



Summary of Chapter Benefits

A local Arc Chapter in Indiana reflects the core values of The Arc of Indiana and The Arc of the United States. As an affiliated chapter organizations have agreed to the rights and responsibilities of being a chapter; and in turn, chapter affiliation provides a special relationship with the state and national chapter and the benefits that come with this affiliation. The following lists the “basic” benefits of chapter affiliation.

- Public Policy Advocacy at the state and national level with direct involvement/input in formulating policy on critical issues and participation in annual legislative events.
- Sharing the strength of a state and national advocacy organization as symbolized by use of The Arc’s brand and trademark with the license to use all copyrighted or proprietary information/materials from The Arc US.
- Involvement with and having access to a state and national network for local best practices, shared strategies, education and training, conferences, webinars and participation in advocacy, program services and projects.
- Access to The Arc’s network of programmatic resources, information and materials, The Arc of Indiana’s COVOH Collaborative Decision Lab and the Video Conference Network.
- Access to The Arc of Indiana’s Experienced Staff
 - Governmental Affairs/Advocacy
 - Development
 - Communications/Public Relations
 - Programs, Services and Rights
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Organizational Development and Membership
 - Planning for the Future / The Arc Master Trust
- Funding opportunities recently have included Car Donation Program, eXplore eRecycling Grants, School to Community Transition Grants, Minority Outreach Project, and the Oakley/Lieberman Prevention Fund, and Works of Arc – online art gallery and store.
- Listing on websites with local links, newsletter & other media coverage and *shared* promotion and marketing, fundraising and membership development activities.
- Representation at the meetings of The Arcs of Indiana and the US, exercising the voting powers, duties, and responsibilities of the membership at annual meetings. Chapter members, volunteers, and staff serve and participate on The Arc’s state and national committees and work groups.
- Professional Membership opportunities in ICEArc and The National Conference of Executives of The Arc.
- Economies of scale through group purchasing and volume discounts on products and services such as: The Arc US Group Purchasing Program; insurance and retirement programs; vehicle fleet purchases; The Arc’s E-Store and more.
- Connected to *Autism NOW*, the nation's source for resources and information on community-based solutions for individuals with autism, other developmental disabilities, and their families.
- *The Medicaid Reference Desk* is a tool to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities find out what Medicaid can offer them and *The Arc Network*.
- Right of first refusal on sponsorship/promotional opportunities when annual events are still in development phase, before The Arc of Indiana event promotion has begun.
- Invitation to special events during the year.
- Chapters & Individual Members can receive various services and benefits from The Arc US affinity partners.
- Individual members of local chapter are automatically state and national members at no cost.
- Individual members of The Arc who are siblings can join, at no cost, the National Sibling Council
- Individual members of The Arc who are persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities can join, at no cost, the National Council of Self Advocates.
- Certificate of affiliation.

With more than 7 million people with intellectual & developmental disabilities The Arc network is one of the 10 largest not-for-profit networks with more than \$3.6 billion in annual revenue, directly serving 533,300 persons with I/DD and 509,600 family members. The network is the largest provider of autism services in the nation.