



**The Arc**  
of South Carolina

**Respect. Dignity. Inclusion**

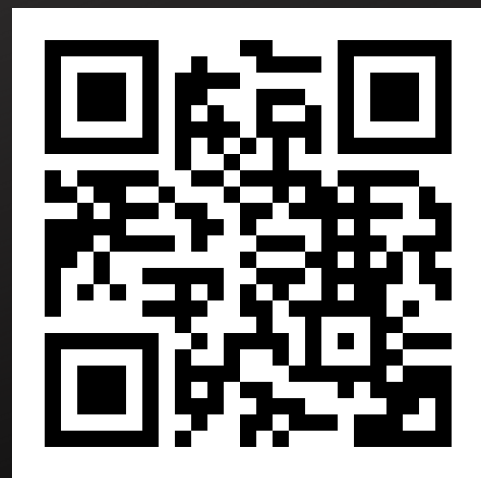
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*Who we are  
&  
What we do!*

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# A Leader in Disability Rights

The Arc is the largest national community-based organization advocating for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and serving them and their families. We work tirelessly to uphold our vision that every individual and family living with IDD has access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

With hundreds of state and local chapters across the country, The Arc's chapter network is on the frontlines from first breath to last to ensure that people with IDD have the support and services they need to be fully engaged in their communities. [Find a chapter near you.](#)



# History of The Arc

More than 70 years ago, families refused to accept that their children were less than worthy of inclusion because of their disabilities. Driven by their collective desire to raise their children at home - not in an institution - and for those children to have access to an education like everybody else - The Arc came to life.

In 1950, little was known about IDD. There were virtually no community-based programs or activities to assist in the development and care of people with IDD or to support their families. Doctors told parents that the best place for their children with disabilities was in an institution, hidden away from their communities. But The Arc's founding families wanted more.

We are grateful to those families that took a stand for equality, and for the many that followed and continue the work.

We are energized by the self-advocacy movement and all the individuals with IDD who bring forward their powerful leadership, advocacy, and vision for a more inclusive future.

**And we are thankful for our many allies.**

In a diverse and growing disability rights movement, we need all hands on deck, because our job is far from over.

# Our Mission

The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

# Our Impact

With your help, we are working every day to build a future of inclusive work, play, worship, community, travel, and more.



# Our Core Values

**Human Dignity:** People with IDD have human dignity. The lives of people with IDD have value.

**Personhood:** People with IDD have varying strengths, abilities, and interests. Each person is unique.

**Choice:** People with IDD can make decisions about their lives. People with IDD should be supported to do so as requested or needed.

**Rights:** People with IDD have human and civil rights, which must be protected.

**Community:** People with IDD are part of and contribute to the fabric of society. Everyone benefits when people with IDD are present and participate.

**Support:** People with IDD have differing support needs. Society must support people with IDD to achieve their full potential. Society should also help families who provide support for loved ones with IDD.

**Equity:** Society must remove barriers and correct injustices that limit opportunities for people with IDD. Extra action is needed to help people with IDD and their families who face other forms of bias or discrimination.

**Diversity:** Human diversity is beautiful and powerful. We celebrate, honor and seek to understand the difference in our identities and life experiences.

# Our Guiding Principles

**Advocacy First:** The Arc is a disability rights organization. We work with and for people with IDD, their families, and our communities to achieve change. We use the power of advocacy to improve the lives of people with IDD.

**Stronger Together:** The Arc unites our chapters to advance the human rights and wellbeing of people with IDD and their families. The success of our advocacy depends on the strength of the chapter network. We are stronger together.

**Quality and Excellence:** The Arc provides programs and services that people with IDD and their families want and depend upon in their daily lives. We strive for quality and excellence in all we do.

**Shared Leadership:** The Arc actively engages people with IDD and their family members in leading and guiding our work. These voices are the most important. The strong partnership between volunteers, experts, and the people we serve is critical to our mission.

**Consensus:** The Arc leads by building consensus around a clear vision for the future of people with IDD. We unite and mobilize people behind goals and strategies that will make that vision a reality.

**For All People with IDD:** The Arc works with and for ALL people with IDD. While our work also helps all people with disabilities, our priority is people with IDD and their families.

**Partnership:** The Arc works in coalition with other disability, civil rights, and human services groups. We value joint effort and step up to provide leadership when needed.

**Open and Accountable:** The Arc is accountable to people with IDD, their families, donors, and the public. We are committed to honesty and transparency.

**Identity and Language:** The Arc respects the rights of people with IDD to decide if or when to self-identify and the language they use when doing so.

