



Northwest Wayne County

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Inside The Arc

August 2020

A New School Year is Fast Approaching The Arc NW Will Be Here For You

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, many parents are wondering what school will look like for their children, and what kind of support will be available to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By July 31, 2020, all school districts in Michigan must submit their plans for the 20-21 school year to Michigan's Department of Education (MDE). Some districts have already published their plans; by the time you receive this newsletter, all districts will have made their plans available to the public.

Governor Whitmer, in collaboration with the COVID-19 Task Force on Education and the Return to School Advisory Council, has published Michigan's Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap. The Roadmap gives recommendations for a return to school that correspond with the different phases of virus control. You can view the document here: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_Safe_Schools_Roadmap_FINAL_695392_7.pdf

The safety protocols outlined in the Roadmap will be recommended or required, depending on what region you live in and how active the virus is in your region.

Parents of school-age children with intellectual or developmental disabilities should know that even during online learning, your children's right to a Free Appropriate Public Education is still protected under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Districts are still beholden to IDEA, as well as to Michigan's rules for special education.

Here are some important things to remember:

- **Annual IEPs are mandatory. Many districts have been conducting IEP meetings virtually since March.**
- **Evaluations for special education eligibility are still required if requested by parents. Evaluation teams will need to be flexible in the ways they collect data as part of an evaluation.**
- **Related services, such as social work, speech, etc. can and should still be provided to the greatest extent possible.**
- **If dedicated aides are still employed by the district and your student has an aide written in his/her IEP, that person should be working with the IEP team to help deliver remote supports to the student.**
- **Do not sign anything that waives your rights as a parent of a child with special education services.**
- **Document your child's progress on his/her IEP goals; this could be useful information if compensatory services are needed in the future.**

If you have questions or need help advocating for your child, please contact an advocate at The Arc of Northwest Wayne County for assistance.



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From The Executive Director



Americans with Disabilities Act

Dear Friends,

July 26, 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The law makes sure that individuals with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. It guarantees equal opportunities in public accommodations, employment, transportations, state and local government services, and telecommunications. This law has been the basis for winning rights, introducing new legislation, and making transformational changes in the lives of people with disabilities. In the current environment of our nation, this is a perfect time to reflect on this positive step of progress toward creating a more inclusive world. While you're spending more time at home, take a look at some educational and fun resources to learn more about the ADA on their website www.adaanniversary.org.

Stay well,

Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director





The Arc
Northwest Wayne County

THE ARC NW ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, August 27th
6pm - 7pm online

Register at www.thearcnw.org for
zoom invitation



Voluntary Vulnerable Person Registry Form



The Redford Township Police Department recognizes the challenges our residents and their families face while dealing with Alzheimer's and Dementia, those who fall on the Autism Spectrum, or have other special cognitive issues.

In an effort to foster a partnership with those who have these needs and provide a tailored service, the Redford Township Police Department has developed a voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry. Those who choose to complete the attached registry form will be entered into our dispatch system, which will assist Police and Fire personnel if ever the registered person is missing, or needs our assistance.

The information provided will ensure our officers, dispatchers, or fire personnel, are aware of the individual and their specific needs when responding to a residence, or searching for them if ever they were to go missing.

Participation in this program is entirely voluntary.

If you choose to participate, please provide a current picture of the individual and fill out the form. A completed registry form can be brought to the Police Department for entry into the system.

(A copy of the registry form is on page 4 of this newsletter.)



REDFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vulnerable Person Profile and Emergency Contact Form

PHOTO

Please add photo
in email when
submitting this form

Name: _____

Drivers License/ID: _____

Gender: _____	Birthdate or Age: _____	Non-Verbal? _____	Height /Weight _____ / _____
Address, City & Zip Code: _____			
Parent / Guardian Name: _____		Telephone – Home/Work/Cell: _____	
Parent / Guardian Name: _____		Telephone – Home/Work/Cell: _____	
School & School District: _____		Staff Contact & Telephone #: _____	
Place of Employment & Address, City & Zip Code: _____		Contact & Telephone#: _____	
Communication Methods – Verbal, Sign Language, Visuals, Software: _____		Describe Identifying Marks / Scars: _____	
Medical Conditions – Autism, Seizures, ADHD etc: _____			
Medications: _____		Allergies: _____	
Primary Care Physician: _____		Telephone: _____	
Address, City & Zip Code: _____			
Important Information for Responders – Key Phrases or items that may have a calming effect. _____			
Behaviors that may be exhibited – i.e. runner, wanderer, eat non-edible items, head butts, or is scared easily by certain actions: _____			
Popular Destinations – i.e. Library, Swimming Pool, Restaurant, Store, Etc... _____			
Other Emergency Contact #1 - Name, Telephone #, Relationship: _____			
Other Emergency Contact #2 – Name Telephone #, Relationship: _____			
GPS / Tracking Device Information: _____			
Other: _____			

