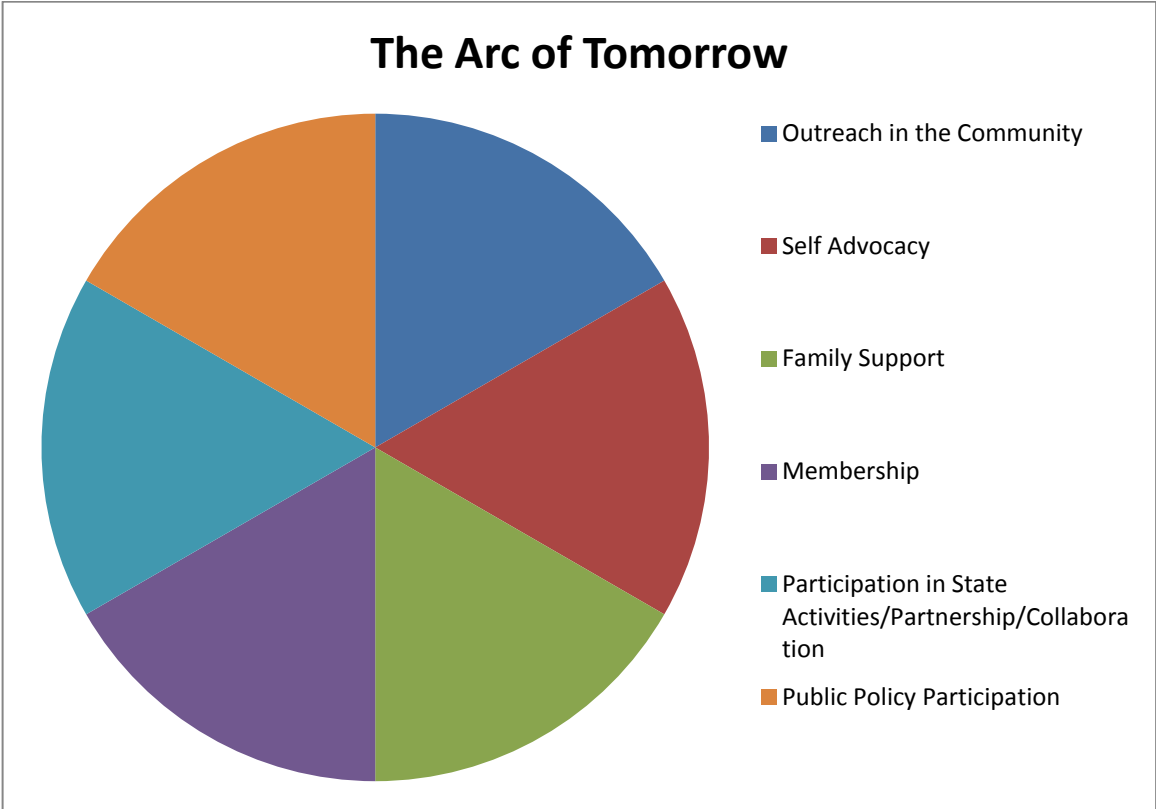


The Arc of Tomorrow: Six components all Chapters should be engaged with

- Outreach in the Community
- Self Advocacy
- Family Support
- Membership
- Participation in State Activities/Partnership/Collaboration
- Public Policy Participation



When put together becomes the Blueprint for what an Arc Chapter is



The elements, criteria and characteristics of each of The Arc of Tomorrow's components

Outreach in the Community

- Promote public awareness of people with I/DD, their needs, issues and concerns
- Using common brand makes The Arc chapter as the place to go
- Use technology to communicate, engaging all stakeholders with all types of communication tools
- *A clearinghouse and information center on disability issues*
- *Support people with I/DD to participate in civic, cultural, religious & community organizations*
- *Positioned as the leading resource, showcasing the contributions of PwI/DD in society*
- *Create a welcoming community & collaborate with culturally focused groups and others*

Self-Advocacy

- Encourage/support a Self Advocacy Chapter, open to all people with I/DD & affiliated with Self-Advocates of Indiana.
- Empower people & families and promote/support self-determination & self-advocacy
- Promote/support people with I/DD as leaders, advocates and spokespersons on their issues
- Educate people with I/DD about their rights and provide them the tools and supports
- *Develop a network of well-trained, empowered and informed self-advocates*
- *Increase the number of advocates to support people with I/DD and local self-advocate groups*

Family Support

- Reaffirm The Arc chapter's relevance & role on behalf of all people with I/DD at all stages of life
- Has a presence/be a resource in all transitions of life
- Reach out to parents, siblings & other family members of infants, children and youth with I/DD
- Actively involve, organize, collaborate, support, and assist parent/family support groups.
- Provide family members with information about their rights and provide them the tools & supports
- *Develop a resource network to offer parent to parent mentoring and training*
- *Provide support for students with an IEP and their families*
- *Support families not receiving services by sharing stories of families who are engaged and active, building on natural supports on what can be done while waiting for funded services.*

Membership

- Expand the number of members
- Increase membership in the community, reaching out to targeted populations
- Has a strong/diversified Board of Directors
- *Involve & collaborate with other family and disability groups to become members*
- *Recruit/involve businesses, professionals, government, and others in The Arc chapter*
- *Build the capacity of all to engage in advocacy*

Participation in State Activities/Partnership/Collaboration

- Attend The Arc of IN's Annual Meeting & other conferences, programs and trainings offered by The Arc
- Recommend members & staff (as appropriate) to serve on the state/national board/committees.
- Partner with others to build a stronger voice and promote collaboration
- *Attend The Arc of the US Annual Meetings and, when possible, other programs*
- *Local chapters with professional management staff participate in ICE-Arc and NCE.*
- *Participate in collaborative approaches in fundraising that maximizes philanthropic resources*

Public Policy Participation

- Promote/support the development of PwI/DD & families as leaders, advocates and spokespersons
- Engage state/federal lawmakers on the public policy issues
- Meet and host forum/discussions with candidates in local, state and federal elections.
- Be the local resource for the media & the public about public policy issues
- Respond to & distribute state and national public policy alerts
- *Support self-advocates in exercising their rights to vote and participate in the political process.*
- *Participate with The Arcs of IN & the US in development of public policy goals and programs*
- *Share success stories that illustrate the impact public policy has*

Local Chapters that offer government funded services embrace The Arc's Core Values when delivering services and provide the highest quality programs and best practices for persons with disabilities.