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# *The Arc*<sup>™</sup> of South Carolina

Monthly Newsletter

## The Arc of South Carolina News

This month, we have had lots of progress with many of our programs! Everyday Living began on September 27 and is in full swing! Over 80 first responders have been trained in our First Responder Autism Trainings in the last few weeks alone, and we have heard success stories of first responders who have come in contact with an individual with Autism in an emergency situation and knew what steps to take to ensure a successful outcome. Lastly, many individuals in day programs and work activity centers have had the opportunity to exercise in a group setting through our Walk This Way! program.

### Save the Date!

## Annual Fall Social!

**Friday, October 21 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

It's time for our annual Fall Social! This year, we're having a masquerade theme, but all costumes are encouraged. Join us for an evening of food, dancing, and fun! \*RSVP is required\*

Thank you to the American Legion Richland Post 6. Thanks to their generosity, this event is FREE!

(See flyer on our website for more information. Visit [www.arcsc.org](http://www.arcsc.org))

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Coming up...

# THE MIDLANDS JOB FAIR

**Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 10am-2pm**

**Dutch Square • 421 Bush River Road • Columbia, SC**

**Free to attend! No registration required for job seekers!**

**Meet more than 60 employers to find out about exciting  
career opportunities in the Midlands!**

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Stay up to date as this event develops at our website: [www.midlandsworks.org](http://www.midlandsworks.org)

An equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.  
All voice telephone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via the South Carolina Relay Service at 711

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| • 9Round Gym                   | • LabCorp of America                 | • SC Air National Guard       | • The Staffing Alliance            |
| • AECOM                        | • Lexington County Employment        | • SC Commission of the Blind  | • Time Warner Cable                |
| • Aerotek                      | • Lexington County Fire              | • SC Dept of Corrections      | • Training Concepts Employment     |
| • Allied Universal             | • Lexington County Sheriffs Dept.    | • SC DHEC                     | • Travel Centers of America        |
| • AllSouth FCU                 | • Liberty Tax Services               | • SC Dept of Juvenile Justice | • Universal Truckload              |
| • Alvin S. Glenn Det. Center   | • Manpower                           | • SC Dept of Mental Health    | • UPS                              |
| • Arby's                       | • Michelin Lexington                 | • SC Dept of PPP              | • US Department of Veteran Affairs |
| • Archer Western               | • MX Security & Solar                | • SC Dept of Public Safety    | • US Foods                         |
| • Aryzta (Otis Spunkmeyer)     | • Natur Chem                         | • SC Dept of Social Services  | • US Security Associates           |
| • Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC | • Nephron Pharmaceuticals            | • SC Dept of Transportation   | • USC Employment                   |
| • Centura College Employment   | • Palmetto Health                    | • SCANA                       | • Verizon                          |
| • Chicago Bridge & Iron        | • ProLogistix                        | • SC Health & Human Services  | • Verizon Wireless Cellular Sales  |
| • DHL Global Forwarding        | • Recruiting Solutions               | • Spherion Staffing           | • Waddell & Reed                   |
| • Doctor's Care                | • Republic National Distributing Co. | • Starbucks's Coffee Company  | • Wells Fargo                      |
| • Guardian Fence Suppliers     | • RetireEase Senior Services         | • Teleperformance             | • WP Rawl                          |
| • Home Depot                   | • Roper Staffing                     | • The Heritage at Lowman      |                                    |
| • Koyo Bearings                | • Roto-Rooter                        | • The Ritedose Corporation    |                                    |

## Wings for Autism

**November 12, 2016**

This event, which will allow children with disabilities to experience the airport experience in a controlled setting before taking an actual trip via airplane, will be held at the Myrtle Beach International Airport. Visit our new website to sign up! Contact Megan Galloway for more information – [megan@arcsc.org](mailto:megan@arcsc.org)



## 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](mailto:megan@arcsc.org) or by phone at 803-748-5020 ext 3#.

## Everyday Living Session 2

With the first Everyday Living session being a success thus far, we are exploring dates for the second session to begin in 2017. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming month about sign-up information for both participants and volunteers.



## The Arc National News

Along with other advocates, The Arc has launched the Modern Medicaid Alliance (MMA) with the purpose of educating the public and policy makers about the Medicaid program and its importance for more than 70 million Americans who rely on it for assistance. Visit <http://blog.thearc.org/2016/10/13/arc-advocates-launch-modern-medicaid-alliance/> to learn more and view a list of all members of the MMA.

## Voting independently with a disability is possible

If you are an American citizen that is 18 years of age or older and are registered to vote, it is your right to exercise that aspect of American citizenship. Even if you think that do not possess the fine motor skills or dexterity that you may believe are required in order to vote, think again. Gone are the days where you need a polling assistant to help you fill out your ballot, thanks to the new accessible machines! Simply ask a poll worker to use the jelly buttons, and a worker that has been trained about the adaptive equipment will set them up to best suit your needs. There are now laws that have been put into place to ensure that all polling places are accessible for everyone. Be sure to do some research about accessibility options at polling places before deciding not to go vote because you are under the misconception that you will not be able to.

Also, before voting, educate yourself on the positions of each presidential candidate in regards to disabilities. You can find more information here: <http://complexchild.org/articles/2016-articles/october/2016-presidential-election/> Election day is on Tuesday, November 8. Go vote and let your voice be heard.

## A message from the Executive Director



ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE

As of April 29, 2016, the South Carolina Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) legislation has been in effect. Now, they are working with the Office of State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. to conduct research and make tax-advantaged ABLE savings accounts available in South Carolina. These accounts will help individuals with disabilities and their families and friends save for future expenses that may arise, without jeopardizing existing government benefits. They are researching these programs that have been launched in other states in order to provide the best options to our state.

By visiting their website, you can stay up-to-date with the latest progress made on this wonderful initiative. Visit: <http://treasurer.sc.gov/citizens/sc-able/>

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

[www.arcsc.org](http://www.arcsc.org)

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!

