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2018 State Legislative Wrap-Up

The Indiana General Assembly ended their "short" legislative session on March 14, 2018. The Arc of Indiana successfully worked throughout the session to support the passage of key legislation impacting education for students enrolled in special education services.

Over the summer, The Arc's Government Affairs Committee will update The Arc of Indiana's public policy agenda for the 2019 legislative session. We will also be working with chapters of The Arc around the state over the late summer and early fall to host voter registration events and legislative forums. Be watching for events in your area.



cation bills and other legislation

important to people with I/DD and

their families that were passed into

law during the 2018 state legislative

session.

Governor Eric Holcomb met with members of Self-Advocates of Indiana and leaders of local chapters of The Arc at The Arc of Indiana's annual Valentine's Day at the State House event.

HB 1421 – School Discipline.

Provides that the Department of Education's plan for improving student behavior and discipline must (1) reduce out-of-school suspension and disproportionality in discipline and expulsion; and (2) limit referrals to law enforcement or arrests on school property to cases in which referral to law enforcement or arrest is necessary to protect the health and safety of other students or school employees.

HB 1426 – Education Matters.

Requires the state board of education to establish one Indiana diploma (there are currently 4) for individuals who successfully complete high

Following is a summary of edu-school graduation requirements. A diploma will now include one of the following designations: General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, or Core 40 with Technical Honors designation. The bill also requires

> Education to develop an alternate diploma, with a 1% cap on the number of students who can earn an alternate diploma. This will allow students with the most significant disabilities to have access to a high school diploma. Requires the state board to consider math course requirements other than Algebra II when adopting the Core 40 curriculum. Provides that a student may receive a waiver from the postsecondary readiness competency requirements that are part of the

the State Board of

graduation pathway requirements if a student meets certain conditions.

SB 217 - Dyslexia. Requires that (1) a school multidisciplinary team must include information about dyslexia in a student's educational evaluation if the multidisciplinary team determines that the student is eligible to receive special education and related services and has or has characteristics of dyslexia. (2) Information about dyslexia must be (a) discussed by the student's case conference committee if information about dyslexia is included in the student's educational evaluation; and (b) included in the student's IEP if the case conference

committee determines that the information should be included. Requires school corporations to screen each student in kindergarten, first and second grade and certain other students.

HB 1017 – Newborn Screening. Adds spinal muscular atrophy and severe combined immunodeficiency to the list of disorders in the newborn screening requirements.

HB 1220 - FSSA Matters. Adds representatives of organizations that represent people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to the commission on rehabilitation services and the Medicaid advisory committee.

HB 1317-Health Matters. Provides that the definition of "community and home care services" includes services not covered under Medicaid, necessary to prevent individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities from being institutionalized and to help such individuals to transition out of health care facilities or group homes. Requires FSSA to study service provider and systems point of entry reimbursement rates for recipients of early intervention services. Requires FSSA to study reimbursement rates and the methodology for case management services for recipients of certain Medicaid waivers.

SB 240 – Emotional Support Animals. Defines emotional support animal. Specifies who may use an emotional support animal, who may prescribe an emotional support animal, and when an individual may be prescribed an emotional support animal. Provides that an individual with a disability that is not readily apparent who submits a request for an emotional support animal that falsely suggests the individual has a disability that entitles the individual to the use of an emotional support animal in a dwelling commits a class A infraction.

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Self-Advocates of Indiana President's Corner

Kelsey Cowley, President Self-Advocates of Indiana

Self-Advocates of Indiana has been very busy this quarter, with many new projects and opportunities.

In April, SAI held three regional meetings across the state. These meetings took place in Central Indiana (Avon), Northern Indiana (LaOtto), and Southern Indiana (Jeffersonville). These regional meetings gave us a chance to meet with our chapters and update them on what SAI is doing and hear from them about what they are doing in their local communities. Each meeting also had a presentation, "Making Your Waiver Work for You" presented by staff from The Arc of Indiana. The meetings were well attended, and we hope to continue these meetings next year

Three SAI representatives attended the 2018 Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. We had the chance to learn about important policy issues and meet with Senator Joe Donnelly and staff from the offices of Representatives Carson and Visclosky.

During this quarter, SAI developed new partnerships with other organizations. SAI and Indiana Disability Rights were selected to participate in the SABE (Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered) GoVoter Project, which aims to connect state self-advocacy groups with their state protection and advocacy



organization to provide education on voting and voter rights. We will be working with Indiana Disability Rights to provide trainings throughout the state later this year.