# Our Team

## Executive Staff Members

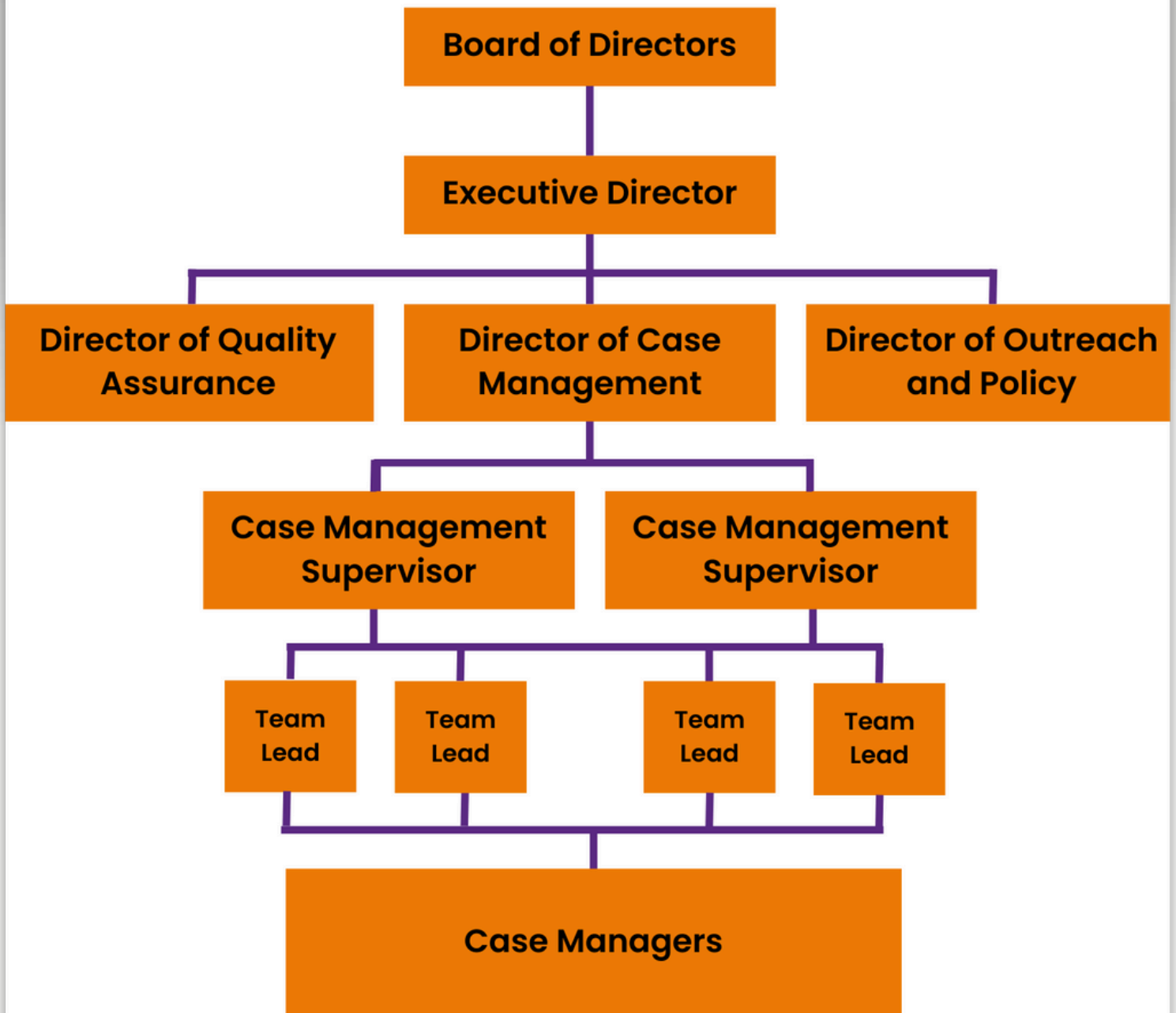
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## Organizational Chart





# Services

## Case Management



Looking for  
Assistance  
& Support?

Let our team  
help you!



We Provide Person-Centered  
Case Management Services

The Arc of South Carolina promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual & developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

### Our Case Managers

- Address Needs & Concerns
- Coordinate Resources to Meet Your Needs
- Provide Information & Support
- Create & Develop Opportunities
- Monitor & Evaluate Services
- Construct Lifelong Plans
- Assure Plan Achievement
- Educate the Community



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**Call Today!**  
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Our team is on the frontlines to ensure that people with intellectual & developmental disabilities have the support & services they need to be fully engaged in their communities.

