

The Arc of Tippecanoe County

Summer 2010

Aktion Club



2010-2011 Officers: Kenny - President, Shawn - Vice President, Mark - Secretary, and Brian - Treasurer.

Ask A Question . . . (to the President)

Q: How will the state's budget crisis affect the services I receive now or may receive in the future? What can I do?

A: GET INVOLVED in The Arc!

The past few months have been full of change, challenges, struggles and at times misinformation. There have been numerous rate reductions for services that you or your family members may be receiving. While this may, on the surface seem like that may be a good thing, it actually means that providers are being asked to perform the same services with less revenue to fund those services, or that your budgets have been reduced limiting the amount and types of services that may be available to you. For some of you there may be no changes, for others the changes may be significant. What this does mean for all of us is that we have to work together to understand, educate, advocate and compromise.

If you provide services; that means making sure that you provide an accurate representation of these changes and how the system works. Factually explaining what impact the changes will, realistically, have upon those you serve and your ability to deliver those services. As an example, some people are hearing that the State is closing the Sheltered Workshop, this is inaccurate. The State has placed a time limitation of 12 months, on Pre-Vocational services as a service category for individuals receiving services.

Started in 2004, Aktion Club is our chapter of the national Kiwanis Club for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Aktion Club is a service organization. The group meets once a month and plans and carries out at least one service project a year, including food drives, and making coloring books. Experts from the community are also invited to present information to the club on various topics, such as disaster preparedness, safety, and riding the CityBus.

Aktion Club gives participants the opportunity to contribute to their community, develop leadership skills, promote responsibility and money management skills, and improve self-esteem.

To learn more about Aktion Club, join us on Thursday, August 19 at 4:30pm at Elmwood Church of Christ (2501 Elmwood Ave, Lafayette) for our Open House. Meet with current members and consider being a part of this dynamic group!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Arc of the United States is celebrating their 60th birthday this year! Founded by a small group of parents and concerned individuals the association worked to change the public's perception of children with intellectual disabilities and to educate the public about the potential of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

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Bark For The Arc



**Wed, August 25, 2010
6pm -8pm
Columbian Park
www.barkforthearc.com**

Rescheduled date after June's flood!

We are partnering with with Hike With Your Hound, sponsored by the Dog Park Association of Greater Lafayette and Lafayette Parks & Recreation. All proceeds will benefit The Arc.

We hope to see you there!

We welcome these new and renewing members of The Arc of Tippecanoe County!

- James and Christine Brewster
- Ron and Jacqueline Clark
- Floyd and Marsha Crowe
- Lloyd and Malissa Crowe
- Roberta Deagan-Keirce
- Bruce and Martha Hall
- Jennifer Hoover
- Brent and Caroline Johnson
- Bruce and Claudia Kampenga
- Paul and Beth Krogmann
- Elaine Nicol
- Larry and Brenda Ostermeyer
- Shawn Rector
- Mary Remster
- Joe and Bette Rubinstein
- Scott and Julie Sudhoff
- Charlie and Catherine Young



**2010 Legislative Forum
Monday, October 11
7pm
Ivy Tech Campus, Ivy Hall**

We have all been watching and waiting to see what happens with the current legislation, remembering that this is an election year and there are a lot of new candidates running for local offices.

You have an opportunity to meet our community candidates for local and state offices, hear their ideas and share your own!

For more information visit our website, www.arcoftippecanoe.org.



Kids Night Out!

Join us for a pizza dinner, fun and games!
Friday, September 17, 2010
6pm-9pm
T.C. Harris School
\$15 per child, \$35 for a family

Open to kids ages 5-17 (and siblings)

Registration is required and space is limited to first 40 kids.

Sign up at

<http://www.arcoftippecanoe.org>.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arc of Tippecanoe County is committed to all individuals with developmental disabilities realizing their goals of learning, living, working, and playing in their community.

- Empowering individuals through advocacy and social opportunities.
- Empowering their families through education
- Empowering their communities through awareness.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CAMP SPARKS - A multi-week recreational day camp for children ages 5-17 with developmental disabilities.