We also began a project with the Center for Health Equity at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community to create a pocket guide to the Americans with

Disabilities Act for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

I also was the recipient of the 2018 SARTAC Fellowship, a paid year-long fellowship, through the Self-Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center. My fellowship will focus on addressing the issue of sexual violence against people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by creating informational materials and working with other Indiana organizations to look at policies and practices.

Most recently, eight self-advocates attended the 2018 SABE Conference in Birmingham, Alabama where we had the chance to meet with hundreds of self-advocates from around the country and learn how to be effective leaders.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year with our 2018 SAI Picnic taking place Friday, July 20 at Hummel Park in Plainfield, IN. We also look forward to launching a new initiative through our SAI Speakers Bureau to provide information about sexual health and relationships.

If you have any questions about SAI or would like to request a member of our Speakers Bureau to come speak to your chapter or organization, please contact me at saipresident@arcind.org

Sincerely, Kelsey Cowley

2018 Disability Policy Seminar

A strong delegation of leaders and members of The Arc of Indiana, chapters of The Arc, and Self-Advocates of Indiana attended the The Arc's Disability Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. in April. The seminar included visits "on the hill" with Senators Joe Donnelly and Todd Young; Representatives Trey Hollingsworth, Jackie Walorski and Larry Buschon, and legislative assistants to Representatives Jim Banks, Pete Visclosky, Luke Messer and André Carson.



Senator Young with The Arc of LaGrange County



Senator Donnelly with Self-Advocates of Indiana

A View from My Window

Hosted by Michelle Fischer

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A View into Indiana Legal Services and Indianapolis Legal Access Partnership

A View into WorkHere

A View into The Arc Advocacy Network with Karly Sciortino-Poulter

A View with Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch and Kim Dodson on the I/DD Task Force

A View into Pre-Employment Transition Services

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Kim Dodson

bad days.

you had an "open door" about

meeting with people, but too often

your conversations were taken out of

context and used against you? I could

not imagine working in that type of

an atmosphere. I certainly don't do

what I do for praise or credit...but I

am glad I have more good days than

The Arc of Indiana is moving in

June, and I have spent some time

cleaning out file cabinets and file fold-

ers. Recently I stumbled across some

paperwork from some conversations

with our Division of Disability and

Executive Director's Column

Have you ever Rehabilitative Services that took place had a job where several years ago – conversations that you rarely received were not good conversations. They praise or even were difficult and, quite honestly, a "thank you"? nasty at times. I don't expect to agree What about a job with our state agencies all of the time, where many days and that to me is the beauty of advoyou were deciding cacy. It is our job to push for what between a bad option or a worse we feel is right. It is also wise for us to option? Or how about a job where realize that sometimes a compromise

must be reached.

Those conversations with DDRS were conversations when many programs and services that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities were being cut. They were not being cut after thoughtful discussions about the details or utilization of the program. They were being cut because of their price tag without any analysis as to if there were bigger costs elsewhere if the program was eliminated. Remember that nearly \$2 billion surplus that our state now has? Our cuts weren't nearly that much but we contributed to it by the millions!

I guess what this comes down to is, I want to recognize the current team at DDRS under the leadership of Kylee Hope. She has built a strong team at DDRS and a team that provides thoughtful consideration to every decision.

Kylee is the big sister to one of the kindest, sweetest men I know, who also happens to have autism. For as long as I have known Kylee, she has spoken her mind and stood up against bureaucracy she felt was wrong. She dedicated her career to helping people with disabilities by getting a special education teaching degree, then going to law school to help families with legal concerns in that difficult K-12 world. Personally, I like having someone leading the division that has so much insight and experience. Do I agree with DDRS all of the time? Absolutely not. But I can

respect differing viewpoints and agree to continue to work together.

It's a thankless job sometimes over at the Government Center, and it shouldn't be. I want to say THANK YOU for the tireless hours you and your team put in that run well into the night more often than not. THANK YOU for having the courage to make the bad decision over the worse decision and doing so only after countless hours of conversations with various stakeholders.

Disagreement can be good, and many times it leads to better understanding, and oftentimes to better change elsewhere. I firmly believe that the current leadership is one of the best we have had for a long, long time. Our current system is not perfect, and we have a lot of difficult conversations still to be had over the next couple of years. But this is the team I want to be having them with.

