



Historic Timeline

**Celebrating
50 Years
of Service
to Our Community
1958 - 2008**

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| <p>1958 Association for Retarded Children of Frederick County, (now The Arc of Frederick County) formally begins.</p> <p>1959 Harmony Grove School (now known as Rock Creek School) opened its doors to twenty-four children as the first “special” school maintained by the Frederick Board of Education.</p> <p>1965 Funded jointly by The Arc and county government, Jeanne Bussard Workshop opens its doors with six people.</p> <p>1966 The Arc obtains funding from the State Mental Health Department to augment its own funds for opening of Scott Key Developmental Center. “Koffee Klatch,” a parent-to-parent support group started.</p> <p>1970 The Arc lobbies for and assists in the planning of Rock Creek School.</p> <p>1972 The Arc obtains funding from the State to plan for residential services.</p> <p>1975 The Arc opens first residential home for eight men and women at 127 East Patrick Street.</p> <p>1976 The Arc opens second group home at 301 South Market Street.</p> <p>1979 The Arc spins off its residential programs which are renamed Community Living.</p> <p>1980 The Arc convinces Board of Education to operate a summer school for students at Rock Creek School.</p> <p>1981 The Arc is awarded contract to provide service coordination for Central and Western Maryland.</p> <p>1982 The Arc is awarded demonstration grant by Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council to provide services to children to prevent their going into institutions.</p> <p>1984 The Arc develops an evaluation tool to be used by people with developmental disabilities to assess their day program services.</p> <p>1985 Demonstration grant for children is awarded permanently to The Arc.
The Arc helps school board purchase “Kids on the Block” to help with inclusion.</p> | <p>1986 The Arc is awarded contract to provide service coordination services to individuals on the state’s Developmental Disabilities Administration waiting list in Central and Western Maryland.</p> <p>1987 The Arc starts support group for adults with mental retardation.</p> <p>1991 The Arc starts a support group for couples with mental retardation.</p> <p>1992 The Arc is recognized by its state organization for its innovative support services.</p> <p>1993 The Arc is awarded a three year grant to promote preschool inclusion.
The Arc and Community Living move into a joint building, partially funded from capital grant from the State of Maryland. The Arc’s Executive Director represents individuals with disabilities on Long-Term Managed Care Committee for State of Maryland.</p> <p>1997 The Arc is the lead agency to implement a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation three-year grant for self-determination, a project designed to provide people with more choices and greater control over the services they receive in partnership with the state government.</p> <p>1998 The Arc initiates \$1,000,000 Endowment Campaign.</p> <p>1999 Frederick County Government awards The Arc funding to help students and their families plan for their transition from Special Education to community based adult services.</p> <p>1999 The Endowment Campaign reaches \$500,000 goal.</p> <p>1999 The Developmental Disabilities Administration gives approval for The Arc to provide fiscal intermediary services through an innovative service plan. This empowers families and individuals to hire, fire, and supervise their own staff.</p> <p>1999 The Arc begins hosting “Parents Day Out,” a unique partnership with volunteers to provide monthly respite for children we serve and their siblings.</p> <p>1999 The Arc partners with the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center to provide a community based art class for individuals we serve.</p> |
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- 2002 Service Coordination sponsored the conference Collaborative Strategies for Assisting Aging Family Caregivers and Aging Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.
- 2002 Service coordination determined 914 individuals to be eligible to access Medicaid Waiver. Over 500 people who were eligible for this type of funding were enrolled in the month of October alone. The Arc enters into a collaborative effort with the Frederick County Public Schools to provide services to students with autism.
- 2003 "Voices Heard," a 15 minute video of personal stories told by 12 members of the Working Together Frederick County Self-Advocacy Group is sent to The Governor and Frederick County's Senators and Delegates.
- 2003 The Arc partners with The Scott Key Center to provide Cooking Classes to individuals we serve.
- 2003 The Arc partners with The Arc of Maryland to form "Wallbusters," a peer mentoring group.
- 2003 Transitioning Youth Forum members create transition portfolio for students ages 14-21. Portfolios will be available in every Frederick County middle and high school.
- 2003 The Arc of Frederick County's Family and Individuals Support Service Programs celebrate 25 years of service.
- 2005 The first "Real World" experience takes place; giving individuals an opportunity to live outside the family home and prepare for living on their own.
- 2005 The Arc of Frederick County coordinates Take Charge: Life Leadership, a premiere, semester long course that is offered on the Hood College campus with a curriculum in leadership tailored to transitioning youth students.
- 2005 The Arc of Frederick County's Endowment Program initiates comprehensive future and estate planning services for families and individuals.
- 2006 The Arc of Frederick County spins off its Service Coordination division to form a separate nonprofit now known as Service Coordination, Inc.
- 2007 The Arc of Frederick County, in partnership with the FCPS SUCCESS Program, initiates employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities who are transitioning from high school.
- 2007 The Arc of Frederick County Endowment Fund reaches its \$1,000,000 goal.
- 2007 The Arc of Frederick County partners with Frederick Community College and FCPS to establish the Leadership Enrichment Achievement Program, an enrichment class for students with disabilities.
- 2008 The Arc of Frederick County celebrates 50 years of service to the Frederick Community.
- 2009 The Arc of Frederick County expands services to Spanish speaking families in Frederick County; Hispanic Support Group is established.
- 2010 The Arc of Frederick County is awarded a grant from the Walmart Foundation School-to-Community Transition project to expand LEAP at FCC and other educational opportunities on the college campus.

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