

# What's the Next Step?

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A conference to provide help to parents applying for DDD services.



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# Introduction



We are a nonprofit that empowers individuals with I/DD to live fulfilling, independent lives. With help from our gracious volunteers and donors, we achieve this by providing support services that enable our clients to live, work, and participate in their communities. The Arc of Monmouth works with community partners to serve the more than 1,600 individuals with I/DD in Monmouth County through advocacy, services, and education. These life-changing services include family support, residential and independent living, recreational activities, and adult day programs. We also offer our clients interested in further education a college program named Kach (Keep Achieving). We are a community-based organization and a resource to assist you, your family members, neighbors, and co-workers.



# The Arc of Monmouth Mission The Arc.



 The Arc of Monmouth promotes and protects the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes; and is committed to enhancing the quality of life of those individuals and their families through advocacy, empowerment, education, and prevention.

# Primary Goals

- Kindness
- •Respect
- •Responsible
- Passionate
- Mission-driven
- •Fun
- Trustworthiness
- •Flexible
- Positive Attitude
- Dedicated
- Committed
- •Smart





# **The Transition Period**

# How to/Application/Resources



- https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/nondriverid.htm
- <a href="https://www.njtransit.com/schedules-and-fares/reduced-fare-program">https://www.njtransit.com/schedules-and-fares/reduced-fare-program</a>
- https://www.nj.gov/labor/claims/dds/claimants.shtml
- The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute
  - https://www.arcnj.org/programs/the-arc-of-nj-family-institute/the-family-institute.html
  - https://www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/resources/ddd-eligibility-go-bag.html
  - <a href="https://www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/resources/dvrs-go-bag.html">https://www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/resources/dvrs-go-bag.html</a>
  - https://www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/resources/support-coordination-go-bag.html

# DDD APPLICATION FOR SERVICES

- Must be hand delivered or mailed (Strongly ADVISE HAND DELIVERING)
  - This is a new request. Due to lack of staffing at DDD they take longer to sift through the online paperwork
  - Persistence is key with DDD
- Support Coordinators and Special Services helpful for this



# How to Transition



- Transition Timeline starts as early as 14 years old till 21 years old
- Always better to get started early.
- Common problem with families when graduating is they are not approved with DDD
- The Arc of Monmouth and other day programs in the area can NOT accept anyone that is not registered with DDD
- EARLIER THE BETTER!
- Parents and Guardians are students/children number I Advocates.
- Do research on programming
- Start touring locations as early as 18 years old.

# How to Transition to Adult Services

Ages 14-17

- Begin attending workshops
- Begin exploring career options
  - Volunteer work
  - Job coaching in district
- Develop IEP goals
  - Write down what you want your child to know and be able to do
  - Create and produce specific goals (Build social relationship, work on independence)
- Create a vision for the future
  - Job Training, Job skills, Living on own
- Focus IEP goals on skill areas
  - Computer skills, socialization
- Consider volunteer work to build job skills
  - Special Olympics, No Limits Café, The Arc of Monmouth
- Learn more about guardianship (Ian Kansky) (If needed)
- Learn more about programming in your area





# Transition Continued Age 18-21



- Apply for SSI/Medicaid
  - Sheet Provided
  - Apply for photo ID through Division of Motor Services
  - Sheet Provided
- Register to vote
- Apply to Access Link and Reduced NJ Transit Fare Card
  - https://www.njtransit.com/schedules-and-fares/reduced-fare-program

TWO YEARS prior to graduation, the Child Study Team should refer the student to NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitative Services

- Begin to visit service centers and tour programs.
  - \*\*Previous slide has list of programs\*\*\*
- Research Support Coordinator agencies

# GRADUATION YEAR

- Ensure Eligibility with DDD
- Ensure Medicaid Eligibility
- Complete NJCAT
- Complete and submit Support Coordination
   Agency Form to DDD
- Along with the Support Coordinator develop an individualized service plan