#WeareTheArc2018

The Arc of Indiana is proud of our 43 chapters of The Arc. During the month of May, staff from The Arc of Indiana and The Arc Master Trust traveled throughout the state to meet with chapter leaders, volunteers, staff

and participants of programs operated by our chapters. Whether it is a large provider of services, or a small volunteer only run chapter, our local chapters are making a difference in the lives of people with intellectual and

developmental disabilities, families, and the community.

Chapters are always looking for good volunteers. Do you have time and talent to give to the chapter of The Arc in your area? They would welcome your help! You can find a listing of chapters and contact information on our website at: www.arcind. org/about-the-arc/local-chapters



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The Arc of Shelby County



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The Arc of Pike County

Anthem Agrees to Settle Indiana Autism ABA Case

Anthem agreed to pay approximately \$1.63 million to class members and agrees to cease using guidelines that based coverage solely on age.

In 2012, Anthem sent letters to their Indiana subscribers with autism stating that medical necessity reviews for ABA therapy services for school aged children, that is children aged 7 and older, would include a review of the child's school schedule and services as part of the medical necessity review.

The Arc of Indiana objected strenuously to this policy change as a violation of the Indiana Autism Mandate Law, federal mental health parity law (also called MHPAEA), as well as federal insurance laws called ERISA laws.

The Arc of Indiana and Dan Unumb, President of The National Autism Law Center, attempted to work with Anthem and state regulators to address concerns, including a pattern of ABA therapy denials that appeared to be based solely upon age and not the person's clinical presentation or the standards of medical treatment for ASD.

Despite almost three years of on-going advocacy by The Arc of Indiana and Mr. Unumb to secure regulatory relief, the problem remained unresolved, and a class action suit was filed in 2015.

The following settlement agreement was made public in April 2018. If approved by the court, about 200 children will receive some payment for ABA therapy that was denied previously. Further, Anthem has agreed

to cease using age-based guidelines for medical necessity determinations regarding ABA therapy and autism.

The Arc of Indiana is hopeful that this settlement will lead to decreased discrimination against all persons with autism and developmental disabilities in health insurance plans, and will help to encourage insurance carriers and regulators to work with families and their advocacy groups to address potential violations of state and federal laws that protect persons with disabilities from discrimination in health insurance policies and their administration.

Congratulations to the families and attorneys Toby Marshall and Blythe Chandler of Terrell Marshall Law Group and Syed Ali Saeed of Saeed and Little who represented the plaintiffs, and to attorney Dan Unumb, of the National Autism Law Center, for his ongoing efforts in this area.

We at The Arc of Indiana continue to work to represent families through our Insurance Advocacy Resource Center to address systemic issues in private and public insurance plans that affect individuals with disabilities and their families.

At this writing, the court still has to approve the settlement. We will provide updates as information becomes available to the public.

From the Settlement Agreement

Recovery for the Settlement Class

4.1 Each Settlement Class Member shall receive a check representing the Settlement Class Member's share of the settlement proceeds, which shall be calculated by multiplying the "Settlement Class Payment" (as defined herein) by the Settlement Class member's "Pro Rata Share" (as defined herein). Settlement Class Payment means the Settlement Fund, less any award of attorneys' fees and costs, less any costs of notice and settlement administration, and less any incentive payments to the Named Plaintiffs.

A Settlement Class Member's "Pro Rata Share" means (i) the sum total of the dollar amounts that Anthem would have paid for the ABA therapy at the time the claims were adjudicated for which Anthem denied coverage in relation to that Settlement Class Member (without consideration of deductibles, copays, co-insurance, or out-of-pocket maximums) divided by (ii) the total value of all dollar amounts that Anthem would have paid for the ABA therapy for which Anthem denied coverage in

relation to all Settlement Class Members combined (without consideration of deductibles, copays, co-insurance, or out-ofpocket maximums).

4.2 As further consideration, Anthem agrees that, consistent with Indiana and federal law, Anthem, in connection with its decisions regarding pre-authorization of ABA therapy coverage for Indiana beneficiaries, shall (i) cease the use of guidelines relating to coverage for ABA therapy based solely on an individual's age; (ii) issue a statement to its Utilization Management employees regarding the use of age-related considerations; and (iii) require employees who review treatment plans to participate in periodic external continuing education relating to autism and/or ABA therapy. These changes shall be enacted and communicated to Anthem's employees in a manner approved by Class Counsel within sixty (60) days following entry of the Preliminary Approval Order as described herein. Within sixty (60) days after entry of such Order, Anthem shall provide to Class Counsel a declaration confirming that it has implemented the policies and procedures set forth in this section.

