

# The Arc Kent County

**A person-centered approach to  
empowering people with disabilities.**

## Who We Are

**The Arc is a family-focused, grassroots organization that works with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to both understand their needs and navigate the obstacles they face in their quest to be fully included in society.**

## What We Do

**The Arc provides one-on-one support to help individuals and families create a unique plan through a variety of programs and services such as advocacy, social security benefits education, and the representative payee program which assists individuals with creating a budget to ensure needs are met for housing, food, and clothing.**

## Programs & Services

- Provide child and adult advocacy throughout an individual's lifespan (i.e. special education and system advocacy)
- Employ our Representative Payee Program, which includes developing a budget to ensure needs for housing, food, and clothing are being met—and helping plan for future expenditures
- Provide Social Security benefits expertise
- Assist with community mental health and person-centered planning
- Help apply for entitlement programs like Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, food assistance, and adult home help
- Conduct trainings and workshops on person-centered planning, the basics of Social Security and work incentive programs, and self-directed services



## 14,170 Students

receive special education services in Kent County (MI School Data)

## 1,852 Adults

with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive adult services from Kent County Community Mental Health (Network 180)

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