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Start with The Arc

The Arc of Grays Harbor is a non-profit organization that advocates for and supports a better quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Who We Are

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, The Arc of Grays Harbor is composed of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, and concerned members of the community.

Along with our network of members and chapters, we support and empower individuals and families; connect and inform individuals and families; improve support and service systems; influence public policy; increase public awareness; and inspire inclusive communities.

The Arc of Grays Harbor is affiliated with The Arc of the United States and local chapters of The Arc throughout Washington State

We partner with people to advocate for the right to live with the independence they desire—one community, one family, one person at a time. The Arc promotes self-sufficiency and civil rights for people with disabilities through community partnerships, outreach and advocacy.

People with IDD and their families need varying levels of support and services throughout their lives. Our service resources are developed to meet those needs by providing sufficient support and advocacy while also promoting autonomy and independence.

We welcome anyone to contact us with questions or concerns regarding intellectual or developmental disabilities which include Down syndrome, autism spectrum, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cognitive disabilities, and other similar conditions which occur in one's life.

Our role is to share resources and information with people with disabilities, their family members, friends, community partners and professionals. Those we serve are varied— from young adults, new parents and guardians, from those living independently to individuals who are homeless.

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Our Work Lasts a Lifetime

The Arc of Grays Harbor advocates for quality services and necessary funding to meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families including special education, Parent to Parent services, employment and residential supports, health care, transportation, respite and inclusion in the community.



We offer support and services throughout the lifespan. From birth through adulthood we are there to support individuals and families.



We host legislative forums each year to help inform our local legislators about issues that affect people with IDD and their families.



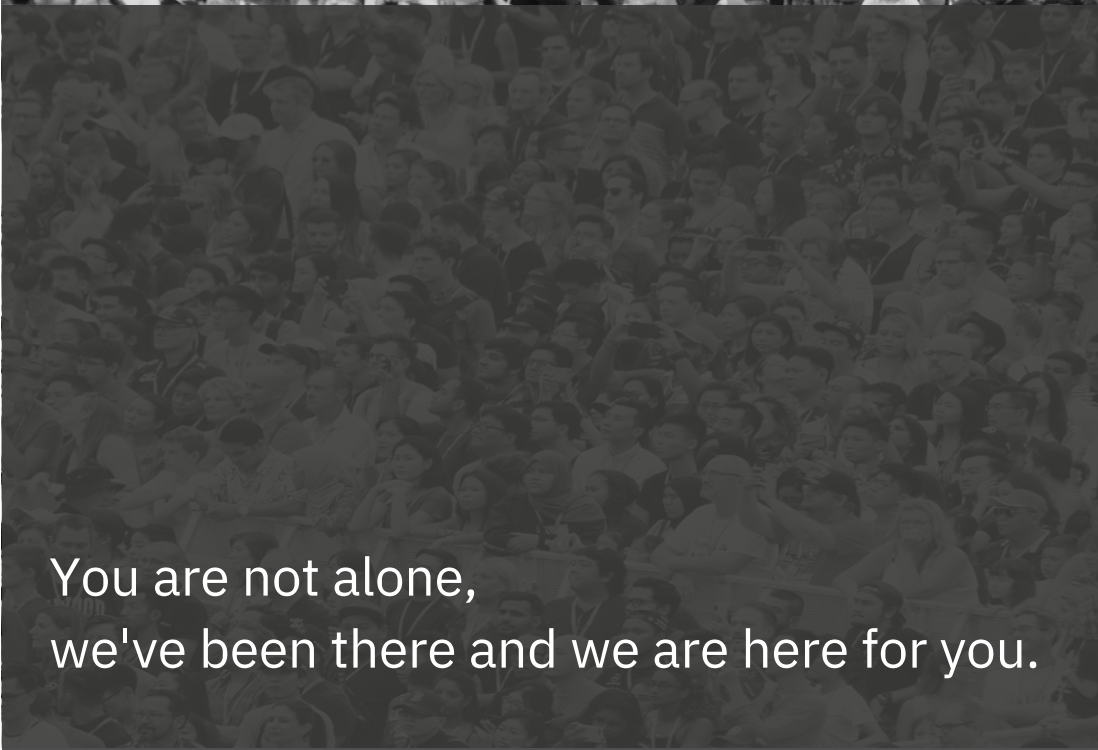
We offer parent support groups and a yearly educational workshop series for families.



Our website is full of up to date information and resources. Our Community Resource Directory is a great place to find information about local services.



Our staff is here to offer support, guidance, information, and referrals. See our contact information below.



You are not alone, we've been there and we are here for you.

Services We Offer

- Community Engagement services provide meaningful inclusion in the community and are funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration.
- Parent to Parent services for parents of a child with a disability or special healthcare need, services include monthly parent support meetings, Helping Parent matches, and educational workshops.
- Resource and Referral services to connect individuals, families, and agencies with help and information.
- Help applying for services from other agencies, such as Social Security and DDA services.
- Community Liaison Services to attend IEP and 504 Plan meetings and inform students, families, school staff, and interested parties about the community resources available to them.
- Advocacy to inform and educate elected officials, individuals with disabilities, family members and interested parties about legislative issues under consideration and how it may affect people with disabilities and their families.
- Social Clubs to promote social engagement and prevent isolation. Our clubs include a cooking club called Foodster's, and a crafting/social activity club called The We Can Club. Both clubs run once a month and are open to the community.
- Educational Workshops, Training, and Presentations to inform individuals, families, and community members about topics such as guardianship, education, finances, and more.
- Spring Youth Training and Summer Youth Employment for high school students with an IEP or 504 plan.
- Help with Transitions from high school to adult life, including a yearly Transitions Fair at Grays Harbor College and transition resources on our website.