# Services

## Wings for All



**Wings for All® is an airport rehearsal program designed specifically for individuals with Autism or other intellectual disabilities.**

**Families are given the opportunity to practice entering the airport, going through TSA security, and locating their gate area. Once they pass TSA security, families are encouraged to explore the airport and become familiar with the environment before boarding the plane. A small reception is held for all participants with light snacks and refreshments.**

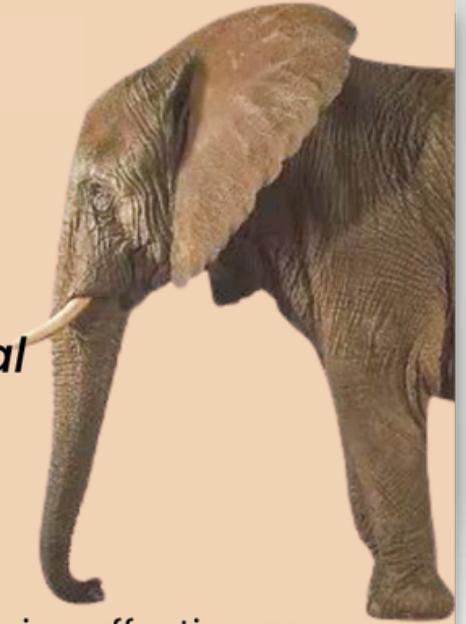
**Wings for All® is a national program of The Arc of the US.**

**For additional information, visit our website at [arcsc.org](http://arcsc.org) or contact The Arc of South Carolina at [thearc@arcsc.org](mailto:thearc@arcsc.org).**

# Services

## The Elephant in the Room

*An educational program for parents of teens or young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to:*



- become more confident and prepared in having effective, age-appropriate conversations about healthy relationships, appropriate behavior, and sex
- tailor this information to their child's learning style and needs
- learn how to spot signs of sexual abuse, and what to do about it
- network with other parents



**For more details, email us at  
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or call us at 803-748-5020.**



[Download the Guide Here!](#)

# Services

## Walk This Way!



WORK OUT WITH US!

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# WALK THIS WAY!

It's a great way to get out, meet friends, and stay active!

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Visit [arcsc.org/wtw](https://arcsc.org/wtw)  
to learn more!

JOIN TODAY!

[TINYURL.COM/THEARCSCWALKTHISWAY](https://tinyurl.com/thearcscwalkthisway)

Walk This Way is about getting people in the community together to promote and increase physical activity, healthy eating, and new friendships. The program includes people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities that walk or roll with one another in community walking groups.

Visit our website for resources on how you can get started today!



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## Best Buddies



**BESTBUDDIES**  
Friendship, Jobs, Leadership Development & Living



“Best Buddies gives people with special abilities a chance to make friends, speak up, be heard and advocate for themselves and others within their community.”

**\*Must be 18 years of age or older to register\***

Registration is only open during August/September of each year and runs through the USC academic year.

Register for Best Buddies online at  
[forms.bestbuddies.org/4895599](https://forms.bestbuddies.org/4895599)

For instructions on how to register, visit  
[tinyurl.com/ArcSCBestBuddiesHowTo](https://tinyurl.com/ArcSCBestBuddiesHowTo)

If you need assistance with the registration application, contact your case manager or email [thearc@arcsc.org](mailto:thearc@arcsc.org).



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## ALERT Program



**A.L.E.R.T.**

### Autism Law & Emergency Response Training

Is your department prepared to serve individuals with autism in an emergency situation?

The Arc of South Carolina's ALERT program provides training for First Responders to help them recognize an individual who might be on the autism spectrum, learn effective communication methods while providing practical skills and tools necessary to help reduce or eliminate a potentially dangerous situation during an emergency.

The ALERT program will also teach you...

- How to understand the challenges individuals with autism spectrum disorder may experience during an emergency situation
- How a person with autism spectrum disorder may respond in a search and rescue situation and what to do to help
- How to treat individuals with autism as a patient and how to provide care
- Communication strategies to help alleviate the stress of an emergency, how to de-escalate a meltdown, and much more!

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Interested in becoming an ALERT trainer? Every training is led by a First Responder who has a family member on the autism spectrum or some other close relationship to autism. Email us at [thearc@arcsc.org](mailto:thearc@arcsc.org) or call us at (803) 748-5020 for information on how to schedule a training session for your department or how to become an ALERT trainer with The Arc of South Carolina. Participants may be eligible for Continuing Education Credits.

