



# **The Arc of Southwest Georgia**

July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023 Annual Report





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# WHO WE ARE

## 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 people with disabilities is the goal of our organization.

# LOCATIONS

## ▶ 3005 OLD DAWSON RD

Residential, Nursing, and Quality Assurance

## ▶ 2200 STUART AVENUE

Administration  
Fiscal Services  
Human Resources  
Project ARC  
ICWP  
SOURCE  
Staff Development

## ▶ 826 LIBERTY EXPRESSWAY SE

Janet Mason Day Campus



# DeAnna Julian, Executive Director



**OUR GOAL IS TO SUPPORT OUR MOST  
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
THAT WISH FOR QUALITY CARE FOR THEIR  
LOVED ONES.**





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# SERVICES



## FOR CHILDREN

Early intervention services for children with developmental delays and Autism

## FOR ADULTS

Case management and care coordination services  
Day programming  
Job preparation and placement services  
Residential services



## FOR FAMILIES

Individualized support to meet everyday needs and avoid crisis



# ORGANIZATION SNAPSHOT

**650**

Clients Served

Counties of Service

**15**

**250**

Employees

Annual Budget

**\$9 Million**

## July

- ★ 32st Anniversary Celebration of Americans with Disabilities Act with trip to University of Georgia Disability Archives
- ★ Welcomed 7 new Board Members
- ★ Continued and renewed United Way funding partnership
- ★ Continued Albany Area Primary Health care mobile clinic partnership

## August

- ★ Child Development Center began new school year
- ★ Celebrated successful employment of individual receiving Vocational Services
- ★ Creating a Culture of Belonging Kick Off Luncheon with Dr. Alonzo Kelly

## September

- ★ myWalgreens donation program began
- ★ Persons served participated in annual Georgia Learning Community Gathering
- ★ Planted fall crops for Sprout Up garden
- ★ Represented company at Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
- ★ Celebrated hard work and dedication of DSPs for DSP Recognition Week

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## October

- ★ Hosted a Fall Festival/Staff Appreciation Event, “Appreciate Yo’ Self”, for staff and persons served
- ★ Testified in Senate Committee Hearing regarding DSP Wages and NOW/COMP Waivers

## November

- ★ Hosted persons served without family to spend holidays with, for Thanksgiving
- ★ Expanded Day Center Services via acquisition of OPAL Project in Sylvester

## December

- ★ Annual Angel Tree Program allowed 115 individuals with disabilities to have a wonderful Christmas
- ★ Hosted Holiday Bazaar
- ★ Hosted persons served without family to spend holidays with, for Christmas



## January

- ★ 60th Anniversary of The Arc of Southwest Georgia
- ★ Advocated for state budget to address Medicaid Waiver waitlists and DSP workforce crisis during 2022-2023 Legislative Session
- ★ Participated in community roundtable with Senator Jon Ossoff

## February

- ★ Celebrated Valentine's with the individuals we serve at Night to Shine
- ★ Participated in Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day at Georgia Capital

## March

- ★ Celebrated National Developmental Disabilities Month through Superhero Run with persons served and staff
- ★ Hosted community Lunch-n-Learn for Vocational Services Program
- ★ Hosted first Sprout Up Market day at Tift Park
- ★ Planted summer crops for Sprout Up garden
- ★ Hosted Western Springs First Congressional Church volunteer group

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## April

- ★ Celebrated Autism Awareness Month through Lift Up for Autism Awareness Crossfit workout event
- ★ Participated in Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.
- ★ Participated in Albany Area Primary Health Care Mental Health Fair

## May

- ★ Grand Opening of Janet Mason Day Center

## June

- ★ Honored disability advocates, community supporters and those we serve during One Voice Georgia Gala
- ★ Celebrated 60th Anniversary through Rumble for Rights Boxing workout event with Starz Academy

**WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY,  
THE ARC OF SOUTHWEST GEORGIA HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO  
THINGS LIKE...**

Show 115 of the individuals we serve, they are loved during the holiday session through Angel Tree Giving Program.

Make repairs and improvements to our residential facilities so our residents have safe and accessible homes.

Expand Day Center services to include increased community engagement, which promotes independence and life skills to more individuals with disabilities.

Provide the individuals we serve with convenient healthcare, accessible exercise classes, and fresh produce to promote healthy lifestyles.

Address urgent care needs of the individuals we serve, that may be outside of our covered Medicaid Waiver programs.



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**The Arc.**  
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