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Happy New Year! We are wishing all friends of The Arc of South Carolina all the best for 2017.

Thank you for all of the various types of support that we have received throughout 2016 from our many supporters! We are looking forward to making the most out of this New Year to provide more opportunities for our individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we serve.
The Arc of South Carolina’s 2016 Highlight Reel

Valentine’s Day Dance

Disability Advocacy Day

Outdoor Movie Night

SpArc Fest

Recreational Group Painting

Walk This Way!

Annual Fall Social

Everyday Living Session 1

Wings for Autism MYR
Everyday Living Session 2

The second session of our independent living skills program for teens and young adults has reached capacity. We are so excited to get started with this fun 8-week program on January 24th!

We still need volunteers! Please consider spending your Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings with us to assist the wonderful participants in learning independent living skills from 6pm-8pm. Meetings will be held at The Arc of South Carolina’s newly renovated space for learning starting January 24th and concluding on March 16th. The address is 1208 Indigo Avenue, Cayce, SC 29033.

To volunteer, register via this link: https://goo.gl/forms/knyRlNdhIA99vYPw1

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming Everyday Living session, please contact Megan at megan@arcsc.org or 803-748-5020 ext 3#.
MLK Jr. Day of Service Grant Volunteer Opportunities

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is to commemorate the extraordinary work of Martin Luther King, Jr. by asking “Life’s most persistent and urgent question: ‘What are you doing for others?’” Here at The Arc of South Carolina, we are thrilled about the opportunity to provide many chances for those with disabilities in our community to partake in a service project in an inclusive setting. We will be addressing food insecurity in our community through various volunteer opportunities that also help bridge barriers between several populations.

Some opportunities will include: serving at a local soup kitchen, volunteering at Harvest Hope Food Bank, a group of USC students hosting a food drive on campus to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank, and a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich-Making Competition on MLK Day (1/16/17) on USC’s campus with the goal of providing food for the hungry on a day when many emergency food assistance organizations are closed to observe the holiday.

For more information, please contact Megan Galloway via email at megan@arcsc.org or by phone at 803-748-5020 ext 3#.

Fast Facts

- In South Carolina, over 17% of the population lives in poverty, causing them to experience food insecurity.
- Only 30-40% of people with disabilities engage in volunteer activities. Still, just under 50% of people without a disability volunteer.
Employment Opportunity: Case Manager

Join our team and make a difference! The Arc of South Carolina is a state-level member of the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Case Managers are responsible for assessing, monitoring, referring, and linking, as well as Care Planning for their caseload. The Case Manager will ensure clients receive quality service coordination services. Quality assurance is provided in the form of file reviews, home visits, and other techniques that ensure our clients receive the best service possible.

This position does require administrative and billing tasks and requires a client caseload be maintained. Experience with targeted case management billing practices and familiarity with the CDSS system is desired, but not required. Note: Working with the Executive Director, other duties may be assigned as the agency strives to achieve its mission. Travel is required in order to see individuals on the caseload throughout the service area. Bilingual (Spanish) is desired.

* Please include a cover letter along with your application and send to Amanda Pollak at amandap@arcsc.org *

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor’s degree in Social Work or other related field from an accredited college or university and documentation of at least one year of experience working with people with disabilities and/or case management are required, as per state regulations.

**Essential Job Duties:**

- Ability to sit at a desk for several hours at a time.
- Ability to understand and adapt to changing laws and policies, and clearly communicate these policies to clients and their families.
- Ability to clearly communicate verbally, both in person and over the telephone.
- Ability to use a computer to accurately and expediently document case notes, navigate databases, send and receive email, and conduct research regarding resources, information, and other relevant material.
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle and provide reliable transportation.

**Knowledge and Skills:**

- Demonstrated ability to advocate and problem-solve with clients.
- Demonstration of person-centered planning and supported decision-making skills.
- Demonstrated organizational and time management skills.
- Provide holistic and comprehensive case management services to all clients.
- Excellent organizational and communication skills; verbal and written, technical and non-technical.
- Flexibility in adapting to ever-changing laws, policies, and procedures.
- Enthusiasm, energy and drive relating to job and workplace.
- Must have a well-developed sense of personal responsibility and job responsibility.
New Pilot Program: Cooking EdVentures

Cooking EdVentures is a new collaborative program of The Arc of South Carolina, EdVenture Children’s Museum, and ECM Support Services. We have held several practice sessions on Tuesday nights at EdVenture’s Cooking Lab, where 4 teens/young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder have chosen and practiced cooking several recipes. They have been practicing to prepare for our filming day, in which a professional videographer will be filming their cooking show and editing it to create a 5-minute “webisode”. The cooking show, which will be available for free online, will teach others how to create healthy recipes safely and independently.