Entered by: _____
Serial # _____

Dated completed: _____



Arc NW Golf Outing

The Arc NW 2020 Golf Outing is this month, and we hope you'll join us! You can sponsor, register for golf, or find more outing information online at www.thearcnw.org.

THANK YOU to STMicroelectronics for being our EAGLE SPONSOR! STMicroelectronics defines itself as a company full of creators, makers, and drivers of innovation. They are also a generous and long-standing partner of The Arc NW and have served as our presenting sponsor at the Annual Golf Outing for many years. Thank for being a champion for people with disabilities!

MANY THANKS to the Adamo Group, Tuppy II, Dan and Gail DiPonio, Dennis and Chris DiPonio, and Wade Trim for being our 19TH HOLE SPONSORS.

SPECIAL THANKS to our other generous sponsors as well:
Varsity Ford as the HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR.

Barnes Service LLC, Calo & Sons Construction, Lowe Construction Company, Kathy McRae and Jerry Luttmann, Janice and Mitchell Radon, and Community Financial Credit Union for being GAME HOLE SPONSORS. Sylvia Kloc, Highway Services Company, Mickey Dooley, Pipeline Management, Glenn and Mary Scala, the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Council 2690, Eugene and Barb Grewe, and P.K. Contracting for being HOLE SPONSORS.

Last year, this event SOLD OUT so register soon!

With Much Appreciation and Thanks to the Following for their Donations to the Golf Outing

The Bearden Family

Better Made Snack Food, Inc.

Community Financial Credit Union

Mickey Dooley, In Memory of Malcolm W. Dooley, Jr.

Dan and Gail DiPonio

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Glenn and Mary Scala

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After I'm Gone Program Schedule, 2020-2021

All sessions this season will be held virtually on Zoom, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, with a virtual Happy Hour a half hour before each session to chat and get help with technology.

**Schedule is subject to change; brochure with session descriptions will be available at the end of August.*

Getting the Most Out of Mental Health Services

9/17/20 and 2/18/21

Supporting People in Decision Making

11/12/20 and 4/15/21

Social Security

10/1/20 and 3/4/21



Estate Planning for Your Future

1/7/21 and 4/29/21

Transition Planning and Turning 18

10/15/20 and 3/18/21

Beyond Group Homes

1/21/21 and 5/13/21

The Department of Health and Human Services

10/29/20 and 4/1/21

Your Rights When Receiving Mental Health Services

2/4/21 and 5/27/21

All Arc NW Membership fees are due in September

**Won't you join & support
The Arc NW as a member?**

The Arc NW provides advocacy, support and information on disability-related issues across the lifespan.

**We seek - and work - to build a more
inclusive community.**

See the Membership form on the back page of this newsletter or join us online at

www.thearcnw.org

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THE ARC NW PRESENTS

MEMBER TAKEOVER

Would you like to share
your story on our
Instagram? Email Wendy
Ernzen at
wernzen@thearcnw.org



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in need.**

**Census results
affect your
community
EVERY DAY**

Take yours!

- Send your completed questionnaire to the U.S. Census Bureau National Processing Center at 1201 E 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132.
- Take the census by phone at 1-844-330-2020.
- Take the census online at <https://my2020census.gov/>.

Find out more at www.thearc.org/census. Information brought to you by The Arc Dearborn, The Arc Detroit, The Arc NW, and The Arc WW through generous funding from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Donations and Memorials

MEMORIALS

Marcella Hayosh, In Memory of Sara Elizabeth Sevilla and Jared Habicht
Mary Clare Steiner, In Memory of Kathryn Quinn

Donations

Stephan Kanyo



MI SIBS Webinar
August 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Home and Community Based Services Rule:
Guide for Individuals and Family Members**

A webinar presenting information on the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Rule. This rule was released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve the quality of community mental health services.

