



THE ADVOCATE

An Update for I/DD Advocates

News and Events

Capital City Club Gala Benefiting The Arc of Alabama

We are pleased to announce an exciting fundraiser benefiting The Arc of Alabama. All members of The Arc, our supporters, advocates, and stakeholders are invited to participate. On **Friday, November 2nd** Capital City Club's Gala Benefiting The Arc of Alabama will take place. The event will be held from **6:30 to 10PM** at their beautiful venue located at 201 Monroe Street, Suite 2100, Montgomery. *Our Annual Meeting is scheduled ahead of the Gala, from 4 to 6PM.*

Tickets for the Gala are \$40 for members of The Arc. To purchase tickets please call Capital City Club (334-834-8920) and mention you are a proud member of The Arc to receive discounted pricing. Tables may be purchased for \$500 and will include special amenities. Call **Gena (334-262-7688)** for more information.

The dress code for our exciting event is formal (coat and tie required for men). Dinner will be buffet style sit-down. Entertainment includes music and dancing. Come join us for a great night benefiting The Arc of Alabama and our mission. 50% of all ticket sales will be donated back to The Arc of Alabama.

If you wish to donate items for auction, please contact Bruce

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Annual Meeting of The Arc of Alabama

Our Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with Capital City Club's Gala. All interested parties are encouraged to attend our meeting on **Friday, November 2 from 4 to 4PM.**

National Conference

The Arc National Conference will be held November 8--10, 2018, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Conference Center in Nashville, TN. [Details](http://www.thearcocal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQoxZDM0YWJlYS1jZTg4LTQzMmQtZTU4ZS1kNWlzMlZjZk3NzcNCmh0dHBzOi8vY29udmVudGlvbi50aGVhcmMub3JnDQotLS0) (<http://www.thearcocal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQoxZDM0YWJlYS1jZTg4LTQzMmQtZTU4ZS1kNWlzMlZjZk3NzcNCmh0dHBzOi8vY29udmVudGlvbi50aGVhcmMub3JnDQotLS0>)

2019 Alabama Disability Conference

After soliciting proposals from venues across the state and for dates in both the spring and the fall, the Planning Committee has finally selected September 8--11, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency (the Wynfrey) in Birmingham. Read about the [selection process](http://www.thearcocal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQoxZDM0YWJlYS1jZTg4LTQzMmQtZTU4ZS1kNWlzMlZjZk3NzcNCmh0dHA6Ly93d3cudGh1YXJjb2ZhbC5vcmcvc2luZ2xlLXBvc3QvMjAxOC8wOC8yOS8yMDE5LUFsYWJhbWEtRGlzYWJpbGl0eS1Db25mZXJlbnNIP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1lNWUwNDImYi0wNzJjLTQ5YjktYTlzMjY1YjAwZDM4MzQ1NjEmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1zbw0KLS0t) (<http://www.thearcocal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQoxZDM0YWJlYS1jZTg4LTQzMmQtZTU4ZS1kNWlzMlZjZk3NzcNCmh0dHA6Ly93d3cudGh1YXJjb2ZhbC5vcmcvc2luZ2xlLXBvc3QvMjAxOC8wOC8yOS8yMDE5LUFsYWJhbWEtRGlzYWJpbGl0eS1Db25mZXJlbnNIP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1lNWUwNDImYi0wNzJjLTQ5YjktYTlzMjY1YjAwZDM4MzQ1NjEmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1zbw0KLS0t>). Now we start developing the theme, the program, and the speakers. If you would like to be part of the planning process that will make this our best conference yet, contact [Gena Richardson](http://www.thearcocal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQoxZDM0YWJlYS1jZTg4LTQzMmQtZTU4ZS1kNWlzMlZjZk3NzcNCm1haWx0bzpnZW5hQHRoZWZyY29mYWwub3JnP3N1Ymp1Y3Q9UGxhbm5pbmclMjBDb21taXR0ZlZlZWUIMjBjbmZvDQotLS0) (<http://www.thearcocal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQoxZDM0YWJlYS1jZTg4LTQzMmQtZTU4ZS1kNWlzMlZjZk3NzcNCm1haWx0bzpnZW5hQHRoZWZyY29mYWwub3JnP3N1Ymp1Y3Q9UGxhbm5pbmclMjBDb21taXR0ZlZlZWUIMjBjbmZvDQotLS0>).

