

1958 September 9 · Montgomery County Association for Retarded Children is incorporated, by a group of dedicated parents whose sons and daughters needed educational opportunities, vocational training and employment services



1960 March 26 · First Luncheon and Fashion Show with tickets costing \$3.50 per person.

1960 August 20 · MCARC Day Center opens for teens and young adults

1970 September 8 · Construction of brick building at Norris Drive- Grand opening of new MCARC Day Center- a program for ages 6-13 and adult activities for ages 14 and over

1975 November 29 · Congress passes Public Law 94-142 "Education of Handicapped Children Act" guaranteeing a "free and appropriate public education" to all children with handicaps



1984 July 1 · MVTC's Satellite Work Program procures first contract to perform custodial services at the Public Safety Training Academy employing four people with disabilities to work in the community

50 YEARS
1958-2008

The Arc
of Montgomery County



1988 September · Montgomery Primary Achievement Center expands to offer inclusive before and after childcare



1990 July 24 · President George H. Bush signs the Americans With Disabilities Act into law

1991 September · The Family and Infant Child Care Center opens providing nursing and child care services to infants and toddlers who have medical conditions

1995 July 1 · The Arc begins providing Respite Service to people with disabilities and the elderly through a contract with Montgomery County

1998 September 10 · Grand opening of After All, a collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and the only inclusive program in Maryland for youth and teens ages 9-18



2007 July 25 · Grand opening of The Arc Recycling Solutions, a competitive business enterprise that employs people with disabilities

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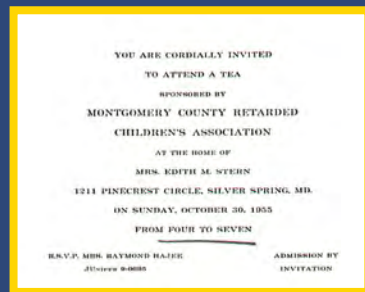
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1958 September 22 · MCARC Preschool Nursery opens at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church



1963 September 1 · Purchase of building at 11212 at Norris Drive for MCARC Day Center



1973 September 26 · Congress passes Public Law 93-112, the Rehabilitation Act requiring affirmative action obligations of contractors and subcontractors in employment of persons with disabilities

1973 April · MCARC opens first group home on Lambertson Drive with three residents

1984 June · STAND together, MCARC's self-advocacy group is created

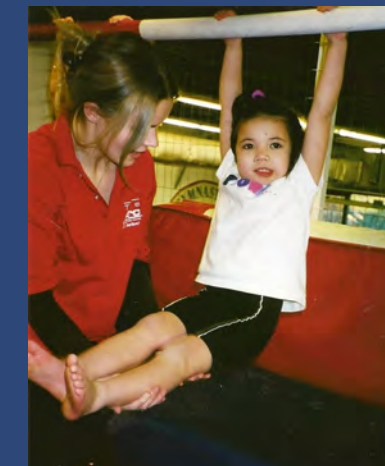


1989 March 3 · Grand opening and dedication of Respite Home on Devilwood Drive will provide services seven days a week to children and adults



1992 June · Grand opening of the Karasik Child Care Center on Tenbrook Drive, officially opening the first inclusive child care center in the state of Maryland

1992 May 11 · ARC/MC changes its name to The Arc of Montgomery County following the lead of The Arc of the United States name change. This officially eliminates the word "retarded" from the name.



2002 April · An inclusive gymnastics program is sponsored by MarvaTots 'n Teens for children with and without disabilities

2007 June 2 · First Annual Casino Night replaces the Luncheon and Fashion Show as The Arc of Montgomery County's premier fundraiser

2008 September · The Arc receives a three-year accreditation with the Maryland Nonprofits Standards of Excellence, building on its 1994 accreditation by CARF (Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services)