Another exciting feature of this program is that the food that is made during the practice sessions and during the filming session is donated to a local organization called the 153 Project, which feeds those experiencing hunger in Columbia each Wednesday at Finlay Park.

The pilot episode is set to be filmed on Saturday, January 7th, and will be available online in late January!

Program Update: A.L.E.R.T.

The Autism Law & Emergency Response Training (A.L.E.R.T.) program provides training for first responders so they can better serve people with Autism in an emergency situation. We are thrilled that this program has been hosted throughout the state so that numerous first responders become trained in this important area.

Upcoming training:

January 30th at 10am
Columbia, SC

Registration required! If you’re a first responder and would like to attend one of these sessions, please email Megan at megan@arcsc.org.
A Message From The Executive Director

Happy New Year! We are really looking forward to an exciting 2017. We’re ready to start the second Everyday Living session in our newly renovated space, and have 15 eager participants! Some additional grant programs are in the works right now, so be on the lookout for any upcoming opportunities to get involved with The Arc of South Carolina. As mentioned many times, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the year-round support that we receive from the many friends of The Arc of South Carolina. We couldn’t do what we do without such great support. We hope to continue to grow our network throughout this year so that we can increase our capacity to serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout our state.

For Your Information

Online screening tool now available and operational!

Anyone can now go to the DDSN website and complete the screening process at any time. To begin, individuals simply go to http://www.ddsn.sc.gov/apply and click on the “Start Screening” link. This process requires an email and password to begin. This allows for users to save and come back to the screening after it is opened.
News From The Arc of the United States

- We have a lot of work to do in 2017. We will need to hit the ground running, educating the new Congress and Administration about the needs, interests and concerns of people with I/DD and their families. So, please, find the telephone numbers and email addresses of your elected representatives. And be prepared to share your personal story!

- With the New Year comes a new Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) Survey. We need your input! The Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota in collaboration with The Arc, is seeking survey caregivers to share their perceptions on a range of life-span issues impacting individuals with I/DD. We are inviting people aged 18 years or older who provide frequent primary support to a person with an I/DD to participate. Stay tuned this upcoming month for its release.

- The US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is gathering feedback from voters with disabilities about their experience voting. Please email them at: listen@eac.gov to share your story. Good or bad, all feedback is welcome and encouraged. Sharing your experience will help the EAC take stock of the 2016 election, determine what went well, and identify areas for continued improvement to ensure that all people with disabilities are able to vote privately and independently!

Videos Worth Watching

- Stella Young, “I’m not your inspiration, thank you very much.”
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K9Gg164Bsw

- “Minority Effect - 2016 Disability Film Challenge Entry”
  - https://youtu.be/fYPeWrA8Mzw
Organizational Transformation: From Workshops to Community Employment

Thursday, January 5 at 3:00 pm ET

Provider agencies across the country are transitioning from segregated "sheltered" workshop options to supporting integrated community careers for people with disabilities. This process of organizational transformation can be both exciting and challenging.

In this webinar, researcher Jaimie Timmons from the Institute for Community Inclusion will share findings from her project, the RRTC on Advancing Employment for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Wally Tablit will co-present. Wally is a leader in the field of supported employment, with over 18 years of experience working with people with disabilities. Register here.

Including People with Disabilities: Public Health Workforce Competencies

Tuesday, January 24 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

One in five Americans – over 54 million – have a disability, yet many public health programs do not include them in their program design. People with disabilities are more likely to experience chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease as compared to people without disabilities. There is a clear need for public health efforts to reduce health disparities among people with disabilities. The Including People with Disabilities: Public Health Workforce Competencies were created for the public health workforce to provide basic knowledge on the relationship between disability and public health efforts. This presentation will provide an overview of the Competencies and examples for implementation. We will also discuss how the material has been adapted to educate public health professionals about adults with ID and how to include them in planning and health promotion. This could also be a great resource for family members or caregivers looking for additional pathways of advocacy. Register here.
Autism Clinical Trial

Do you know a 3-8 year old child who has autism?

Introducing a 14-week study to see if an investigational medication may reduce symptoms of autism.

Participants receive:
- Study-related examinations and medication
- Reimbursement for travel

To learn more, please contact:
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The Arc of South Carolina offers **statewide Case Management services** to people with an intellectual or related disability. Our Case Managers work diligently to advocate for the rights and needs of the people we serve and their families. Case Managers are here to assist you and your family identify needs, set personal goals and utilize resources in the community. Contact our office for more information and find out how we can assist you!

To stay up-to-date on all of the happenings of The Arc of South Carolina, visit our website and Like us on Facebook!

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On our website, you can find more details about The Arc of South Carolina and our staff, upcoming events, the services we offer, recent news, ways to help or volunteer, information about intellectual and developmental disabilities, and a photo gallery from our events!