

Events at The Arc

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Upcoming Events:

Marshalltown; Swim Districts: March 29

Iowa City; Spring Games: March 15

Grinnell; Track Districts: April 26

Ames; Summer Games: May 22-24



Project SEARCH

Project Search is currently focusing on preparing students for employment and ensuring their continued success in the workplace. Students are actively applying for positions aligned with their career goals. Recent lessons have covered essential workplace skills, including confidentiality, task prioritization, self-monitoring, understanding the chain of command, time management, and effective communication. The program also emphasizes maintaining employment through resume and cover letter development, interview scheduling practice, and mock interviews. Students refine their interview skills, learn effective techniques, and understand proper etiquette.

Other exciting news: Project Search has been chosen to participate in the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Capitol Advocacy Day. This provides students with invaluable advocacy training from the Iowa DD Council. Participants will learn to communicate effectively with legislators and become strong advocates. The event includes attending legislative sessions and meeting with legislators one-on-one.

Advocacy Tool Box

[HCBS Services Link](#)

Keep updated on this HCBS redesign project. There are several reports, ways to offer feedback, and updates on the website.

[Medicaid Support Link](#)

Right now, Congress is debating huge budget cuts to Medicaid. On the table are proposals that take away health care and disability services for those who need them the most. Millions of people with disabilities get their health insurance through Medicaid—and for kids, it's often the only coverage that meets their needs.

[Section 504 Support Link](#)

You have probably heard about "504 plans," which are plans created by a school with a student's family to provide accommodations and support for a student with a disability. If the court agrees with 17 states (including Iowa), students with disabilities would no longer be guaranteed these accommodations and people with disabilities would not be protected from discrimination like they are now.



A Letter From The Director:

Despite the chilly weather, The Arc is eagerly anticipating the start of our Spring Sports schedule. We're committed to offering a variety of activities so that all our athletes and self-advocates can find something they enjoy.

In December, we celebrated a special milestone as Jason K. was inducted into the Special Olympics Iowa Hall of Fame. Jason's dedication to The Arc and Special Olympics over the years is truly remarkable, and it was a wonderful evening for him and his family.

We extend our sincere thanks to each of you who support The Arc by completing our annual membership form. Your membership strengthens our voice on local and national issues that affect individuals with disabilities every day. **The 2025 Membership Form is available for your convenience.**

Finally, we'd like to invite you to a training session on Special Needs Trusts and Estate Planning. The session will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, March 31st, at 5:30 PM. The Arc will send out the Zoom link prior to the training. Jay Syverson with Nyemaster Law Firm will be the presenter.

With Appreciation - Tricia Crain, Executive Director



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