

# Volunteer Opportunities

Connecting People of All Ages and Abilities to Build Inclusive Lives



At The Arc Montgomery County, we have several paths potential volunteers can follow which allow them to engage with the people we support and which help us to fulfill our inclusion mission. Each path is outlined below, with check boxes to help keep you on track as you complete our process.

If you have questions as you complete our volunteer process, please reach out by email or phone to Deborah Mark, Director of Communications & Outreach, [DeborahM@arcmontmd.org](mailto:DeborahM@arcmontmd.org), 301.984.5777 x1245. We look forward to having you join The Arc Montgomery County as a volunteer!

## Individual Volunteers (Age 13+)

*Opportunities: Teen Program Support, Child Care Program Support, and Urban Thrift Store Support*

- Complete Volunteer Application packet and return by mail or bring to Volunteer Orientation
- Complete Credential Check & Disclosure Form (if age 17+) and return by mail or bring to Volunteer Orientation
- Attend Volunteer Orientation; dates posted on website calendar
- Submit negative TB test results (if working directly with people receiving support services)
- Complete CJIS fingerprint process (if age 18+ AND working with children or working unsupervised with adults)
- Respond to email notification of clearance to volunteer
- Schedule your service online

## Interns (College Student Receiving Course Credit, Age 18+)

- Submit resume and details of requested internship (dates, hours, other requirements)
- Complete phone interview with potential site supervisor
- Complete Volunteer Application packet and return by mail or bring to Volunteer Orientation
- Complete Credential Check & Disclosure Form and return by mail or bring to Volunteer Orientation
- Attend Volunteer Orientation; dates posted on website calendar
- Submit negative TB test results (if working directly with people receiving support services)
- Complete CJIS fingerprint process (if working with children or working unsupervised with adults)
- Respond to email notification of clearance to volunteer
- Schedule appointment with site supervisor to set your schedule and review internship requirements

## Special Event Volunteers (Age 13+)

*Opportunities: Typically Fundraising or Community Awareness Events*

- Complete **online** Volunteer Application (available approximately 6 weeks prior to event)
- Respond to email notification confirming service

## Group Volunteers (Age 13+ depending on opportunity; requires one Group Leader)

- Submit inquiry for group opportunity (date, hours, number in group, type of group)
- Complete Group Volunteer Application packet
- Arrange group orientation (provided by The Arc staff or by Group Leader using information supplied by The Arc)
- Have each group member complete a Confidentiality Agreement
- Return Group Volunteer Application and Confidentiality Agreement for each member of the group
- Confirm your scheduled service

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## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please print all information clearly!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number Street City State Zip*

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
*Home Cell Volunteers must be age 13 or older*

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Female  Male

If you are under age 18, provide information for a parent/guardian who will be copied on all communications.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Provide information for a person to be contacted in case of emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical conditions or disabilities, such as allergies, asthma, Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, etc. that we should be aware of in order to assist you in an emergency?  No  Yes If yes, please explain.

Have you ever worked/volunteered with people who have intellectual/developmental disabilities?  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than traffic violations)?  No  Yes If yes, please explain.

*We do not accept volunteers who have a background that could be detrimental to our employees, offices, property or to the people we support.*

Please list your secondary/post-secondary education, including school name, dates of attendance, and diploma or degree earned.

Please provide your current occupation, employer's name, and location of work site.

How did you learn about The Arc Montgomery County? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any employment, educational, or prior volunteer experience which you feel might be relevant to volunteering with The Arc. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special interests/skills which you could contribute. \_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to gain from your volunteer experiences at The Arc? \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Please check all programs, activities or events which are of interest to you. Descriptions can be found on our website.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Program Support (Silver Spring) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Program Support (Kensington)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gala Fundraiser Support (Rockville)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Thrift Store Support (Kensington)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Next Chapter Book Club (Rockville)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Internship (for college students receiving credit only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |  |

Please list the name and telephone number of two references, one personal and one professional, **who are NOT related to you and who have known you longer than one year.**

