

Board President Robert Elliott
Treasurer Ronald E. Drury
Exec. Director Michael Abrams, Interim
 Tammy Moreno
Admin. Assistant Betty Kelley
Outreach Coord. Pati Tiller
Family Advocate Tammy Moreno
 Debra Harvey
Recreation Aide Doris Cooley
Art Instructor Peg Tyler
Housekeeping Kathy Gaines
Board Members Cindy Beam
 Leigh Hulsey
 Jonathan Gorman
 Kathy Elliott
 Randy Payne
 Shannon Bridges
 Christy Crosson
 Mark Dugans
 Susan Goodwin
 Jerry York
 Bernadette M. Burroughs
 Robert Elliott
 Pam Harris
 Tony Hattok
 Paula Mason
 Kay Sewell
 Rinique Simmons
 Michael B. Abrams
 Rebecca Fearon
 Joan Frazier
 Marcia Ghee
 Joe Harrington
 Lynetta Owens
 Amy Ward
 Isaac Lemons
 Kim Jenkins



FY 2015 Annual Report

October 1, 2014 ~ September 30, 2015

Serving People With Intellectual and / or Other Developmental Disabilities



Vision Statement

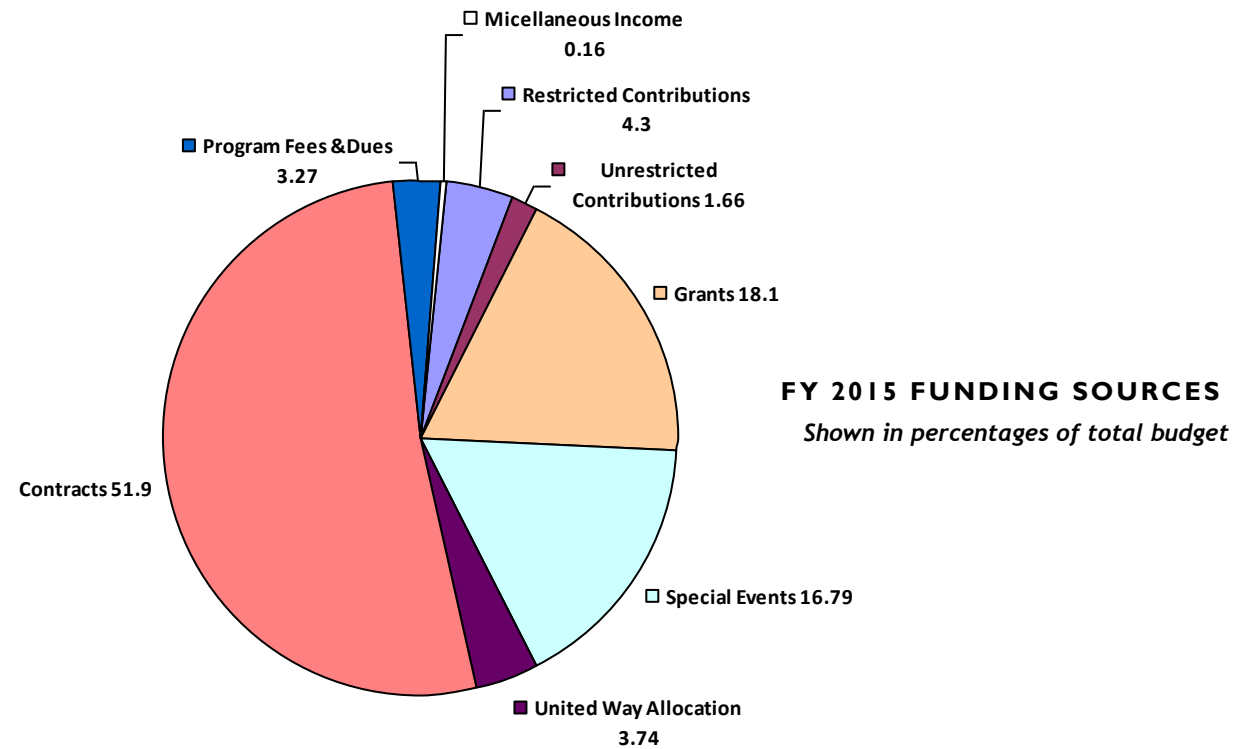
The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties is a visible, well-known resource that serves individuals with ID/DD and their families and networks with other agencies.

Mission Statement

The Mission of The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties is to serve individuals with ID/DD and their families through support, education, advocacy, and public awareness so that they can reach their chosen goals.

Affiliations

The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties is an affiliate of The Arc of Alabama, The Arc of the United States, the Non-profit Resource Center of Alabama and the United Way of East Central Alabama.



Day Camps - Students

- ◆ Conducted four summer day camps for 87 children ages 5-21 with developmental disabilities. (See following)

Knights' Camp/Camp United

- ◆ Conducted a three-week camp attended by 35 prevocational students and students with multi-disabilities which included sports training, crafts, music, swimming, field trips, and transportation.

Language Camp

- ◆ Conducted a three-week camp for 26 school-aged children in language and communication therapy during the prior school year to include speech therapy, sports training, crafts, field trips, disability awareness training, swimming, music, and transportation.

Camp Spectra I and II

- ◆ Conducted two separate three-week camps for children with autism which included learning activities, socialization, skills training, crafts, music, field trips, swimming, and transportation. 16 children, ages 6 - 12 attended the first session in June and 10 children, ages 13 - 21, attended in July.

