

Memberships/Affiliations

The Arc Muskegon

The Arc Michigan Council of Educators

The Arc of The United States

United Way Community Partner

Great Start Collaboration

Disability Connection of West MI

Muskegon Charter Alliance for the Mentally Ill
(NAMI)

Down Syndrome Association of West MI

Autism Network of Muskegon County

Provider Network of Muskegon County

Pioneer Resources Board of Directors

Pioneer House Board of Directors

Muskegon Regional Interagency Consumer
Committee (RICC)

Community Mental Health of Muskegon County

American Association on Intellectual &
Developmental Disabilities

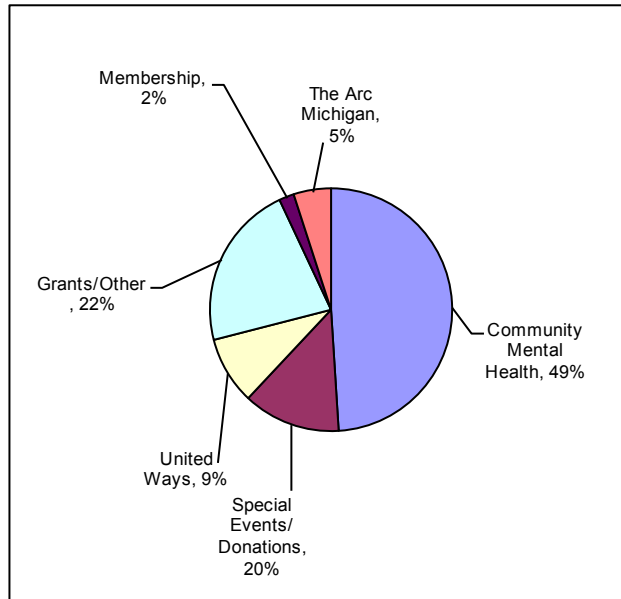
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The Arc Muskegon Membership as of 12/31/10 - 97

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The
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2010 Annual Membership & Community Report



The Arc Muskegon Mission Statement

The mission of The Arc Muskegon is to assure that citizens of Muskegon County with cognitive and developmental disabilities and their families have an equal opportunity to participate in and contribute to the quality of life in their community.

The Arc Muskegon, an affiliated chapter of The Arc of the United States, is proud to celebrate the national organization's 60 years of advocacy and service on behalf of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Highlights from the Director:

2010 was busy! After months of planning and preparation, The Arc Muskegon received a 3-year accreditation from CARF International. CARF accredits a variety of program services for children and adults with developmental and other related disabilities. This was a tremendous task for a small organization, but will prove beneficial to help the organization build and sustain itself in future years.

We saw an increase in calls for information, referrals, one-on-one advocacy and parent supports. Our new agreement with The Arc Michigan for special education advocacy referrals included **12** new families contacting us with very complicated and time consuming issues. Our CLS program saw a slight reduction in support hours yet ended on a high note with a program accreditation.

2010 also marked the closing of all institutions for people with developmental disabilities in the state of Michigan. This was a hard fought advocacy victory at the state and local level. Michigan is only 1 of 2 states to accomplish this task. There is still much to do and undo. The credit goes to many, especially the families who (some with justifiable fear) were at the planning table working along side professionals preparing for the transition to their own community.

A special thank you to our membership, donors and many friends of The Arc for your continued support and belief in our mission. Stay tuned for a new logo, updated mission statement, cutting edge seminars and an extensive local survey to best meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Margaret O'Toole

A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead

Program Services

Advocacy/Outreach

315 people received advocacy , parent support, information, referrals or connections to community resources, and more.

Communication

4 E-News/The Arc Muskegon Newsletters-It's New!

12 Monthly Community Events & Info Calendars distributed (**4446** total).

Dignified Lifestyles

Visits to mental health funded group homes, some general Adult Foster Care, people living independently receiving services and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities- approximately **76** visits in 2010.

Community Living Supports (CLS)

Served seventeen (**17**) adults, with developmental disabilities, providing support in daily living skills including: cooking, shopping, budgeting, appointments, community participation and personal care needs- **5629** total hours of service in 2010. (Consumer numbers fluctuated throughout the year).

Consumer Voice

Eleven (11) participants. These are adults who receive mental health services through Community Mental Health and serve on various performance improvement committees/workgroups and participate in on-going training activities promoting self-advocacy- **54** meetings attended in 2010.



LEAD to Success

This program is in partnership with Disability Connection to educate and mentor minority families from Muskegon & Oceana county who have children participating in special education. It is a three year grant funded by the DD Council of Michigan. In 2010 , **11** families participated in the program; which included monthly support group meetings, family nights and educational in-services. The goal is to improve their educational experiences through mentoring, education and increased access to community resources.

2010 Seminars

Special Education

Parent Advocacy & Education

Contents of the Individualized Education Plan

Healthy Relationships

Specifically designed for women with disabilities to identify characteristics of a healthy relationship, types of abuse and strategies for personal safety.

212 people attended Arc's educational (**3**) seminars.

Community Outreach & Events

It is important to be visible in the community. Events help to build awareness and increase our visibility.

- Community Mental Health Public Hearing
- March for The Arc Awareness Walk
- MayFest
- The Arc Open Golf Tournament
- United Way Day of Caring
- Camper Scholarships
- Arc Winter Wishes Auction
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Wesley School Parent Night