



The Arc Minnesota Merger - Key Messages

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families trust The Arc Minnesota for information and assistance, personal advocacy, and public policy leadership.

- Independent chapters of The Arc in Minnesota have merged into one organization to help more people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.
- Working together, representatives concluded that a merger of chapters to become The Arc Minnesota was the most promising way to provide access to quality programs and services across the state.
- The Boards and the General Membership of each chapter voted to participate in the merger. The new organization became The Arc Minnesota on January 1, 2018.
- The Arc chapters (regional location) participating in the merger include Greater Twin Cities (St. Paul), Midstate (St. Cloud), Minnesota State Chapter (St. Paul), Range (Eveleth), Southeastern (Rochester), Southwest (Mankato), and West Central (Moorhead).
- The immediate goal of The Arc Minnesota is to provide a set of consistent, essential services throughout the state. Those services will include:
 - Access to a toll-free information and referral phonenumber
 - Access to an online “Ask the Advocate” capability
 - Enhanced use of technology and virtual service delivery to connect people with information and assistance.
 - Opportunities to participate in online and in-person training events.
- The Arc Minnesota maintains grassroots engagement of volunteer leaders across the state to develop public policy, connect people with programs and services, and fundraise to support local needs and interests.
- Mike Wall serves as volunteer Chairs of the Board of Directors for The Arc Minnesota. Rich Stoebe serves as Interim CEO of The Arc Minnesota.
- The Arc Minnesota is registered as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The website is www.arcminnesota.org

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The Arc Minnesota Merger - Frequently Asked Questions

How are The Arc chapters in Minnesota changing?

On January 1, 2018, independent chapters of The Arc across Minnesota came together as one organization to help more people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

What is the name of the new organization?

The Arc Minnesota.

Why did chapters of The Arc in Minnesota merge?

Working together, chapter representatives concluded that a merger of chapters into one organization was the most promising way to provide breadth and access to quality programs and services across Minnesota.

What is the goal of the statewide organization?

The goal is to leverage the impact of a larger and more focused statewide organization while retaining local presence and a deep commitment to grass-roots engagement.

How will more people be served?

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When did the merger take place?

The merger was effective on January 1, 2018.

What will guide decision-making in the new organization?

Two basic principles guide the service model for The Arc statewide organization:

1. Provide a set of consistent, high quality core services throughout the state.
2. Honor the individual needs of local communities.



How will the organization be governed?

The Interim Board is the first Board of Directors to serve, with representation from each region of the organization. A new Board slate was nominated and voted on by membership at the annual meeting of the new organization on May 5, 2018.

Will members still have a vote?

Yes. The new organization will continue to be a membership-driven organization, with individual, family and organization memberships. Members will vote on Position Statements, the state Board of Directors and business items at the state annual meeting, along with voting on Position Statements and business items for the national annual meeting of The Arc.

Who is CEO of the organization?

Rich Stoebe serves as Interim CEO.

Where will the new organization office be located?

The Arc Minnesota Administrative and Greater Twin Cities Region offices will be located at 2446 University Avenue West, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55114. Other regional offices will remain in their current locations across the state.

How will the new organization be funded?

The statewide organization will be funded through current philanthropic efforts including Annual Fund campaigns, grants, United Way partnerships, corporate partnerships, events, and Arc's Value Village thrift businesses, as well as current and new program and services revenue including Person-Centered Planning and online planning tools. The organization will conduct a Philanthropic Equity Campaign to build new capacity for core services and new initiatives.

What will happen to money raised in local areas?

Funds raised locally will continue to provide local benefit.

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