Benefits of Membership:

Membership in The Arc provides a sense of purpose and belonging. As a member of The Arc, you will have access to indispensable information and resources. The Arc helps self-advocates and families by creating opportunities, so they can achieve their goals. Benefits include but are not limited to:

- Public policy advocacy for systems change at the state and local level
- Empower: Real People, Real Progress, a quarterly newsletter focused on The Arc's advocacy initiatives.
- The Arc's E-newsletter, a bi-monthly e publication spotlighting public policy victories for the disability community, activities of The Arc and more.
- Capitol Insider, a weekly roundup of major events from Capitol Hill
- Action Alerts, real-time emails letting you know when immediate and mass public action is critical.
- The Arc's Online Community, a forum to share and receive valuable information on a variety of topics, including discussion boards.
- Check www.thearc.org for a list of partners with programs and services available to members.