2021

Advocacy Toolkit

Included in Toolkit:

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Funding Priorities:

- End the Inclusion Penalty: Match Supported Living
 Rate to Group Home Rate
- Funding for Priority 1 of the DD Waiver Waitlist
- Protect Rate Increases for Medicaid Waiver Services
- Protect Rate Rebase for Medicaid Waiver Services

Legislative Priorities:

- <u>Virtual Supports & Assistive Technology</u>: Form workgroup to address changes needed in order to ensure accessible services for all.
- Inclusive Education: Allow CSA funds to support students educated in public schools, and match accountability requirements of Private Day Schools to Public School.
- <u>Criminal Justice Reform</u>: Recognition and consideration of ID/DD status at the outset of proceedings, during bail, and in presentence investigations.

Legislative Agenda



Register for Advocacy ACTION ALERTS

The Arc of Virginia is rolling out a new Advocacy Software for the 2021 General Assembly Session!

- Send Emails to Legislators with JUST ONE CLICK!
- RECORD a video for personalized message!
- Track your personal advocacy history

Register for ACTION ALERTS











January 6th

VIRTUAL Budget Hearings

The Virginia General Assembly is holding Public Hearings for citizens to provide comment on Virginia's Budget. You can sign up to speak at ...TBA

Not Available to Login to the Hearing?

If you would like to pre-record your testimony with The Arc of Virginia to be presented during the hearing, please complete this form.

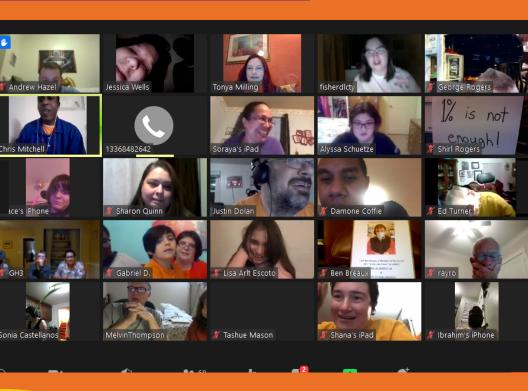
Times and Logins Details

TBA

Budget Nearings

VIRTUAL RALLY TO KICK OFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Monday January 11th 6:30 pm - 7:00pm



Register for Virtual Rally

Virtual Rally





Virtual DD Advocacy Meetings

Recognizing that the upcoming 2021 Session will be very different in a virtual world, The Arc of Virginia is working proactively with your Delegates and Senators to ensure that they hear from YOU!

In an effort to streamline meetings for Delegates/Senators and our members, we are scheduling District Meetings that we will invite our members/advocates/partners to attend. And just like on the in person DD Days, The Arc of Virginia will provide Legislative Materials and attend the meetings to support Advocates and answer any questions that the Delegates/Senators may have on specific Legislation or Budget Priorities.

All meetings need Storytellers and Foot Soldiers! However, due to time limitations, the number of Storytellers may be limited for some districts.

In order to receive an invitation to the District meeting with your Delegate/Senator, be sure to Register to receive Action Alerts. Once the meeting is scheduled, you will receive an invitation.