Terry Pezent Appointed Associate Commissioner for the Division of Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Pezent has 26 years of experience in a provider environment and three years of systems advocacy through The Arc of Alabama. While at The Arc of Clarke County she served in various positions and worked her way up to Executive Director.

Over the last several months, Terry has represented The Arc of Alabama by serving on the DD Division's work team to implement the complex Home & Community Based Settings Rule (HBCS) that is under the leadership of former Commissioner of ADMH Kathy Sawyer.

The purpose of the federally mandated HBCS rule is to ensure that individuals receive services in settings that are integrated into and support full access to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive and integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services to the same degree as individuals who do not receive regional center services.

Effective October 1, 2018, Ms. Pezent will assume her role.

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Meeting. All Interested Parties Invited

SEAP will meet on October 17th, 2018

At the Alabama Power Company - Clanton Conference Center
2030 7th Street South, Clanton, AL 35045

The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and end no later than 3:00 PM

The entire meeting is open to the public and any interested person is encouraged to attend.

The purpose of SEAP is to advise Special Education Services on policies affecting special education and related services and to promote communication and cooperation among individuals involved with children and youth with disabilities.

Your Arc at Work

Local Chapter Awards

Nominations now being accepted for awards to be presented at our annual meeting, November 2. The awards are as follows:

- Membership Awards
- Community Service
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Community Media Excellence Award
- Chapter Marketing Award
- Chapter Distinguished Service Award
- Legislator of the Year
- School Inclusion Award
- President's Partner of the Year
- Legacy Award
- Role Model Award

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Special Ed, Disability Programs Spared In Government Budget Deal

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The federal government will increase funding for special ed and allocate money to address the needs of caregivers as part of a spending bill that's expected to be signed by the president.

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Legislative Dates (2019) to Remember

- Legislative Orientation - December 11-13 (Statehouse not Tuscaloosa)
- Organizational Session - January 8
- Regular Session - March 5
- Joint Budget Hearings - TBA subject to Governor's submissions

From National's Peter Berns

Taking Stock and then Looking Ahead

The Arc's current long-term plan, the Strategic Framework for the Future of The Arc, 2010-2019 – A Clear Path Forward, will expire at the end of 2019. As we begin planning for the next phase in the life of The Arc, we would like your input about what have been the most important accomplishments under the current Strategic Framework. Please take a look at the [use this scorecard](http://www.thearcofal.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQo4NmJjZTI1MC04OGEwLTRiYzgtYzVmMy0yNzMONTEzZTAxNWYNCmh0dHA6Ly9yMjAucnM2Lm5ldC90bi5qc3A_Zj0wMDFHNG5mdDFlekF4OEplJWEtBYmlWRfhwWVV0V2kzU05oTkF3aVB3Xzdlld05FY1FrcTFyTThCR2FnaHZoNUxRY1VBSlhmQUhKYkVmNVVUczRuSTJHU2FMV1F0WUwwTFp2Z0VKMG0zLXVnNUNQM1ZQdTduemVLVx0cUg5YWFSVVPmQkZSWFc2TkRaN043eUxpYmY2Z2h6NUlteXd6bGZBdDhGT0VrVDI0RDQ5dGc9JmM9RlFuUlG4S1RERVh6eU01ZnhpZVAXN2IYWndINkpgqNzU1cDI1MmtVT21NSFdIVGpHVfVcEhnPT0mY2g9U2pyWmtfSXpETTJ1XzlmOUZ1QW1hU0ZoVzFNa3djYVR4RVVKS0pSUKZRTktsckZmVHVDZWxBPT0NCi0tLQ)describing 47 major accomplishments over the past 8 ½ years and <a href=)

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Employment / Income Support - New Briefs, Video Highlight the Need for Paid Leave in the Disability Community