Settlement also requires reviewers to participate in periodic outside training related to Autism and ABA.



Build Your Future Plan – To
better serve fami-

lies and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in future planning, The Arc of the United States has developed "Build Your Plan," a tool that enables families to create accounts and begin to build their plans within the Center. Learn more at futureplanning.thearc.org/

Autism NOW Center – The Arc's Autism NOW Center provides a central point of access to high-quality

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resources and information for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their families, professionals, and other key stakeholders. The website is unique in that all of the content has been created or reviewed by people with autism. Learn more at autismnow.org.

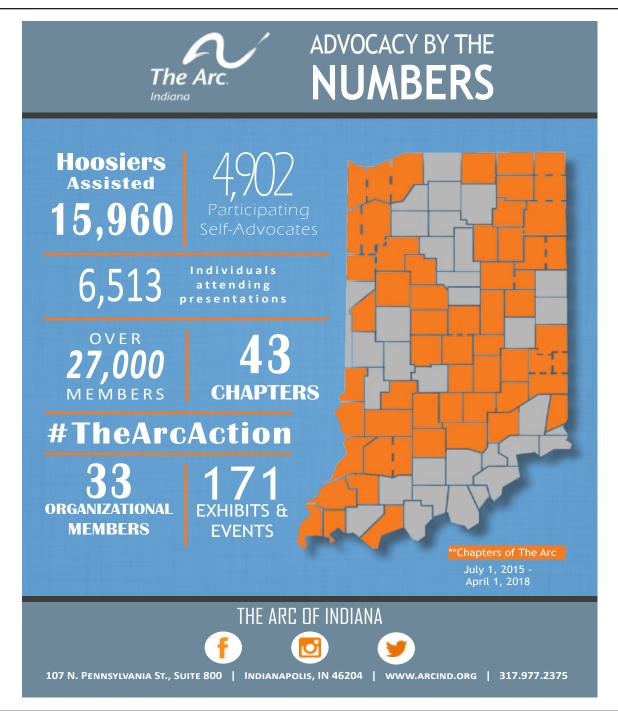
National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability® – With the support of a grant by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, The Arc is developing a national center on criminal justice and

disability, with a focus on intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is the first national effort of its kind to bring together both victim and suspect/offender issues involving people with I/DD under one roof. According to the National Crime Victim Survey of 2010, the victimization rate is twice as high for individuals with disabilities as compared to those without disabilities. Learn more at thearc.org/NCCID

National Council of Self Advocates – The National Council of Self Advocates of The Arc (NCSA) is the formation of a group of leaders representing the full spectrum of ages and abilities across The Arc's national chapter network. Learn more at *thearc.* org/self-advocates

The Arc's National Sibling Council welcomes all siblings and those who support siblings who are members of The Arc either at the local, state or national level. The Council will offer opportunities for networking, support, advocacy, and leadership development. Learn more at thearc. org/siblings

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The Arc Advocacy Network

The Arc Advocacy Network, our family advocacy program, provides information and assistance in understanding and navigating Indiana's service delivery system, including:

- Government programs, including Medicaid, Medicaid Waivers, SSI and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Employment
- Natural and Community Supports
- Guardianship and Alternatives
- Community Living Options
- Self Advocacy and Self-Advocates of Indiana

Our staff of family advocates is available to answer basic questions, as well as assist with complex and critical problems that require immediate assistance, support, and intervention.

Through the Insurance Advocacy Resource **Center,** we assist families in navigating their private insurance policies and increasing knowledge of basic health insurance issues, including the Affordable Care Act. Michele Trivedi, INARC Manager, is a long-time autism insurance advocate and mother of a daughter with autism.

The Arc Advocacy Network and Insurance Advocacy Resource Center is available to provide trainings and to exhibit at area events.

Contact us at 317-977-2375 or 800-382-9100. We're here to help.

News from the Task Force for Assessment of Services & Supports for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Task Force for Assessment of Services and Supports for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, created by House Enrolled Act 1102 in the 2017 session of the Indiana General Assembly, continues its work in conducting a broad assessment of I/DD supports and services.

Meetings are being held around the state to gather input and prepare a comprehensive plan for implemen- meeting has a topic focus area, public tation of community-based services provided to people with I/DD by November 2018.

All meetings are open to the public and are live streamed at: Indiana.AdobeConnect.com/taskforce1102/

Public comments can be made at the start of each meeting. While each comments may be made on any area of interest or concern regarding I/DD

Comments may also be emailed to Kristina Blankenship at kristina. blankenship@fssa.in.gov.

