

The Arc California



“The Arc is the nations oldest and largest association for people with intellectual and all other developmental disabilities and their

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The Core Values of The Arc

- People First
- Equity
- Community
- Self-determination
- Diversity



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Guiding Principles

- Participatory Democracy
- Visionary Leadership
- Public Interest
- Collaboration
- Transparency, Integrity and Excellence



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.



Chapters of The Arc of CA

1. The Arc of Alameda County
2. The Arc of Amador & Calaveras Counties
3. Bakersfield Arc
4. The Arc of Butte County
5. Contra Costa Arc
6. The Arc of Fresno
7. The Arc of Imperial Valley
8. People First of California
9. The Arc of San Diego
11. The Arc of Riverside
12. The Arc of San Francisco
13. Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara
14. The Arc of Solano
15. The Arc of South Bay
16. The Arc of Los Angeles, Orange Counties
17. The Arc of Taft
18. The Arc of Ventura County
19. The Arc of San Bernardino
20. The Arc of San Joaquin
21. Placer Arc
22. DesertArc
23. Desert Area Resource Center

Supporters...

Orange County Adult Achievement Center

Over 10,000 members in California and 250,000 members nationwide making The Arc the largest membership association for parents, families, self-advocates and supporters in the country. Also the latest Forbes poll indicates The Arc is the eighth largest non-profit organization in the nation.

Projects of The Arc of California

- Community Organizing
- State Chapter of the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals - pending.
- Advocacy Training
- IPP Training
- The Lanterman Coalition
- State Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- Direct Support Professional Training



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Publications

- Monday Morning Memo
- Infusion - National
- Annual State Budget Report
- Capitol Insider
- National Legislative Agenda



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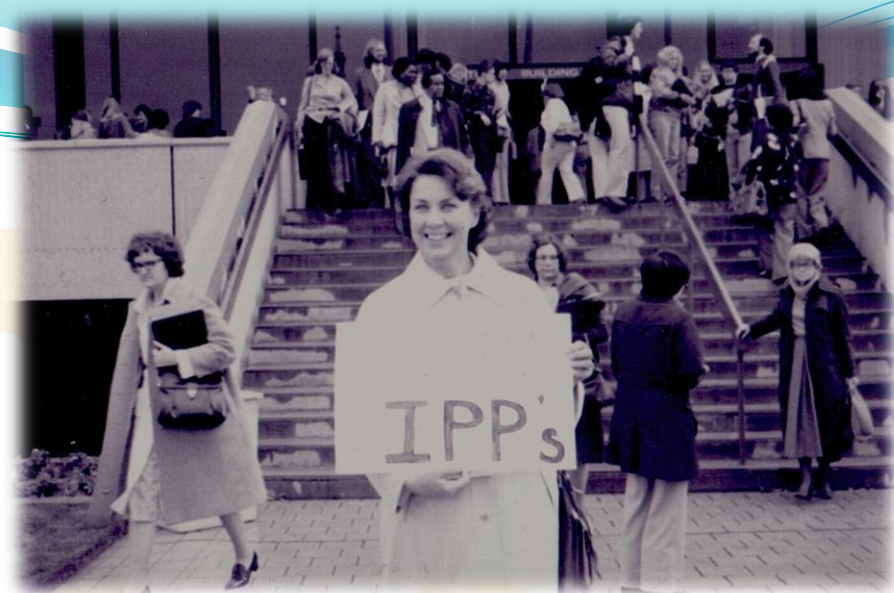
Public Policy: State Budget Outcomes Impacting I/DD and Their Families

System-wide funding for 2011-12 is \$4.6 billion (\$2.6 billion General Fund).

- In FY 2009-10 \$334 million in GF savings + 3% reduction in payments to providers/rc
- FY 2010-11 an additional \$200 million + 4.25% (\$91.5 mil GF) reduction in payments to providers/rc
- FY 2011-12 was decreased by \$576.9 million GF (Jan proposal was \$750 mil)
- \$402.9 million GF = 4.25% reduction in payments to providers/rc, federal income offsets, admin controls, cuts to dc's, prevention cut, and additional rc cuts.
- \$174 million in GF reductions to be achieved through proposals developed by the Department and submitted to the Legislature for consideration.
 - \$55.6 million GF available in FY 2011-12 budget was off a little
 - \$39.3 million GF in contracts, more FFP, and OPS.
 - \$79.1 million GF Lanterman Act Changes (see the ten changes later)
- Budget reduces Developmental Centers by \$39.5 million.



