

The Arc of Southwest Georgia

Board Member Application



Achieve with us.®

We identify, create and sustain inclusive communities that embrace and engage individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We support children, youth, adults, seniors and families by providing child care, community living services, work skills training, employment, resources, and advocacy.

Administrative Office

2200 Stuart Avenue
Albany, GA 31708

Annette Bowling Campus

3005 Old Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31708

Child Development Center

2200 Stuart Avenue
Albany, GA 31708

Janet Mason Day Center

826 Liberty Expressway
Albany, GA 31705



Dear Prospective Board Member,

Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of The Arc of Southwest Georgia Board of Directors. We have enclosed our current application for you to complete as we get to know you better. If you have questions concerning the application, please contact DeAnna Julian at djulian@thearcswga.org.

In addition to traditional governance oversight, Board members use their influence to spread the word about our mission and achievements. Board members are advocates for The Arc of Southwest Georgia by connecting it to the broader community, providing a conduit for feedback to the organization, and supporting the mission, the executive director, and the staff. There are many ways in which Board members can participate in learning about our organization, developing themselves as leadership volunteers, and helping us accomplish our mission in Southwest Georgia.

Board members are expected to give their “time, talent, and treasure.” As leadership volunteers, we give our time to serve The Arc of Southwest Georgia based on our talent (i.e. knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise). Because the Board has responsibility for the financial health of The Arc of Southwest Georgia, each board member makes a personal commitment to support The Arc with the treasure we’ve been given.

Each individual Board member’s contributions of time, talent, and treasure will differ. That is one of the strengths of a diverse board. Some members choose to serve on committees aligned with their professional interests (e.g., an accountant who joins the finance committee). Others choose to serve on a committee that will be a learning opportunity. The minimum time commitment for serving on The Arc of Southwest Georgia Board is approximately three hours per month. Much of this time will be devoted to Board meetings, committee assignments, and supporting our events.

We look forward to learning more about you and your interest in supporting people with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Ragan Brown, Board President

DeAnna Julian, Executive Director

Contact Information

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Mobile

Work:

Email:

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How would you describe yourself?

I am a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

I am a family member of a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Please state your relationship, i.e., mother, brother, etc., and the age of your family member with I/DD.

I am a professional in the field of developmental disabilities. Please state below your discipline, position, or other descriptive information.

I have previous experience with The Arc of Southwest Georgia or a similar agency. Please state your experience below.

I am a concerned citizen and wish to contribute my time and talents. Please state below your relevant experience.

I am a resident of Southwest Georgia who is passionate about serving others and fighting for inclusion.

Please share your professional background and expertise, such as Accounting, Attorney, Fundraising, Marketing, Medical, Financial, Self-Advocacy, etc.

Please indicate where you became aware of the opportunity to serve on our Board of Directors.

Please indicate your top 5 priorities in the following list.

Education/Special Education

Early Intervention

Children's Issues

Legal Advocacy

Aging Issues

Transportation

Health & Medical Care

Community Services/

Waiting List Self-Advocacy

Legislative Advocacy

Housing

Employment

Other:

As a Board of Directors member you are required to actively participate on at least one of the following committees. Please indicate which Committee(s) is/are of interest to you.

Executive Committee: This committee will be charged with actively advocating for the board's needs, to make that body as effective as possible in leading the organization to create great community results.

Fundraising & Outreach Committee: This committee shall plan and conduct, or provide for, fundraising projects, grant development, corporate sponsor membership enrichment, and other means to financial support that will furnish the income needed to finance the agency's activities. The committee shall also develop and implement a marketing strategy to promote The Arc of Southwest Georgia's mission and causes. The committee will steward The Arc of Southwest Georgia brand and image, assure that the organization has internal and external marketing and communications programs targeted at specific market segments, and that our programs are consistent with clearly defined objectives to enhance the reputation and recognition of The Arc of Southwest Georgia.

Organizational Planning Committee: This committee shall evaluate the programs and services provided for individuals with disabilities in the geographic area served by this organization and shall develop a long-range program covering all services for individuals with disabilities in the area. It shall advise the Board of Directors with respect to the need to expand existing services and initiate new services, including services by public and private agencies, as well as services provided by the Corporation, itself, and shall recommend priorities for such services. This committee shall keep abreast of pending legislation concerning benefits or services for individuals with disabilities and their families. It shall analyze needs to be met through legislation and work to coordinate such activity at the local, state and national levels.

Board Development Committee: This committee is responsible for the general affairs of the board, including but not limited to preparing priorities for board composition, meeting with prospective board members and recommending candidates to the board, conducting orientation sessions for new board members, and organizing training sessions for the entire board.

Please provide contact information for two references, one personal and one professional, who are not related to you and who have known you for longer than one year.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Relationship:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Relationship:

Mission

Our mission at the Arc of Southwest Georgia is simple: create life-changing solutions for people with disabilities.

Vision

We envision a world where people of all abilities can experience the same opportunities, rights, and freedoms as inclusive members of the community.

Purpose

Our purpose is dignity, personal freedom, and acceptance. Continually helping persons with disabilities is the goal of our organization.

Thank you very much for your interest in The Arc of Southwest Georgia. Please mail your complete application to The Arc of Southwest Georgia, Governance Committee, P.O. Box 71026, Albany, GA 31708, or submit by email (djulian@thearcswga.org).

I understand if I am invited to join the Board, candidates complete additional paperwork, including a background investigation and confidentiality agreement.

All Board members complete an orientation to the agency within 90 days of beginning their Board service. I have reviewed and agree to support the mission and core values of The Arc of Southwest Georgia. I have reviewed the Board Member Responsibilities and agree to execute these if I am elected or appointed to the Board of Directors.

Signature:

Date:

All completed Board of Directors applications are reviewed by the Board Development Committee. Candidates are vetted and then interviewed by the Board President and Executive Director. Please attach a short biography for the Board Development Committee with any other information you would like to share about your experience and background, and/or attach a complete resume.