

Fast Facts

About Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

- One in 10 Montgomery County households includes a child or adult with I/DD
- Thousands of people with I/DD living in Maryland are on a waiting list for basic support services
- I/DD includes diagnoses such as Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, fetal alcohol syndrome, brain injury and more
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities are caused by genetics, problems in pregnancy or at delivery, birth defects, health problems (diseases, malnutrition, environmental toxins), and trauma

About The Arc Montgomery County

- A local chapter of The Arc, the largest organization in the world for people with I/DD and their families
- One of the oldest and largest nonprofit agencies in Montgomery County with annual operating budget of approximately \$24 million and over 475 staff
- Provider of daily direct support services to nearly 600 adults, youth & children, and their families
- Receives funding from federal, state and local governmental agencies (including DDA, DHMH, SSA, MSDE, and more), donations, fee-for-service payments and commercial business operations
- Hosts two signature fundraising events annually: Gala (fall) and Duck Festival (spring)

About The Arc Montgomery County's Programs and Services

- Fully-inclusive child care for children ages 6 weeks-10 years *with and without* disabilities and medical needs
- After-school and summer care for youth ages 11-21
- Community living support for children and adults living in the family home or living independently
- Full residential support at 39 single family homes, townhomes, and individual apartments or condos
- Work skills training and other employment-related services for adults and youth transitioning from school
- Active options for retirees and senior citizens with I/DD
- Respite care (short-term relief for caregivers of people with I/DD and frail senior citizens)
- Urban Thrift store internship and employment opportunities
- Support groups and workshops for siblings, self-advocates, transitioning youth, and Hispanic families

About The Arc Montgomery County's Mission and Inclusion Agenda

- Mission—The Arc Montgomery County identifies, creates and sustains *inclusive communities* that embrace and engage individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Definition of Inclusion—All people are valued members of their communities with equal rights; everyone has the opportunity to make choices and construct a fulfilling life by developing mutual, authentic and lasting connections with other people; each individual is appreciated and celebrated for his or her abilities.
- Benefits of Inclusion—Changed perceptions of people with I/DD; elimination of barriers; development of a stronger Montgomery County community.