




The Arc
 of Buncombe County
MAKING THINGS BETTER
 NEWSLETTER
 SPRING 2023 EDITION

SPRING IS HERE!

Hello everyone! We hope that you all are doing well and that you are looking forward to the renewal of spring. And with this new season comes our annual spring event. We hope that you will join us for this fun-filled evening helping raise money to send kids to specialized summer camps. Information for our Spring Fling is below, so mark your calendars and get your tickets today! Enjoy the latest news ~ there is a lot to report since our last issue in the fall. As always, let us know if you have any stories to share. We're always looking for news items that would be of interest to our readers. Be well everyone and thanks for reading!

Join Us for Our Annual Spring Fling ~ Get Your Tickets Today!



Our annual spring event raises money to help those with intellectual & developmental disabilities attend specialized summer camp. This fun evening will include food, drinks and music by West Sound, along with a wonderful assortment of silent auction items to bid on.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event to help others.

To Purchase Tickets, visit the Arc Website: www.arcofbuncombecounty.org or Call: (828)253-1255

Last Call for Summer Camp Applications!

Summer CAMPs



We have a few more scholarships for campers with developmental and intellectual disabilities available. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis.

Visit the Arc Website to Download an Application.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 28, 2023 • 5:30pm - 7:00pm

*During the Family Group Night, they will address your questions about the Medicaid Waiver.
Plus, a complimentary dinner will be served for all.*



FAMILY GROUP NIGHT:
Medicaid Waiver

MARCH 28, 5:30 - 7 PM
Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville

Questions about the Medicaid Waiver?


Join Ryan Platt of A Special Needs Plan, to learn more about:

- What is the Medicaid Waiver?
- Who is eligible?
- What are the requirements?
- How will it help?
- What are the services?

Whether you come to each meeting or this would be your first, we welcome you to join us to meet other parents, St. Gerard House staff, enjoy a meal and leave feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the days ahead!

- Informal, causal setting - everyone is welcome!
- Complimentary dinner for all
- Age appropriate activities and childcare provided by SGH staff and volunteers
- Deadline to RSVP: March 24th

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Presentation will follow 6 - 7pm.
Childcare provided from 5:45 - 7pm.



Family Group Night is supported through funding from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substances Abuse Services via the NC Competitive Grants/Nonprofit State Appropriations



FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Happy Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!

Each March, we have a special chance to celebrate and uplift people with disabilities across our community and highlight their diverse experiences. Click the link below to visit our new stories webpage to see our new TV PSAs and a range of compelling stories about people with developmental disabilities.

This month is an important opportunity to spread awareness of our shared humanity, the many ways people with developmental disabilities enrich our communities, and the challenges we still face to realizing a truly inclusive society.



The Growth Through Opportunity (GTO) Program is Working to Make a Difference

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office is joining other First Responders and nonprofits in Buncombe County to help those with developmental disabilities. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The Growth Through Opportunities program is a local partnership between first responders and public service agencies that hopes to make a difference and support a diverse workforce. This program's cohort and partners will be touring the Courthouse tomorrow. Join us to learn more about the program.

Visit the Arc Website to read more about this great program.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Appreciation and Awards Luncheon is June 28, 2023

Our annual event covers the year's activities & accomplishments and acknowledges those that have gone above and beyond helping the Arc and the people that the organization represents. This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, June 28, 2023**. Stay tuned for details!



Liberty Corner's Greta Byrd Says Farewell

Greta Byrd considers herself fortunate to have worked in support of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental illness for the past 25 years. Greta has worked with non-profits and the public management entities responsible for the coordination services, supports, and funding. Beginning her career as a direct support professional and moving into management and leadership positions in both non-profit and public management of service and supports for individuals has provided her with a profound respect for the individuals receiving support, their families, and the agencies providing care. Greta has provided consultation and training throughout North Carolina on person centered practices and organizational leadership. Greta has served on various boards and advisory councils including the WNC Housing, Inc. Board of Directors and the Adult Care Home Advisory Council. An advocate for affordable housing, she received the Mayor's Award for Housing in 2008. She also has an MBA in Healthcare Management. Greta's is moving back to her alma mater, Mars Hill University, to work as Major Gifts Officer. Liberty Corner will miss her, but we're so happy for her new career!



Asheville Board of Alcoholic Control

Our Heartfelt Thanks!

The Asheville ABC Board is working with The Arc of Buncombe County to provide training and support in the community to prevent alcohol exposed pregnancies.

Prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects in the United States. The Asheville ABC Board promotes awareness, support, safety, and success for children and family services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and addictions.



Visit the Arc Facebook Page to watch this heartwarming piece that was featured recently on MSNBC. Be sure to listen until the end for some interesting words about the IDD community from host, Stephanie Ruhle.

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And STAY TUNED for a new feature coming to the Arc website soon!

Are You Experiencing Financial Hardship and in Need Assistance? The Arc of Buncombe County may be able to help.

For More Information and to Download a Form to Apply for Assistance, Visit the Arc of Buncombe County's Website.

"I wish for a world that views disability, mental or physical, not as a hindrance but as unique attributes that can be seen as powerful assets if given the right opportunities" ~ Oliver Sacks

Have a Story to Share?

We're always looking for content for our newsletter, so if you have a story that you think would be of interest to our readers, please let us know! Contact Linda McDaniel at linda@arcofbc.org or 828-253-1255