Register using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tJlufuqopzwiS1L8nY7xta2xFCkPeOC0Eg>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the meeting.

Michigan Supporting and Including Brothers and Sisters (MI SIBS) exists to provide adult siblings of individuals with disabilities with the information, resources and support to advocate with and/or for their brothers and sisters to promote leadership roles of siblings within the disability community.

Hosted by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute (MI-DDI)
Contact: middi@wayne.edu



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AM & PM Saturday Bowling UPDATE

Both the AM & PM leagues will begin their seasons when the Governor allows the bowling alleys to open. We are hopeful that it will be on or before September 12, but delays cannot be ruled out as bowling alleys are among those facilities which will be the last to open.

Once we receive more definite information, we will announce the details through The Arc NW newsletter and Facebook Page.

In addition, you can follow Oak Lanes on Facebook to see when they are officially open.



Due to public gathering restrictions and the unavailability of suitable venues, we are not able to schedule either Sports or Just Fun Club events at this time.

We will share any news as it becomes available.

Janice Bearden and Jackie Norris

The Arc Sports News

JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

Summer of Sharing - cfcu.org

Help us win \$1,000 during the Summer of Sharing!

Community Financial Credit Union has launched their Summer of Sharing. Share your short story online today about The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, and we could win \$1,000! This opportunity ends August 28th, and every story you share will increase our chances.

Find out more
at <https://www.cfcu.org/CFCUSummer/why>.



WHY. Community Financial Credit Union has been enhancing the lives of our members and our communities for over 65 years. The word "community" is not only in our name, but it is the core of everything we do.

How can you use SNAP curbside during COVID?

Many of our members regularly use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and can pay in stores using Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. However, we know you may want to stay out of the stores and order curbside to stay safe. Now you can!

Through the expedited expansion of an online purchasing pilot program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, households receiving SNAP benefits in 39 states including Michigan can use EBT to pay for grocery pickup and/or delivery from select retailers.

Retailers already accepting EBT online for curbside pick-up include Walmart, Amazon, Fresh Direct, and Kroger. Learn more here and happy shopping! <https://blog.cheapism.com/where-you-can-order-groceries-online-ebt-card/>

[Where You Can Order Groceries Online With an EBT Card](https://blog.cheapism.com/where-you-can-order-groceries-online-ebt-card/)

Want to know which grocery pickup and delivery services accept food assistance benefits (SNAP)? We're following shifts in federal benefits programs and grocery stores' policies to keep you informed on where you can order groceries online using an EBT card.

blog.cheapism.com



Upcoming Dates

8/27/20 Annual Member Meeting via ZOOM

8/30/20 Golf Outing

9/18/20 Supporter Appreciation Breakfast

10/1/20 Census Day at The Arc NW

10/1/20 - 10/4/20 Millionaire Parties/Texas Hold 'Em

2/27/21 Ball for All, 2021 Dinner Dance, Celebrating 60 Years

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>All Sports activities of The Arc NW, as well as The Just Fun Club events have been suspended until a later date, yet to be determined. After I'm Gone dates and information are in this newsletter on Pg. 6</p>						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
<p>August 30 Golf Outing</p>				<p>Annual Meeting via ZOOM</p>		

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thearcnw.org

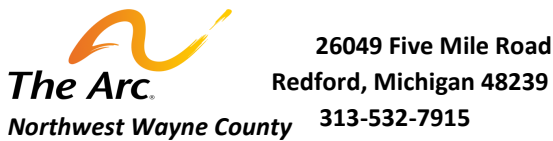




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Membership Application

Member Name(s) _____

Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Daytime Phone _____
Email Address _____

PHOTO DISCLAIMER: By joining The Arc NW I am agreeing to have my image used for printed and online marketing efforts.
Signature: _____

Membership Dues

- New Member
- Renewing Member

- \$25 Individual Membership**
- \$50 Family Membership**

Additional Membership Fees: \$5 to join Just Fun Club
\$15 to join Lekotek

An individual and his/her family or a group home with multiple residents. Includes additional membership fees for Just Fun Club and Lekotek.

- DONATIONS** \$100
- \$25 \$150
- \$50 \$ ____ Other **\$100 Organization**
- \$75

Businesses, non-profits, community groups, or government entities that support people with disabilities.

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