The Arc and the Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota have released two new data briefs from the Family & Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) survey. The briefs look at the work experiences and outcomes of families of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and the need for paid leave policies. One brief focuses on parents raising children with I/DD (http://www.thearc.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQozODdmM2YwMi1hZjQ3LTQ0M2QtY2NmYi1iNDNjZmJjZjc2NTkNCmh0dHA6Ly9jcXJjZW5nYWdlLmNvbS90aGVhcmMvYXBwL3RocnU_ZXA9QUFBQUMyRmxjME5wY0dobGNqQXhhbTZZBQmhDSTBUYTJQT2o0VXNrbU0xWS0xRERaNSJIME1PNU5VRDh0tNTBvZGZaUnpoa0M1NEVkamo5cDdLRy14QnRoNktDbVh6S3FFV1BEadjVkt2dQbmbGwKxKdTUxZlJzVHk3MkIBUW9ZT2VqYmg3enlVMMxoN1UwWkhKdVI0TmhlbXEzV0lfMUTaejZlBWFkWFhfQTi5bGUzS2NUaEtOVmFkUINoRWpEQmpVd1pGaGN1cTViVFdtb1o1bmFCU2QmbHA9MA0KLS0t), while a second brief focuses on family caregivers of adults with I/DD (http://www.thearc.org/so/61MOoygSV/click?w=LS0tDQozODdmM2YwMi1hZjQ3LTQ0M2QtY2NmYi1iNDNjZmJjZjc2NTkNCmh0dHA6Ly9jcXJjZW5nYWdlLmNvbS90aGVhcmMvYXBwL3RocnU_ZXA9QUFBQUMyRmxjME5wY0dobGNqQXhoLUUpwUG11SHhKOGGR5NUZXWGdiRGpYZGY0b0pKd25JSndwX0IRY2dNVlpeFBpalpFWGc0LU5zSVNvLUNSZlFCWIBXYmY3QVFJUHK4VzEtWTNVaHpsWFI4N3dnVWtLRmVpNG40cVNMMU5lRy1vVjMxOXJrNUdHdDRSZVNYcUVUMUlfV1Fzc2dvdEtaQkZxS3pRcTA3dWR0SEtyUjBrZ1Y4a1VXN1JUJ2U1cE5kdUtMYVI4ZmFSRHdaOEhFdDBrQ0cmbHA9MA0KLS0t).

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Actors With Autism Join Netflix Series 'Atypical'

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A Netflix series centering on the experiences of a teen with autism is adding more than a half-dozen actors on the spectrum to its cast. [Read More >](#)

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Social Security--Bill Introduced to Enhance Benefits for Widow(er)s with Disabilities

Senators Robert Casey (D-PA), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), and Patty Murray (D-WA) have introduced the Surviving Widow(er) Income Fair Treatment Act of 2018 (SWIFT Act; [S. 3457](#))

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Helpful Resources

Roadmap to Alabama Transition Services: Guidance for Families

The Autism Society of Alabama would like to remind families and self advocates of our Transition Roadmap now available on the ASA website. It's a guide to assist people with autism and their families as they navigate the journey from adolescence to adulthood. Critical subjects such as independent living skills, safety, jobs and more are included!

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Regional Autism Network

Alabama's Regional Autism Network (RAN) serves those who have questions, concerns or resource needs regarding ASD. RAN will provide community members with general information; refer families to federal, state, and local service agencies; assist with problem-solving; provide opportunities for training, technical assistance and consultation specific to the needs identified in the region. Phone numbers provided below.

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The 2018 Data Digest

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We have downloaded a copy, and it is excellent. Everyone who advocates on behalf of the disability community should have a copy as a factual reference guide.

Articles of Interest

Advocacy Versus Politics

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Netflix CEO Reed Hastings is defending a segment featuring the word "retarded" that airs on the streaming service saying that such language falls within the bounds of "creative expression."

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The federal government will increase funding for special ed and allocate money to address the needs of caregivers as part of a spending bill that's expected to be signed by the president.

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