Requests for accommodations for meetings of the task force should be

made by contacting Kristina Blankenship at kristina.blankenship@fssa. in.gov at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

For more information, including data and information gathered for the task force by the state and The Arc of Indiana, visit: www.arcind.org/news and scroll down to find the article regarding the task force.

Future Task Force Meetings

June 27 **Modernization of Residential Options**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m CT 1401 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso

July 18 **Employment**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET 402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis

August 22 **Improving the Capacity** and Quality of Community Based **Supports**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET Indiana University Southeast University Center, Hoosier Room 4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany

September 19 **Review Proposed Task Force Report**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET 402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis

October 17 **Finalize Proposed Task Force Report**

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET 1160 E SR 205, Columbia City

Vision to Expand EGTI ERSKINE to Southwest Indiana • GREEN **Announced Training Institute**

The Arc of Indiana Foundation and Inclusive Evansville Action Committee held a news conference on April 27, 2018 to announce their shared vision to expand Erskine Green Training Institute (EGTI) into Southwest Indiana to provide postsecondary training to people with disabilities in the manufacturing and banking industries. EGTI, based in Muncie, Indiana, currently provides postsecondary vocational training in the hospitality, food service, and health care industries.

Andy Kirby, The Arc of Indiana Foundation Executive Director said, "EGTI is changing lives. With a 100 per-

cent graduation rate and 80 percent post-training employment rate, we know we have a vocational training model that works. The vision and partnership to establish Erskine Green Training Institute Southwest will work to train and prepare a ready and willing workforce in the manufacturing and banking industries.

"We are thankful to have such forward thinking and strong partners in Southwest Indiana to help make this vision a reality. Our mutual goal is to have EGTI Southwest's inaugural program begin in the fall of 2019."

Project partners for Erskine Green Training Institute Southwest include:

- Inclusive Evansville Action Committee
- The Arc of Indiana Foundation
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana (TMMI)
- Old National Bank
- University of Evansville
- The City of Evansville
- Southwest Indiana Chamber



Leaders of The Arc of Indiana and The Arc of Indiana Foundation with Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch.



EGTI Southwest project partners and Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch.

EGTI Graduates Finding Employment Opportunities Throughout State



In December of 2015 The Arc of her father, Jamie found herself with Indiana Foundation opened Erskine Green Training Institute (EGTI), a one of a kind training institute and teaching hotel in Muncie, Indiana, where students receive vocational training in hospitality, food service, health care, and inventory distribution. EGTI graduates are consistently maintaining an 80 percent postgraduate employment rate, and are finding employment opportunities throughout the state.

EGTI recently paved the way for Jamie Beck to receive training as a hospital patient transporter and become an employee of IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. Jamie's road to employment and independence has not been an easy one. Following the death of

nowhere to live. She was placed in a nursing home through a court order, and Achieva, The Arc in Wayne County, was named as her quardian.

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With Achieva's assistance, Jamie obtained Medicaid Waiver services, moved out of the nursing home and into a community residential program, and began working in sheltered employment. Jamie's goal, however, was to work in the community. Through her own perseverance, Jamie found a job at Pizza King in Richmond, Indiana.

However, she set a new goal to find employment where she could work fulltime with benefits. After learning about EGTI, Jamie was determined to attend. She received training in patient transport and gained skills to help her live more independently. Following graduation Jamie was hired at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and moved to Muncie. Thanks to Jamie's hard work, and the support of EGTI, she has not only achieved her employment goal, but also has established a new life for herself in a new city.

To learn more about EGTI, visit erskinegreeninstitute.org

Report from The Arc Master Trust

The Arc of Indiana Master Trust celebrates its 30th anniversary on October 24, 2018. The Arc Master Trust is one of the leading pooled special needs trusts in the country, and we continue to see significant growth year after year.

Trust 1 is The Arc of Indiana's original trust. The intent of Trust I is to provide parents with a reliable way to supplement the means-tested benefits their children receive, such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), when they are no longer there to provide for them. Trust I has been a safe harbor for nearly 30 years for parents to provide for their children.

Trust II was established in 1995 in response to a law passed by Congress in 1993 allowing individuals receiving government assistance (or means-tested benefits) to save funds in their own trust for disability and non-disability related expenses. While the law is different in some areas for Trust I and Trust II, the administration of the two trusts is the same.

