



The Arc Minnesota 2026 Legislative Agenda

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- Promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Advance equity
- Support true belonging in community

State Advocacy:

1. Waiver Reimagine

- Upon implementation of Waiver Reimagine and individual budgets, no waiver recipient shall see more than a 10% reduction from their pre-Waiver Reimagine budget level.

2. Inclusive Playgrounds

- All children should play side-by-side. Investing in bonding projects that help build safe, inclusive playgrounds across the state will result in long-term, positive benefits for all. It will help children with disabilities foster true belonging in community from an early age.

3. Elimination of subminimum wage

- The state of Minnesota must phase out 14(c) subminimum wage certificates, segregated employment, and other employment-related policies that discriminate against disabled people. The state has already made wise investments to support lead agencies, case managers, and providers to transition away from subminimum wage. Now is the time to correct decades of discrimination by supporting fair wages for disabled people and ensure they have equal opportunity to work in integrated environments at competitive wages, in jobs that meet their skills and interests.

4. Seclusion ban

- Students with disabilities have a right to the same educational opportunities as their nondisabled peers in safe supportive schools. Encouraging schools to use preventative practices, rather than seclusion can ensure students' needs are met without the use of restrictive procedures.

Federal:

1. Protect Medicaid
2. Protect Section 504
3. Protect disability services

Support agenda:

1. Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment
2. Require that school safety plans address the unique needs of students with disabilities during a crisis
3. Disability rights in prisons
4. State Plan Basic Income
 - Guaranteed basic income would provide direct cash payments of at least \$500 per month for 18 to 24 months to eligible recipients around the state. It is a tool that would help lift people with disabilities into economic success, and Minnesota should continue to expand based on successful pilot programs in St. Paul and Minneapolis.
5. Require insurance companies to cover Augmentative and Alternative Communications (AAC) Devices
6. Our Future Starts at Home
 - a. This constitutional amendment would create state housing funds that:
 - i. Reduce disparities
 - ii. Support community-based solutions
 - iii. Improve the condition of homes
 - iv. Increase accessibility
 - b. The funds put communities and people with lived experience, including people with disabilities, at the center. Disabled Minnesotans will benefit from dedicated and consistent funding in housing.

Other Legislative Work:

1. Monitoring:
 - Seclusion Working Group, engaging via Coalition for Children with Disabilities (CCD)
 - Advisory Task Force on Waiver Reimagine
 - Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education
2. The Arc Minnesota has three appointees on the Long-Term Services and Supports Advisory Group:
 - A person with a disability living independently
 - A person with a disability living in CRS
 - A parent of a person with a disability
3. Representation on the Governor's Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care



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