Name	Daytime telephone number	Relationship
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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All volunteers must be age 13 or older; some volunteer opportunities have higher age minimums.
- We do not accept volunteers who have been charged with offenses which reflect potential danger to the employees, offices or property of The Arc or to the people we support.
- All volunteers age 17 and older must allow The Arc to perform a background check.
- All volunteers age 18 and older volunteering in the Children & Youth Services division and/or volunteers who will have contact with adults supported by The Arc without staff present must complete and submit a CJIS Fingerprint Application.
- Volunteers completing court-ordered service *may* be accepted, but only for specially-identified opportunities.

### VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

I certify the responses given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Understanding that The Arc Montgomery County has a real need for my services as a volunteer, I agree to:

- Conduct myself with dignity and courtesy at all times in order to uphold the good reputation of The Arc;
- Work together with others in a kind, cooperative manner;
- Treat all information about people receiving supports as confidential;
- Be dependable in punctuality, attendance and performance of duties;
- Follow all guidelines in the Volunteer Handbook (including revised editions);
- Complete all required orientation and training courses and provide completed copies of all required forms;
- Make sure I understand my assigned duties.

**I understand The Arc may ask me to stop providing volunteer services at any time, for any reason, with or without notice. I understand I have no employment relationship with The Arc, I do not expect to receive any offer of employment as a result of my volunteer activities, and I will receive no financial reimbursement for services provided to The Arc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I understand that during my volunteer service with The Arc Montgomery County (“The Arc”), I will have access to confidential information, both verbal and written, relating to people supported, volunteers, employees and the organization. I understand that I must maintain the privacy and confidentiality of any and all such information and not share it with unauthorized individuals, agencies or organizations.

I recognize the value and sensitivity of confidential information and understand that it is protected by law (including the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act). I agree to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of any and all such information for an indefinite period of time, *even after I am no longer volunteering with this organization.*

- All information shared by a child, individual, family, volunteer or employee should be treated as personal and confidential. Your relationship with the person, their situation and their personal affairs is privileged and confidential information.
- You should speak only in generalities about a child, individual or family who participates in any of The Arc’s programs. Do not talk about their personal lives, use their names outside of your role as a volunteer, disclose information about where or how they live, or share any other biographical information.
- You may not photograph, copy, transcribe, record or memorize confidential information in any manner, nor use such information for any purpose other than the limited purpose of providing the assigned services at The Arc.
- You may not photograph or videotape any person supported, family member, volunteer or employee, unless they (or their parent/guardian if a minor child) have **expressly** given you permission to do so. *If that permission is given, the images are solely for your personal use and may not be published in any way, including social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. and/or school or business newsletters, reports, etc.*
- You are welcome to talk about The Arc’s programs and benefits and your pride in the service you are providing, but you may not talk about specific people, their homes, their problems, etc.

I have received and read the handout on confidentiality. I understand the precautions and procedures outlined and will follow these procedures to the best of my ability while volunteering with The Arc Montgomery County.

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Required for children under age 18 or individuals subject to guardianship.*

## UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Universal precautions are the primary components of infectious disease control and should be used to prevent the spread of contagious infections. “Universal precautions” means treating certain body fluids of ALL people as potentially infectious and to routinely use appropriate barriers. These barriers include hand washing, gloves, gowns and face masks.

Universal precautions apply to all contagious human body fluids. The Arc Montgomery County’s policies state that blood, semen and vaginal secretions are considered contagious and universal precautions should be used. Body fluids to which universal precautions *do not apply* include urine, feces, tears, sweat, vomit, sputum, nasal secretions and saliva (except when any one of these contains blood).

- **Hand washing is the first line of defense against infectious diseases.** Hands should be washed before and after assisting children or adults with personal needs or when tending to sickness or injury.
- Gloves should be worn if there is likelihood of exposure to blood or other contagious fluids. Cuts, abrasions or other open areas on the skin should be covered, and gloves should be worn when dressing these areas.
- Spills of blood should be cleaned promptly with a solution of household bleach, made daily with 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. This should be available at the volunteer site.