# NJCAT

- Parents and Guardians help with the exam
- It is not a "bad" test. It's to help determine how much assistance and service your child needs.
- Answer questions properly
  - Ensure they still need assistance
  - Sample Question

# Tier Level

### Once NICAT is complete a tier level is determined.

### Individual Budgets – Supports Program

Tier Employment/ Day Supports		Individual / Family Supports	Supported Employment	Total Individual Budget	
А	\$15,149.00	\$5,752.00	Available as needed	\$20,901.00	
Aa	\$21,600.00	\$5,752.00	Available as needed	\$27,352.00	
В	\$19,296.00	\$11,503.00	Available as needed	\$30,799.00	
Ва	\$27,533.00	\$11,503.00	Available as needed	\$39,036.00	
С	\$23,847.00	\$ 11,503.00	Available as needed	\$35,350.00	
Ca	\$ 34,100.00	\$ 11,503.00	Available as needed	\$45,603.00	
D	\$ 35,367.00	\$ 17,254	Available as needed	\$52,621.00	
Da	\$ 50,516.00	\$ 17,254	Available as needed	\$67,770.00	
E	\$ 46,944.00	\$ 17,254	Available as needed	\$64,198.00	
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# What is a Support Coordinator?



- Primary Point of Contact for individual/family
- Helps connect individual with services and other resources in the community
- Is available 24/7 for emergency situations
- Foster a great relationship with individual/family
- Know about all beneficial programs for individual

# Support Coordinator Sheet



### Support Coordination Agency Selection Form

In order to access services funded by the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, you will need to have a Support Coordination Agency (SCA).

You may find potential SCAs through the Provider Search Database at <a href="https://irecord.dlb.state.nius/orovidersearch">https://irecord.dlb.state.nius/orovidersearch</a>, using the following four steps: (1) under Filter, select "Service" and check Support Coordination; (2) select "Medicaid Approved" and check the box; (3) select "County Served" and select the county in which the individual resides; and (4) click the magnifying glass. If you do not have a preference, you can choose to have the Division auto-assign one to you.

A Guide to assist individuals and families in choosing a Support Coordination Agency is also available at The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at <a href="http://rwims.ruteers.edu/boggs.center/projects/infooeopleandfamilies.html">http://rwims.ruteers.edu/boggs.center/projects/infooeopleandfamilies.html</a>.

Preferred Option:

Email completed form to DDD.SCAChoice@dhs.state.nj.us

.np.

Mail the completed form to:

New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities Central Office c/o SCA Selection Forms

PO Box 726 Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

Individual's Name:	DDD ID:			County of Residence:
	Date Date	Of	Birth	г .
I need a Support Coo				
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□ I am a graduating student (please)	note that the	Division beg	ins assignir	ng SCAs for graduating students in April)
Graduation Date:				
☐ I would like to CHANGE my current	SCA			
Current SCA:				
☐ My SCA is <u>CLOSING</u>				
Current SCA:				
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Signature:			Date:	
Print Name:			Phone:	
Email (for notification purposes):				

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# Support Coordinator Agencies

- Neighbors INC
  - **-** <u>(609) 275-0606</u>
- Support Connection
  - 844.777.8296
  - info@supportconnectionnj.com
- MOceans
  - 1-833-MOCEANS
  - info@moceanscil.org
- Skylands Family Services
  - (855) 222-3051
- Keeping Independence Services & Supports
- Spectrum CMC
  - <u>973-530-4155</u>
  - <u>BVersaci@spectrumcmc.com</u>



# **Day Programs**

- 1. 1345 Campus Parkway Wall NJ
  - Eatontown Day Program
  - Green Grove Day Program (Behavior)
  - Shore Day Program (Medical)
- Western Monmouth Day Program
   200 Campus Dr # F, Morganville, NJ
   07751





# The Arc of Monmouth



### Health Services

The Health Services Department has achieved a superb reputation for providing high quality care for individuals with developmental and intellectual

### Supports Include:

- Primary Care Services
- Outpatient Psychiatric
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy Counseling Services
- Behavioral Therapy

Work Opportunity

Center - WOC

vocational program where

WOC is a community

individuals build and

businesses!

strengthen work skills by

doing real jobs for local

### The Achievement

A robust and well-balanced curriculum with options like prevocational training, cooking, creative arts, fitness, and more.