Training & Recreation

- ◆ Co-sponsored a one-week day camp for 25 adults with the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ Provided art instruction for adults with intellectual disabilities. Two groups, totaling 20 art students, attended these classes on a rotating weekly basis. They also participated in art related field trips.
- ◆ Co-sponsored the adult recreation program "Stepping Out" for a total of 35 participants each Tuesday with the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and provided a driver/aide to these weekly events.
- ◆ Through "A League of Our Own," a joint effort with the City of Oxford Parks and Recreation Department, UCP of East Central Alabama, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, and other local agencies, provided a six-week softball program for 109 children with physical and cognitive disabilities.
- ◆ Supported "Fit Friends," a weekly nutrition

and exercise program for adults with I/DD, serving a total of 175.

- ◆ Sponsored three supper dances, with the assistance of Anniston PARD and community groups, serving a average of 150 adults with intellectual disabilities per event.
- ◆ Provided a driver/aide to the Anniston PARD fitness program for adults, serving 25 weekly.
- ◆ Held a fashion show featuring 22 models with I/DD with clothes provided by Dillard's.
- ◆ Helped plan and run the Kids Fishing Tournament for a total of 220 prevocational high, middle and elementary school students in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.
- ◆ Held Christmas parties for 113 high school and 54 elementary school prevocational students, plus their teachers and aides (total of 69).
- ◆ Assisted with Anniston PARD's Christmas party for 250 adults with developmental disabilities.
- ◆ Coordinated Special Olympics events for Calhoun and Cleburne Counties (See following).

Special Olympics

Athletics

- ◆ Held an athletics competition in April for 154 elementary and high school students at Oxford High School. (Assisted by the Oxford Parks and Recreation Department and civic groups and volunteers.)

Basketball

- ◆ Sponsored monthly training sessions for 54 high school students and 22 adults.
- ◆ Provided a driver/assistant coach for Anniston Parks and Recreation's Anniston Starz Special Olympics Team

Bocce

- ◆ Sponsored monthly training sessions for 54 high school students and 22 adults

Bowling

- ◆ Co-sponsored a winter league for 65 adult bowlers and a summer league for 60 adult bowlers with Anniston Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ Continued a monthly bowling program for 52 prevocational students and 22 adults.

Roller skating

- ◆ Made possible roller skating training for 16 prevocational students through association with the First United Methodist Church of Weaver through-

out the school year.

Swimming

- ◆ Made possible weekly classes for 36 prevocational high school students.
- ◆ Worked with Anniston Parks and Recreation to provide a swimming program for some 15 adults.
- ◆ Sent 16 students to the Regional Swimming Competition in Decatur.

Volleyball

- ◆ Provided a driver/assistant coach for Anniston Parks and Recreation's Anniston Starz Special Olympics Team

State Games

- ◆ Sent a delegation of 24 athletes and three coaches to the Special Olympics Alabama State Games in May for bocce and bowling competitions

Training

- ◆ Hosted a training session, led by Special Olympics Alabama for 12 area teachers and agency staff who provide services for people with intellectual disabilities.

Family Advocacy

- ◆ Assisted a caseload of 57 consumers and/or family members in making life transitions in such areas as housing, educational and/or vocational placement. A total of 683 contacts were made for/with consumers.
- ◆ Counseled and referred parents of a school-aged student for assistance with educational issues, behavioral concerns respite care.
- ◆ Supported "A Circle of Friends," a monthly support group for parents of children with disabilities.
- ◆ Assisted Rehabilitation Services and the Opportunity Center in acquiring Supported Employment jobs for people with I/DD.

Community Services

- ◆ Distributed a newsletter to a mailing list of 954 individuals, families, and organizations.
- ◆ Hosted a public rally discussing the impact proposed cutbacks in the Alabama Mental Health systems budget would have on those with I/DD or mental illness receiving services

from the local department. This rally, held at the City of Oxford's Civic Center, was attended by over 200 people.

- ◆ Presented information concerning I/DD at Schools, civic groups, and through the local media. Participated in community service fairs and public displays.
- ◆ Conducted weekly Learning Supports program for 24 at-risk Wellborn Elementary School students addressing self-esteem and positive self-concept.
- ◆ Worked with nine Anniston Middle School prevocational students as part of the Public Education Foundation's Class Act, teaching them sign language and self-advocacy skills.
- ◆ Presented 9 awards to groups/individuals who made significant contributions to the I/DD in 2014 at an annual meeting attended by 310 agency staff, board, service providers, consumers and their families.
- ◆ Presented the educational "Kids on the Block" puppet program on developmental disabilities and social concerns to 1,324 audience members including K-6th graders in school systems and community groups throughout Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.
- ◆ Provided Christmas and other assistance to 21 adults and one child.
- ◆ Responded to state and national Arc legislative alerts. Participated in "Spread the Word to End the Word" and I/DD Awareness Month Activities.
- ◆ Maintained a website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts for outreach and information.

Affiliations and Memberships

- ◆ The Arc-US; The Arc of Alabama; Alabama Conference of Arc Executives; the United Way of East Central Alabama; the Greater Calhoun County Area Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities; the Calhoun County Human Services Council; A League of Our Own; Cleburne County Health and Nutrition Board; the Calhoun/Cleburne County Mental Health Board's Human Rights Committee; Alabama Respite Task Force; the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce; and the Non-profit Resource Center of Alabama.