I have received and read the handout on universal precautions and infectious disease control. I understand the precautions and procedures outlined and will follow these procedures to the best of my ability while volunteering with The Arc Montgomery County.

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONSENT FOR PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY



By signing this form, I agree and give my consent to be photographed, videoed and/or recorded. I understand that these images and recordings will be shared by The Arc Montgomery County ("The Arc") in brochures, newsletters, annual reports and other print materials, may be posted on the organization's website, and may be displayed in buildings owned or operated by The Arc and at events hosted by The Arc.



I allow The Arc to use these images and recordings because I believe it is important to educate other people about The Arc's work in the community and to broaden support for The Arc's programs and people with disabilities.



I understand that The Arc has the right to modify images with me in them to improve lighting, to refocus who is pictured, or to otherwise improve quality. I understand that The Arc owns all images/recordings of me that they take and The Arc has the right to use them as needed. The Arc recognizes a responsibility to use these images and recordings thoughtfully and purposefully.



I understand that I will not be paid for allowing The Arc to use my images or recordings. I also understand that The Arc does not sell or profit financially from any use of my images or recordings, but people may choose to donate to The Arc because they are inspired by the images of me and others.



I understand that social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) is an important communication tool and The Arc would like to use my photographs, videos and recordings on its social media sites. I have initialed below to indicate my choice for social media usage.

Sign your initials here (do not check): \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** to social media \_\_\_\_\_ **No** to social media



I understand that The Arc cannot control what other people may do to an image or recording after it is shared. The Arc will use my images and recordings to show that people connected to The Arc are valued individuals.



I recognize that any issue that arises out of the use of my photographs, videos, or recordings will not be the fault of The Arc. Such issues may include: libel, slander, invasion of privacy, copyright violation, right of publicity, false facts arising from use of media.

Sign your initials for one choice below, then sign your full name and complete all information.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I agree to and accept all terms and conditions in this document.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No, I do not agree to these terms and conditions; The Arc may not use my images/recordings.**

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HIPAA POLICY & PROCEDURE AGREEMENT

### *The Arc Montgomery County Summary of Notice of Privacy Practices*

This notice describes how protected health information (PHI) **about you** may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

- The collection, use and disclosure of protected health information is protected by law. The Arc Montgomery County maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to protect personal health information.
- The Arc Montgomery County discloses protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations, and, when required to do so, by law or regulation.
- Volunteers of The Arc Montgomery County have a right to request access to their records.
- Volunteers of The Arc Montgomery County have a right to know to whom their protected health information was disclosed.
- Volunteers of The Arc Montgomery County have a right to review a detailed copy of The Arc Montgomery County's Notice of Privacy Practices.
- Any questions regarding The Arc Montgomery County's privacy practices should be directed to the Director of Quality Assurance, who acts as The Arc Montgomery County's designated privacy officer. Any questions regarding the electronic storage and transmission of protected health information should be directed to the Director of Information Technology, who acts as The Arc Montgomery County's designated security officer.

I have received a copy of The Arc Montgomery County's Notice of Privacy Practices on HIPAA (Health Information Portability and Accountability Act) regulations, and I have read the summary notice above. I understand that I am fully responsible for complying with these policies, practices and regulations. I also understand that it is my responsibility to seek clarification should I require further explanation.

**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer's Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone & Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE ARC MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES For Volunteers

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED BY THE ARC MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY.

### Guarding Protected Health Information for Volunteers

The Arc Montgomery County is committed to protecting the health information of volunteers. In order to provide treatment or pay for health care, or for other purposes listed below, The Arc Montgomery County may ask for certain health information and that health information will be put into the record of the volunteer. The record may contain symptoms, examination and health results, diagnoses, treatment, Individual Plans and Personal Assistance (behavior management) information for the person. That information, referred to as medical records for the person, and legally regulated as health information, may be used for a variety of purposes, as listed below.