### Residential

Various residential services are available including group homes, supervised apartments, and supportive

taking trips, joining clubs and

friends. Recreation offers a

cultural, and social activities

wide variety of sporting,

for each season.



College Experience

KACH

Keep Achieving (KACH) is a

collaboration with Brookdale

three-year college

Community College

experience in

learn more arcofmonmouth.org

### ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

The Arc of Monmouth's Achievement Centers provide innovative and customized opportunities to individuals aged 21 or over, of all ability levels. Each Achievement Center location offers different activities and classes.

Achievement Center (AC) Recreation Locations:

-Branches AC -Campus Parkway

- Eatontown AC
- Green Grove AC
- -Western Monmouth AC

Shore AC



### THE ARC OF MONMOUTH SERVICES



Individual & Family Supports















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We are a team of professionals & volunteers dedicated to:

1.600+

adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

at 20+

locations in Monmouth County



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### **YOU CAN MAKE A**

APPLY NOW!



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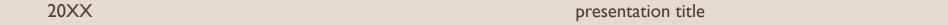
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# Programs at The Arc of Monmouth



# THE ACHIEVEMENT ZONE 1158 WAYSIDE ROAD TINTON FALLS

- https://arcofmonmouth.o rg/what-we-do/programsand-supports/the-achieve ment-zone/the-achievem ent-zones-in-person-learr ing/the-achievement-zone .html
- o TAZ offers pre-vocational training classes and community inclusion classes to promote success and learning opportunities, including work readiness, technology drama, and dance

# KACH PROGRAM BROOKDALE COLLEGE

- https://arcofmonmouth
   .org/what-we-do/progr
   ams-and-supports/kach
   .html
- o The Arc of Monmouth offers participants a 3-year Keep Achieving (KACH) college program with Brookdale Community College that provides academic opportunities to study beyond high school.

### WORK **OPPORTUNITY** CENTER

- https://arcofmonmouth.o rg/what-we-do/programs -and-supports/woc/woc.h tml
- o Maximize timely deliverables for real-time schemas
- WOC is a community vocational program, where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities build and strengthen work skills by doing real jobs subcontracted from local businesses.

# The Achievement Zone (TAZ)



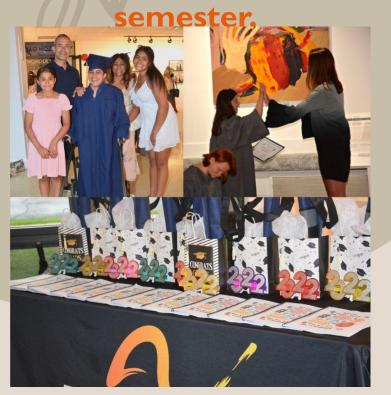
- Good & Services
- Transportation NOT included like Day Program
  - Shack
  - Access Link
  - J&D
- Pre-Vocational and Community Inclusion
  - Examples: Pre-Voc: Cooking, Tech Class, fitness
    - Community Inclusion: Meet at Monmouth Museum and Middletown Arts Center
    - Meer at Brookdale every Friday (A class, a fitness class, eat lunch at Brookdale, utilize library.



## **KACH Program at Brookdale**

- Three-year program. It is now a paid program (See next slide) he Arc.
- Three days a week at our Brookdale location.
- 9am-3pm academic day like program at Brookdale. Have access to all things at Brookdale.

