

# Fast Facts

Connecting People of All Ages and Abilities to Build Inclusive Lives



## About Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

- I/DD includes diagnoses such as Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, fetal alcohol syndrome, brain injury and more
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities are caused by genetics, problems in pregnancy or at delivery, birth defects, health problems (diseases, malnutrition, environmental toxins), and trauma
- One in 10 Montgomery County households includes a child or adult with I/DD
- Thousands of people with I/DD living in Maryland are on a waiting list for basic support services

## About The Arc Montgomery County

- A local chapter of The Arc, the largest organization in the world for people with I/DD and their families
- One of the oldest and largest nonprofit agencies in Montgomery County with annual operating budget of approximately \$24 million and over 475 staff
- Provider of daily direct support services to nearly 600 adults, youth & children, and their families
- Receives funding from federal, state and local governmental agencies (including DDA, DHMH, SSA, MSDE, and more), donations, fee-for-service payments and commercial business operations
- Hosts two signature fundraising events annually, including a Halloween Gala

## About The Arc Montgomery County's Programs and Services

- Fully-inclusive child care for children ages 6 weeks-10 years *with and without* disabilities and medical needs
- After-school and summer care for youth ages 11-21
- Community living support for adults living in the family home, living independently, or living in one of 39 residential locations supported by The Arc
- Work skills training and other employment-related services for adults and youth transitioning from school
- Active options for retirees and senior citizens with I/DD
- Respite care (short-term relief for caregivers of people with I/DD and frail senior citizens)
- Urban Thrift store internship and employment opportunities
- Support groups and workshops for siblings, self-advocates, transitioning youth, and Hispanic families

## About The Arc Montgomery County's Mission and Inclusion Agenda

- Mission—The Arc Montgomery County connects people of all ages and abilities with their communities to build inclusive and fulfilling lives.
- Definition of Inclusion—All people are valued members of their communities with equal rights; everyone has the opportunity to make choices and construct a fulfilling life by developing mutual, authentic and lasting connections with other people; each individual is appreciated and celebrated for his or her abilities.
- Benefits of Inclusion—Changed perceptions of people with I/DD; elimination of barriers; development of a stronger Montgomery County community.

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