The Arc Montgomery County is required to follow the practices described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, although The Arc Montgomery County reserves the right to change our privacy practices described in this Notice at any time. A copy of the new notice may be requested at any time from The Arc Montgomery County privacy officer, 7362 Calhoun Place, Rockville, MD 20855, 301.984.5777 x1250.

### ***How The Arc Montgomery County May Use and Disclose Protected Health Information for Volunteers***

The Arc Montgomery County discloses protected health information (PHI) of volunteers for the purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations, and when required to do so by law or regulation.

#### Treatment

The Arc Montgomery County shares PHI with all members of the interdisciplinary team and medical services providers for the volunteer.

#### Payment

The Arc Montgomery County shares PHI with organizations that provide payment for services received by the volunteer, including insurance companies and state and county government.

#### Health Care Operations

The Arc Montgomery County shares PHI with state and county regulatory bodies, accrediting agencies, and other agencies necessary for the day to day operations of The Arc Montgomery County.

#### Regulation and Law Enforcement

The Arc Montgomery County shares PHI with public health agencies, courts, legal counsel to the agency, law enforcement agencies, the Maryland Disability Law Center, coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors, and state, county, and federal government agencies.

#### Business Associates

The Arc Montgomery County will provide a copy of the agency's Notice of Privacy Practices to all its business associates. All of The Arc Montgomery County's business associates will be expected to comply with The Arc Montgomery County's Notice of Privacy Practices. All business associates will be required to sign a form stating that they have received The Arc Montgomery County's Notice of Privacy Practices and are willing to comply with these practices.

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## THE ARC MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES For Volunteers

### Training

Volunteers have the right to have their PHI treated as confidential by all the employees and business associates of the agency. Therefore, all employees of The Arc Montgomery County will receive the agency's Notice of Privacy Practices and will be trained on HIPAA regulations and The Arc Montgomery County's privacy policies. Agency employees will be required to sign a form stating they received a copy of The Arc Montgomery County's Notice of Privacy Practices, have received training on HIPAA, and the agency's privacy policies, and understand that they are required to comply with these regulations and policies. The employee training will include confidentiality and disclosure requirements of the law, specific requirements regarding electronic transmission of PHI, and all other aspects of HIPAA regulations.

### Rights of Volunteers from The Arc Montgomery County

Volunteers have the right to request access to their files, as discussed in detail in The Arc Montgomery County's Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1.4 (Individual Rights—Records Access).

Volunteers have the right to request an amendment to their file, as discussed in detail in The Arc Montgomery County's Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1.4 (Individual Rights—Records Access).

Volunteers have the right to know with whom The Arc Montgomery County is sharing their PHI. Volunteers may also request a copy of the log of individuals/agencies with whom their PHI was shared *for purposes other than* treatment, payment, healthcare operations, and regulation and law enforcement. That log will be maintained in their permanent file. Volunteers have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the disclosure of PHI. The Arc Montgomery County will accommodate such a request, if possible, but is not legally required to agree to the requested restriction.

Volunteers have a right to review a detailed copy of The Arc Montgomery County's Notice of Privacy Practices. The Notice of Privacy Practices is maintained in the agency Policies and Procedures Manual. These manuals are maintained at all permanent program sites as well as the administrative offices. A summary of The Arc Montgomery County's Privacy Practices will be posted at all permanent program sites.

The Arc Montgomery County has designated a privacy officer and a security officer for the agency. The Director of Quality Assurance will act as the agency's privacy officer and may be reached at The Arc Montgomery County's administrative offices, 7362 Calhoun Place, Rockville, MD 20855, 301.984.5777 x1250. The Director of Information Technology will act as the agency's security officer and may be reached at The Arc Montgomery County's administrative offices, 7362 Calhoun Place, Rockville, MD 20855, 301.984.5777 x1264.

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