

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Did you know Census Day is April 1? The census seeks to include every individual living in the United States, but many people with disabilities are historically left out of the count—harmfully impacting funding, services, and supports. The US Arc has pulled together a [census guide](#) to help you understand how census data is used, how the census can be completed, and why it is so important that every household complete it.



Information from the census is used by federal, state, and local governments to make decisions about funding for services and programs. These services and programs include education, housing, health care, transportation, and other community needs. People with disabilities can benefit from these services.

The federal government makes laws for the whole country. Every state has a different number of elected officials in the House of Representatives, based on how many people live in the state. Remember, the census counts how many people live in the whole country and in each state. The government uses that number to figure out how many Representatives the state should have. If people don't fill out the census, a state might get less Representatives. Then, the people in that state won't have as much of a say about decisions in Congress. We need to do everything possible to make sure that we are represented!

Today, more than ever, we are faced with chronic underfunding of services. Will you please help and do your part to be counted?

I hope to see you at The Arc March!

Sincerely,
Kyle Schramp
Acting Executive Director

THE ARC MARCH IS ALMOST HERE

Saturday, March 14th
8:00 am - Activities Begin
9:30 am - Walk Starts

Lindale Mall Food Court
Cedar Rapids

Come celebrate with us at the 23rd Annual Arc March! There will be music, activities, a light breakfast, fun and friends to fill your morning. Show your support by walking with us or you can make a donation online



to the event.

If you missed the February 19th deadline for ordering t-shirts we did order some extras. Please contact Lexi at lcoberly@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext.1024 to put your name on the list for one. Extra shirts will be sold on a first come - first served basis. \$15.00 for an adult size and \$10.00 for a youth size.

DONATE TO THIS EVENT NOW!

BINGO

Wednesday, March 11th
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Vet's Memorial Building
51 1st Ave Bridge | Cedar Rapids

Come enjoy a night of BINGO with friends! We will have prizes for the winners!

Individuals 16 and older.

Please RSVP by March 4th to Derek at dxayasouk@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1056.



RSVP NOW

2020 CARE EXPO

Saturday, March 21st
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mount Mercy Graduate Center
1650 Matterhorn Drive NE | Cedar Rapids



Come visit with lots of vendors and agencies, including The Arc of East Central Iowa. There will be workshops on a variety of topics including Legal Planning for Your Special Needs Child. This event is FREE and open to the public to attend. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/corridorautismresourceexpo/>

SPECIAL NEEDS EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28th
10:00 AM - Activities
11:00 AM - Egg Hunt

Regis Middle School
735 Prairie Drive NE | Cedar Rapids

For those with special needs ages 21 and under and their siblings up to age 10.

Activities Include: Arts & Crafts, Games, Prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Please bring along your Easter basket to collect your eggs!

Please RSVP by March 23rd to Lexi at lcoberly@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1024.

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SPRING FLING

Sunday, April 5th
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Elk's Lodge
801 33rd Ave. SW | Cedar Rapids
\$5.00 per person



Let's celebrate spring! Please join us at the Elk's Lodge for the Annual Spring Fling Dance. There will be a DJ playing all your requests, so make sure to dust off your dancin' shoes cause it's time to boogie down!

~ Refreshments will be served ~ No RSVP needed

SUMMER DAY PROGRAMS

The Arc has various summer programs for your child and teen to participate in. Sign up for summer programming has begun for all sites.

Check out this year's [Summer Programming Opportunities Flyer](#) for details.



SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER! We are looking for employees for our Daycare Enrichment Program and Summer Day Program. Shifts are Monday - Friday ending at 6:30 pm at the latest (depending on setting). No weekends, holidays, or nights! Beginning pay rate of \$10.15/hour plus opportunities for advancement. We offer paid training and flexible scheduling. Great opportunity for college students looking to gain experience in the Education, Medical, and Human Services fields or educators seeking summer employment. Please contact Human Resources at 319-365-0487 ext. 1054 or HumanResources@arceci.org for more information.

Apply online at www.arceci.org today!

Don't need a job for just the summer? We are always looking for more wonderful, compassionate people to join our team! If you're interested in a job where you can make a difference please check out our [job opportunities](#) and fill out an [application](#) today!



APPLY TODAY

GOLF - SAVE THE DATE

This year we celebrate 30 years of our Annual Golf Tournament!

We hope you can join us to help make this one of our most successful Golf Tournaments yet!

Save the Date....

June 18th, 2020

Hunter's Ridge Golf Course



WELCOME RILEY

Hello, I'm Riley Wignall, the new Program Specialist. I have worked at The Arc as a DSP for about two years now. My favorite thing about working here has been being blessed with the opportunity to build relationships with clients and watching them grow along the way. I am excited to take on my new position and to continue making unforgettable memories!



WELCOME GAYLA

Hello, I'm Gayla Mulnix, the new Finance Coordinator. I am excited to become a part of The Arc team and look forward to getting to know everyone. In my spare time I like to spend time with my family seeking out treasures and collectables at estate and garage sales. I also enjoy gardening and almost anything that can be done outside.



WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amy Belice

Self-Employed - Graphic Designer

Why are you interested in The Arc?

I have an adult child with significant special needs who has been receiving services from The Arc since his infancy. We have been very grateful for the services that The Arc supplies. My son has thrived with the friendships among peers and staff from The Arc. I am interested in maintaining The Arc of East Central Iowa for the future, for my family and for others. As a marketing and communications professional my voice will be useful in support of telling the story, and in communicating the need for continued advocacy.



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Michele Means

Cedar Valley Steel, Inc. - CFO/COO

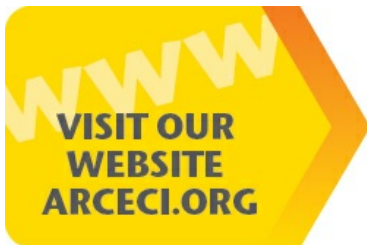
Why are you interested in The Arc?

I thoroughly enjoy "giving back" to the community. What The Arc does is especially dear to me because I am the guardian of my 22 year old nephew who is on the autism spectrum. Programs in his area that help him live a



fulfilling life are priceless.

Your donations help us support those with disabilities in our community.



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