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## Supported Decision Making



The SC Supported Decision Making Project is a collaboration between Able SC, The Arc of South Carolina, Family Connection of South Carolina, and Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. It began on July 1, 2016 and is funded by the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council. The SC Supported Decision Making Project seeks to increase awareness of Supported Decision Making in South Carolina and promote alternatives to guardianship that allow individuals with disabilities to retain control of their lives. The Project's activities include:

- Creating Informational Materials
- Family Trainings
- Professional Trainings
- Family Counseling Sessions
- Systemic Advocacy

For questions about Supported Decision Making, please email [jdavison@able-sc.org](mailto:jdavison@able-sc.org).

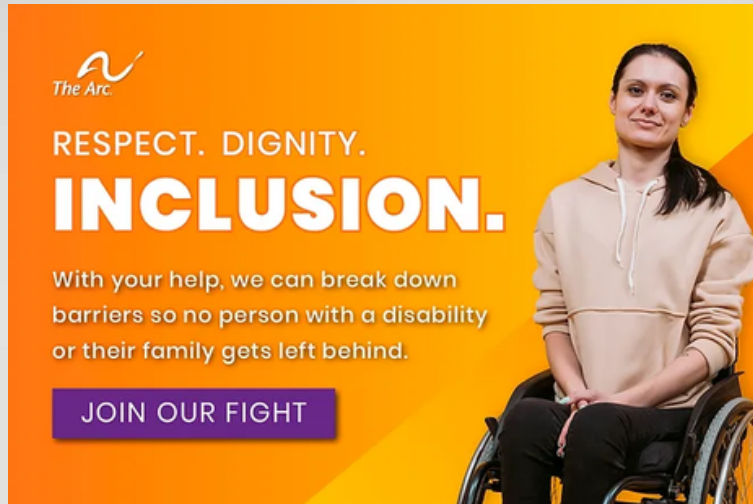
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[scsupporteddecisionmaking.org](http://scsupporteddecisionmaking.org)

# Policy & Advocacy

[arcsc.org/policyandadvocacy](https://arcsc.org/policyandadvocacy)



For nearly 70 years, The Arc has been at the forefront of the fight for the civil rights and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families, playing a lead role in major victories in civil rights, community living, education, income security, and other important issues.

We have fought to close institutions and make life in the community possible, we have opened the school doors for students with disabilities to be included in the classroom alongside peers without disabilities, and we have advocated for affordable health care access. We are at the table for every major public policy fight and advancement impacting the lives of people with disabilities. We still have work to do, but we know we can succeed with strong federal policy advocates working hand in hand with grassroots activists like you. Visit our [Policy & Advocacy](https://arcsc.org/policyandadvocacy) page to learn about the top issues we focus on in our fight for the civil rights of people with disabilities.



# Call to Action!

[arcsc.org/calltoaction](https://arcsc.org/calltoaction)



**Make sure your lawmakers know how important it is to invest in disability supports and services NOW and to make critical updates to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) so that everyone can access the care they need and not have to live in poverty.**

**Share your stories with members of Congress! Your personal stories have power, and your members of Congress must hear them. Share with them why **#CareCantWait!****

## **How Can You Advocate?**

- **Check the website of your members of Congress to see what options they have to connect. You may find in-person or virtual options. You can find information about your members of Congress [here](#).**
- **Join town hall meetings hosted by your representatives or senators and ask questions about issues that are important to the disability community. You can find upcoming town hall meetings at [townhallproject.com](https://townhallproject.com).**
- **Post on social media about issues that matter to you. Make sure to tag your members of Congress. You can find a list of Congressional Twitter handles [here](#). Members of Congress also have public Facebook pages on which you can comment.**
- **Share your stories and write letters to your members of Congress. You can find helpful prompts and pre-written letters from The Arc on big disability issues at [thearc.com/action](https://thearc.com/action).**

# Share Your Story

[arcsc.org/shareyourstorytoday](http://arcsc.org/shareyourstorytoday)



**The South Carolina Partnership of  
Disability Organizations and  
The Arc of South Carolina  
Proudly Present**

## *The Share Your Story Project*

*Every individual in the special needs  
community has a unique story to tell.*

*Visit our website at [scpdo.org](http://scpdo.org) to learn how you  
can let your voice be heard!*

# #DisabilityAdvocacyDaySC

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## What is Disability Advocacy Day?

The South Carolina Partnership of Disability Organizations (SCPDO) is a coalition of organizations whose aim is to assure self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with severe lifelong disabilities in all aspects of society. Collectively, we advocate for more than 500,000 people with severe, lifelong disabilities in South Carolina.

