



The Arc[™]

Greater Waltham

Established 1956

Greater Waltham Arc (GWArc)

Our Mission

GWArc's mission is to serve children, adolescents and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the community, utilizing a person-centered planning approach. We provide quality, flexible programs, services and supports which maximize independence, foster inclusion, promote self-advocacy and build community connections. GWArc programs are based upon self-determination, sound teaching practices and the latest technology. GWArc is committed to advocacy and legislation to influence attitudes and perceptions so individuals may choose and achieve life goals.

60 Years of Excellence

Founded in 1956, GWArc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, accredited by CARF, DDS Survey and Certification, Medicaid and the Department of Labor. GWArc is funded by the Department of Developmental Services, Medicaid, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. GWArc is affiliated with the Arc of Massachusetts, Arc of The United States, AAIDD and the Down Syndrome Congress. We invite you to contact GWArc for more information.

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GWArc Services



Day Habilitation - Our Day Habilitation program increases communication and mobility skills, and gross and small motor skills through speech and language therapy, music therapy, sensory activities, arts, dance, crafts, cooking, pet therapy and socialization with peers in a supportive setting.

Employment & CBDS Program (ECB) - Community Based Day Supports (CBDS) offers individuals an innovative program that maximizes practical skills for independence. The program combines MassHealth funded Day Habilitation programming activities offered on site and Department of Developmental Services funded Community Based Day Support services with inclusive community access in integrated settings both on and off site. Employment services include independent community work with job coaching/support, and group supported employment at four local universities. Our School to Work Transitions Program works with Waltham Public Schools students to ensure meaningful future community involvement.

Adult Family Care (AFC) - Medicaid funded tax-free financial support to families caring for their adolescent/adult children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or the elderly in their homes. AFC provides a tax free monthly stipend and information about other resources to family members and caregivers.

Recreation - GWArc Recreation organizes community-based and in-house activities for adults, adolescents and children in the community and for GWArc participants. Activities are led by experts. GWArc runs Watch City Self Advocates, a group of GWArc Day and Employment program participants and community members who join together to learn to make and influence better choices in their lives. GWArc Recreation offers child and adolescent programs in cooperation with Waltham recreation agencies.

Referrals - Referrals are received through Department of Developmental Services, Department of Medicaid Assistance, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. GWArc also accepts private pay. If wait time for services occurs, future GWArc participants shall be placed in the program appropriate to their needs in order of their application and acceptance to the agency.

For contact information for the above agencies, see GWArc web site www.gwarc.org , drop down "Resources". You may also contact GWArc CEO Roslynn Rubin, who can provide contact information for the above agencies in your area.