KIDS FIRST - Kids First is an educational program using the nationally renowned Kids on the Block puppets. These demonstrations teach children about a variety of disabilities and social problems in an entertaining way.

SUPERSTAR SOCIAL CLUB - Monthly events such as dances, picnics, and other social outings for middle school to high school aged children.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT RECREATION - Activities such as bowling, dances, and movies are regularly hosted for individuals ages 18 and over throughout the Greater Lafayette community.

AKTION CLUB - The Aktion club is a Kiwanis Club for adults with disabilities. They meet monthly and participate in community service projects.

BEST BUDDIES - Volunteers and adults with developmental disabilities are paired to encourage long-term relationships.

CHIMING CHAMPS - A dynamic group that practice choir chimes weekly and perform at various events. Group membership is always open.

Upcoming Events

August 19

Aktion Club Open House
4:30pm, Elmwood Church

August 25

Bark For The Arc
6:00pm, Columbian Park

September 11

Purdue Football Game
(Adult Recreation and SSSC Groups)

September 17

Kids Night Out
6pm-9pm, T.C. Harris School

September 19

Hunger Hike
12:30pm, Riehle Plaza
Join our team!

October 11

Legislative Forum
7pm, Ivy Tech Ivy Hall

November 9

The Arc of Indiana State Conference
Ritz Charles Hotel, Carmel

For more information on any of these events contact The Arc.

Pictures from Camp SPARKS



For more pictures visit
<http://photos.arcoftippecanoe.org>

Thank you to our Sponsors!

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All our Camp Parents!

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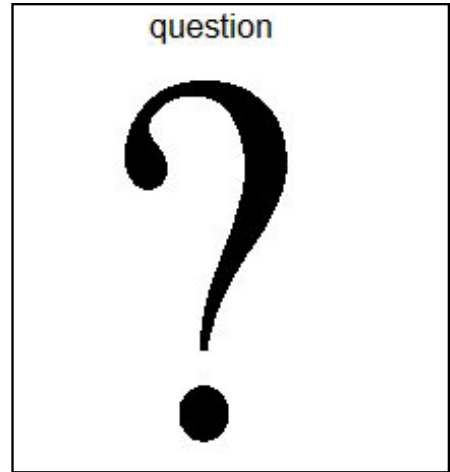
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If you or your family member receives services; advocate for those services that you truly need. Work with your team to ensure that the services you are requesting and receiving meet your needs, but at the same time do not negatively affect those around you. As an example, always ensure that you are receiving the service units appropriate for your developmental level and personal needs, not necessarily wants. If you require hand over hand assistance then you need to advocate for one on one staffing, or if you are very independent and can live safely on your own, you may only need a few hours of services a month to help you pay your bills.

If you are a Case Manager, please take the time to be truly informed, to know your client and their needs, as well as to reasonably advocate for them. Take the time to know the providers and what they can realistically provide. Working with and advocating for the individual requires the entire team to come together to best develop and assemble the array of services that will most effectively meet the needs and that can realistically and consistently be delivered.

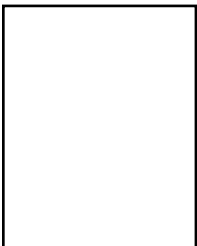
For all of us - get involved, become informed, and join together to ensure that as many of Indiana's citizens that need services, can receive services. It is all of our responsibility to be good stewards of the limited resources that are available to assist individuals in need. Participate in The Arc of Indiana's "Building Pathways" workshops to learn more. Locally, attend the Legislative Forum hosted by The Arc of Tippecanoe County on October 11th, meet the candidates running for office, help us educate them, and let them know each of us. Only through open, honest, and accurate sharing of knowledge can we all make a difference. GET INVOLVED, join The Arc of Tippecanoe County, participate in our events, become a committee member, share your ideas. Help us help you!



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Reaching Out To Individuals with Developmental Disabilities



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