

The Arc of the Capital Area | 2014 Annual Report





MISSION STATEMENT

We empower Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through compassionate case management and innovative programs.

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The Arc of the Capital Area will be the community's trusted and comprehensive resource for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We connect individuals and families to education, work, recreation, and lifelong services so they achieve lives of joy and dignity.

ABOUT THE ARC OF THE CAPITAL AREA

The Arc of the Capital Area was founded in 1949 to advocate for the welfare of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and support their families. In the past 66 years, the programs and services of The Arc have evolved to address the ever-changing

and expanding array of issues affecting all persons with I/DD and their families. Today we provide support services, case management and educational assistance to approximately 2,000 clients of all ages and their family members.

Dear Friends,

It is a typical day at work, or maybe even at home on a weekend, when something happens that will forever change your idea of a typical day.

A midday visit to your pediatrician, telling you that the behavior you noticed in your child has been diagnosed as something you've never heard of. This diagnosis will require lifelong care and specialized equipment. You can barely cover your rent, and you don't know what to do next.

A phone call from a police officer who informs you that your son has been in an accident. Your son is different when he comes home. You are worried, and you aren't sure how to take care of him.

An email from a teacher, asking you to come in and discuss your daughter's absences and inability to concentrate. A year ago, you'd been told she was a very bright girl. This is the first time you've heard that she hasn't been in class. When you ask what the next steps are, no one can give you a straight answer.

The families of at least 26,000 Central Texans changed their idea of a typical day when a daughter, son, sister or brother was diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD). The Arc of the Capital Area has been able to provide answers for these families for more than 66 years.

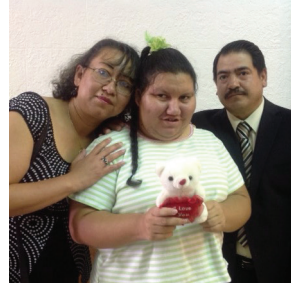
Even families with every advantage cannot prepare for a situation that is only predictable in its unpredictability. Since 1949, The Arc of the Capital Area has been committed to serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and families from all economic levels. We are grateful to have the support of visionary donors who know that strengthening our most vulnerable community members improves the greater Austin area for everyone.

Thank you for sharing our vision.

Sincerely,

Bill Ebs, CPA
President

Susan Eason
Executive Director



When some people with I/DD turn 18 years of age, their families may need to obtain legal guardianship to protect them from exploitation, neglect, and abuse.



Socialization within the community is a key component to a healthy, fulfilling life for people with I/DD – and all of us.



The Arc of the Capital Area is dedicated to focusing on the abilities of the individuals we serve, not their disabilities.



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- We celebrated the first full year in our new location at 4902 Grover Avenue. Our central location, with all staff in one place, has made it easier for us to work across programs and more efficiently provide services to our clients.
- The Arc was invited to be the beneficiary of Graves Dougherty's Engaging Conversations fundraiser. Recognition at this fundraiser helped increase awareness of our clients and our work in the greater Austin community.
- Our arts programming was profiled in an Emmy-nominated *Arts in Context* film by KLRU-TV and an evening news feature by anchor Quita Culpepper of KVUE-TV.

The Programs

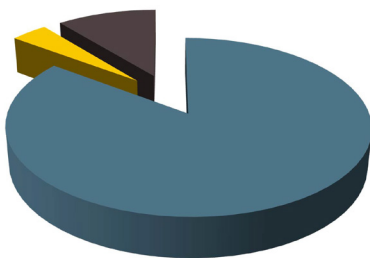
- Our **case managers** helped more than 1,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families stay healthy, find medical care, find transportation, and become involved in the community.
- Our **Family and Juvenile Transitions Services** worked with 364 people with I/DD and their families to facilitate the best possible plans for children in middle school, high school, post-graduation, or when their caretaker can no longer provide care.
 - Our **middle school interventions** program, partially funded by the United Way, worked with 35 at-risk middle school students in special education and 32 of their family members so the students could successfully graduate to high school in a stable environment.
 - Our **crisis assistance** program (Best Single Source Plus) supported 174 people with I/DD and their families out of food and housing insecurity.
 - We assisted 76 people with I/DD and their families to obtain legal **guardianship** so that they can keep their loved ones safe.
 - Our juvenile justice program worked with 31 students with I/DD in or at risk of becoming involved in the **juvenile justice** system and 16 of their family members.
- **The Arc of the Arts Program** reached 75 students with I/DD and 134 of their family members.
 - We launched the full pilot of the **Digital Media Arts** program, working with Easter Seals Central Texas to combine expertise and equipment to bring technology literacy and pre-employment training to the underserved population of people with I/DD.
 - We began our **Adaptive Arts** program in collaboration with Rosedale School to bring art education to students with more severe disabilities. The program also provides valuable community interaction to help them transition into adult life.
- **Intake and Referral** guided 132 individuals with I/DD and 192 of their family members through the early stages of finding the help they need to live secure and healthy lives.

2014 REVENUE



Service Contracts	\$1,092,926 (52.1%)
Fundraising/Events	\$608,562 (29.0%)
Foundation & Corporate Grants	\$227,726 (10.9%)
Individual Donors	\$159,212 (7.6%)
Sales/Other Revenue	\$9,042 (.4%)

2014 EXPENSES



Program Services	\$1,567,922 (85%)
Management and General	\$72,620 (4%)
Fundraising	\$199,552 (11%)

2014 DEMOGRAPHICS



Caucasian	49%
Hispanic	26%
African American	14%
Asian	1%
Other/Unknown	10%



A Project of the Junior League of Austin

This project is supported in part by the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Austin Economic Development Department.

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