2017 Enrollments and Account Balances

- 360 new trusts opened
- 3,333 total trusts open as of December 31
- Over 8,800 disbursements totaling nearly \$5 million
- \$71.5 million total on deposit for all trusts
- 14.03% rate of return for Invested Trust I accounts for the year
- 13.14% rate of return for Invested Trust II accounts for the year

The Arc Master Trust has exciting changes taking place throughout 2018

To accommodate the significant growth the trust sees year after year, a new position of trust operations manager was added on January 1, 2018 to help manage internal trust operations. Katie Loggins, former trust account manager, moved into

that position in March. In addition, two new trust account managers, Hope Lane, and Alyson Settimi, have joined The Arc Master Trust Team.

In mid to late summer 2018, the trust will launch a new software program to administer the trust. The new program will give beneficiaries and key people the ability to view their disbursement requests and statement in real-time as transactions progress in our system. Look for

details about the new software program in the months to come.

We welcome you to visit The Arc Trust at *thearctrust.org* and encourage you to contact us for information on establishing a trust or to schedule a presentation on the trust. Contact us at 317-977-2375 or 800-382-9100; or email Melissa Justice, trust director, at *mjustice@arcind.org* or Jill Ginn, assistant trust director, at *jginn@arcind.org*.



Whether its new clothes, a new truck, or a trip to Disney World, The Arc Master Trust can help provide for disability and nondisability related expenses for trust beneficiaries.

1st Year Anniversary of

Indiana Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell

This July, the Indiana ABLE Authority will be celebrating one year of INvestABLE Indiana! We are so proud of what this program has already accomplished for Hoosiers and are excited to continue to watch its impact.



Kelly Mitchell

I never thought as the Indiana Treasurer of State, I would be able to have such an impact on people's lives. ABLE accounts provide people with disabilities a new way to save funds without having their benefits affected. With INvestABLE Indiana, Hoosiers with disabilities can save up to \$15,000 a year and up to \$100,000 without SSI benefits being suspended. If SSI benefits are not a concern, a Hoosier can put up to \$450,000 into the account at any time.

Money can be withdrawn and spent on qualified expenses, or INvestABLE Indiana account holders can choose to grow their finances and create long-term savings with tax-free earnings. Withdrawals and earnings in INvestABLE Indiana accounts are not subject to federal or state income tax if spent on qualified expenses, similar to a 529 college savings account. Contributions are made with post-tax dollars.

To qualify for an ABLE account, the account owner must have the onset

of disability or blindness before the age of 26 and be receiving Social Security benefits. If they are not receiving Social Security benefits, but still meet the age of onset disability requirement, they may still be eligible if they meet Social Security's definition and criteria regarding significant functional impairment and can provide a letter of certification from a qualified physician.

Over the last year we have seen INvestABLE Indiana and many other state programs around the country gain momentum. After being signed into law by President Obama in December of 2014, the Indiana General Assembly went to work to put together a Hoosier specific plan. I am grateful to the members of the General Assembly who crafted legislation to create the Indiana ABLE Authority and to the General Assembly for assigning them the task to set up the plan. Now, the Indiana

ABLE Authority is the governing body of INvestABLE Indiana. Their tireless efforts and vision has set the path for this program.

On the road, I have heard countless stories of how INvestABLE Indiana can change lives. It has been a joy over the last year to visit people and listen to their stories. At one event a young man spoke about how, for the first time, he was going to be able to save for a home of his own. This had not been a reality before ABLE legislation. At another event a father spoke about the peace of mind he now has for his young daughter's life.

Being a part of bringing this new program to Hoosiers has been very rewarding! INvestABLE Indiana's executive director is happy to respond to any questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

To learn more, visit: *savewithable*. *com/in/home*.

We're Moving!



We're excited to share that The Arc of Indiana is moving to new offices on Friday, June 22, 2018. We will be located in the Indiana Association of Realtors' building, a historic downtown building at the corner of Market and Capitol, directly across the street from the State House.

2018 Golf Sponsors

Thanks to the premier sponsors of The Arc of Indiana 29th Annual Golf Tournament, hosted by Eddie Gill.





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July 20, 2018

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STATE CONFERENCE & IMPACT AWARDS LUNCHEON

October 24, 2018

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

August 11, 2018

Oak Trace Elementary Westfield, IN

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

November 8-10, 2018

Nashville, TN

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September 8, 2018

NCAA Hall of Champions Indianapolis

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January 26, 2019

Horizon Convention Center Muncie, IN