Public Policy: Changes to the Lanterman Act in 2011



1. Court Appointed Expert
2. E-Billing
3. Annual Family Program Fee
4. Use of Generic Services and Private Insurance and the Requirement to Provide Copies of Health Benefits Cards
5. Special Education Instead of Adult Services for Consumers Between the Ages of 18-22
6. Early Start - Transfer of the Prevention Program
7. Maximizing Resources for Behavioral Services™
8. Transportation Services
9. Supported Living Services
10. Tailored Day Service and Vouchered Community-Based Training Service
11. Mixed Payment Rates in Residential Facilities with Alternative Residential Model (ARM) Rates

Public Policy: State Lobby

- Registered Lobbyist in Sacramento, California
- Conduct Grassroots Advocacy Campaigns
- Track 100 bills a year
- Monitor floor sessions and committees addressing issues impacting people with developmental disabilities and their families in the following categories:

Children & Families, Criminal Justice , General Systemic , Health & Medical , Housing, In Home Support Services, Mental Health, Olmstead Related, Special Education, Work, Prevention & FASD

Public Policy: State Budget

Ongoing Budget Related Positions

- Protection of the California Lanterman Act
- Protect an individual's right in their IPP to determine the supports and services they need.
- Invest in Direct Support Professionals
- A comprehensive State Commitment to Prevention



Public Policy: National Lobby

- Full office of registered professional lobbyists in Washington, DC.
- National Disability Policy Seminar: 500+ advocates
- Monthly Conference Call Updates on Congress and the Administration.
- Weekly and Monthly publication updates on national policy.



National Advocacy

- Budget & Appropriations
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Employment
- Health Care
- Housing
- Long Term Services & Supports
- Medicaid
- Social Security
- Transportation



Public Policy: Work Groups

- Represents our constituents at all ad hoc DDS stakeholder meetings
- Three representatives from The Arc of CA serve on the national board of The Arc.
- The Olmstead Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Health and Human Services - **Appointed** by Kim Belshe, then Dianna Dooley, Secretary of CA Health and Human Services Agency.
- The California Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council - **Appointed** by Dr. Raymond Peterson, Chair.
- Governors Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Education & Employment Subcommittee - **Appointed** by Janice Emerzian, Ed.D. Chair.
- Chairs the Lanterman Coalition, a coalition of ten of the states largest and most influential statewide stakeholder groups.
- Think Tank on Abuse of People with Developmental Disabilities.
- The California Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Task Force.
- Member of the California Compassionate Care Coalition, Developmental Disabilities Workgroup.
- Community Advisory Committee to the Tarjan Center, the University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities at UCLA.
- Planning Committee for the Supported Life Institute Conference, the largest California conference supporting community inclusion.
- The California Task Force on Mental Health Services for People with Developmental Disabilities.
- Member of the California Association of Voting Advocates - a statewide voting rights and access and participation.
- Member of the California Affordable Housing Coalition
- Member of the statewide workgroup on Disaster Planning and response headed by the Dept of Developmental Services.
- President of the National Conference of Executives of The Arc.
- Organizer for the CA Alliance for Full Participation
- Etc., etc., etc.

Conferences



- National
 - Convention
 - Public Policy
 - NCE - Executive Directors Summer Training
- State
 - Convention
 - Strategic Planning
 - Public Policy
- Annual Planning for the Supported Life Conference
- And more...



Executive Staff:

Professional Development

- **CCE:** Support from colleagues in the California Conference of Executives of The Arc - plus quarterly meetings.
- **NCE:** Support from colleagues in the National Conference of Executives of The Arc - annual meeting and topical conference prior to the national convention.
- **Training:**
 - Annual Summer Training for Executives of The Arc.
 - A National Network and List Serv for Executives of The Arc to help focus on the unique expectations of an advocacy oriented executive director.

Association and Member Benefits

National Projects

- National Initiatives of The Arc
- Walmart School to Community Transition
- Autism NOW: The National Autism Resource and Information Center
- Expanded Employment Choice for Employees with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)
- Self-Advocates with FASD in Action (The SAFA Network)
- Down Syndrome Grant Program

State Only

- Therap - Significant Discount for Chapters
- Essential Learning
- Aflac Special Association Benefit (State Only)
- Pre-Paid Legal

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Questions?

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