Disability Advocacy Day is a grassroots effort organized by advocacy organizations all across the state to educate our governor and legislators about the lives, challenges and needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

We invite the public, lawmakers, and community partners to attend the Disability Advocacy Day celebration to bring about a call to action to unlock barriers to success and preserve services and supports for people with disabilities. We will gather on the first Wednesday in March, on the North grounds of the South Carolina State House. Events include a walk, a rally, and speeches by community partners, self-advocates, and others.

Every individual in the disability community has a unique story to tell whether a parent, sibling, professional, extended family member or supporter. Stories are a powerful advocacy tool. In many cases, storytelling is necessary to help give lawmakers an accurate picture of the reality of people's lives. It allows them to truly understand the challenges that families face so they can see how their decisions have a direct impact on their lives. When you share your story with your representatives, it helps them remember that when policy decisions are being made about people who have disabilities, it's affecting the lives of real people. By helping your legislator see what life looks like where you stand, you can help improve the conditions for everyone who has a disability, their families, and caregivers. Your story cannot be wrong; it is your own, personal experience, and your experience has value and meaning.

If you would like to know more about Disability Advocacy Day and how you can get involved, please email us at [scpdoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:scpdoinfo@gmail.com).

# Resources

## SC Disability Resource Directory

# Statewide Disability RESOURCE Directory



[arcsc.org/scdisabilityresourcedirectory](http://arcsc.org/scdisabilityresourcedirectory)

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## Resource Handbook

The Arc of South Carolina

# Resource Handbook

For People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

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[arcsc.org/resourcehandbook](http://arcsc.org/resourcehandbook)

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What Parents of  
Children with  
Disabilities Should  
Know

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The Adult's Guide  
to Disability  
Programs,  
Services &  
Resources in  
South Carolina

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 **FAQ**  
Frequently Asked Questions



Things to Consider Before Moving to  
South Carolina When You Have a  
Child With Intellectual and  
Developmental Disabilities.

**How to Apply  
for Disability  
Programs,  
Services &  
Resources in  
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# Resources

[arcsc.org/scdisabilityresourcedirectory](http://arcsc.org/scdisabilityresourcedirectory)

**South Carolina Roadmap to Developmental Screening for Children Birth to 36+ Months**



**Applying for Services with the Department of Disabilities & Special Needs (DDSN)**



**Applying for South Carolina Medicaid with the SC Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)**



**Applying for "Katie Beckett" TEFRA**

**Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982**



**How to Apply for Social Security Benefits When You Have a Child With a Disability**



**Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver Services**



**Special Education Services**



**South Carolina Department of Education Special Education State Regulations & Resources**



**Need IEP Assistance?**

[Click here to view the slideshow.](#)

**Special Education Services**  
in South Carolina



**Learn More About Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**



**What Can You Expect as Your Child Transitions From One Stage to the Next?**



**From School Services to Adult Services**



**How to Advocate for Services & Supports in South Carolina**



**Alternatives to Guardianship & Supported Decision Making**



**Your Vote is Your Voice!**



**The Arc's Center for Future Planning**



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**The Arc's  
Free Financial Planning  
Resources**



Financial planning for people  
with disabilities and their families


**Palmetto Able  
Savings Program**

Are you eligible?  
Take their quiz.



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**Making My Own  
Healthcare Decisions  
For People with  
Disabilities**

**COVID-19 Updates &  
Resources**




**Emergency Planning:  
Preparing for the  
Unexpected**



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SUICIDE  
& CRISIS  
LIFELINE**

SOUTH CAROLINA  
**Hurricane  
Guide** 2022



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Crisis Care & Mental Health Wellness





Visit our website at  
[arcsc.org/employment](https://arcsc.org/employment)  
to learn about  
employment  
opportunities available  
in your area.

**Join Our Team and Make a Difference!**

Our case managers serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ensure their needs, desires and goals are honored through a person-centered approach.

The case manager works with individuals, families, service providers and other stakeholders to assess needs, provide information, referrals and support, identify opportunities and facilitate the individuals' participation in the community of their choice.

**Visit**  
**[arcsc.org/employment](https://arcsc.org/employment)**  
**or email us at**  
**[thearc@arcsc.org](mailto:thearc@arcsc.org) for**  
**more information.**





## *We Need Your Support*

Your tax-deductible donation will help support advocacy, and our community outreach and education efforts which involve individuals with disabilities, their families, supporters, and the community at large.

**Donate Today!**



Please visit us at [arcsc.org](http://arcsc.org) to learn more about The Arc of South Carolina.  
Visit our national chapter at [thearc.org](http://thearc.org).



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