- Can take I credited class with help of student helper each







Class of 2022/2024
Brookdale Community College

The Arc of Monmouth College Experience in collaboration with Brookdale Community College

### KACH (KEEP ACHIEVING)



Contact: Alexandra Goldrich agoldrich@arcofmonmouth.org

### WHAT IS KACH AND WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

 Kach is a 3-year certificate program, not an accredited college degree program. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion presented by The Arc of Monmouth and Brookdale Community College upon successful completion of the 3-year Kach curriculum.

- Kach provides classroom and experiential learning on campus and in the community. Students attend Kach classes to strengthen basic academic skills, audit regular college courses during years two and three, and enjoy full integration into the Brookdale Community College student life, including time in the fitness center and campus volunteer work. Students develop a lifelong love for learning, gain marketable employment skills, and better social awareness.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Adults ages 18-26 with I/DD and a desire to achieve a college experience. For Applicants 21-26 years old:
- Completed their educational entitlement no later than June, 2023
- Be enrolled in DDD Supports Program no later than August, 2023.
- For Applicants 18-21 years old (who have not finished high school):
- Be sponsored by their high school's Child Study Team





### WHEN IS THE KACH PROGRAM?

- Follows the Brookdale Academic Calendar (2 semesters Fall & Spring)
- · Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
- 9am-3pm

### WHERE?

Brookdale Community College - Lincroft Campus

The cost for participation in the program is an out-of-pocket fee of \$600/per semester which pays for Brookdale campus & student fees. We are no longer able to bill Goods & Services from the students' budgets. Additionally, 2nd & 3rd year students are responsible for paying for their Brookdale Audited class out-of-pocket.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN APPLYING TO THE KACH PROGRAM!

March 1st - Application available online May 19th - Deadline for application submissions Interviews begin in June







# Kach (Keep Achieving) at Brookdale Community College 2023-2024 Student Application Checklist

### Your completed application packet includes the following:

Student Application (7 pages, available online as a PDF)
Individualized Education Program (IEP)
Educational Evaluation
Psychological Evaluation
Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
Proof of Legal Guardianship (if student is not a self-guardian

Please send the completed Student Application and all additional documents to:

Alexandra Goldrich

Coordinator, Kach (Keep Achieving at Brookdale Community College)

agoldrich@arcofmonmouth.org

The Arc of Monmouth 1158 Wayside Road Tinton Falls, NJ 07712

Application Deadline: Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Interviews will be scheduled during June 2023

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# Work Opportunity Center

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of Monmouth

**Located in Long Brach** 

Must be 25 Years old or have a file open with DVRS

Jobs include...Shredding, Stocking, Packaging, Computer Inputting, Deliveries, Different

usage of machines.

Can mix and match with WOC and Day Program

to be our steppingstone to our WOC





# The Arc of Monmouth Programs

Health Services

The Health Services Department has achieved a superb reputation for providing high quality care for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Their scope of care is always expanding.

### **Supports Include:**

- Primary Care Services
- Outpatient Psychiatric Services
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Counseling Services
- Behavioral Therapy
- Contact (732) 493-1919 ext. 888 healthservices@arcofmonmouth.org



# **Health Services Continued**



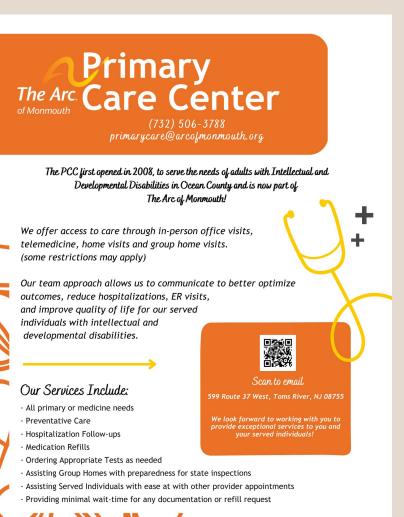
**Primary Care Center** 

One of The Arc of Monmouth's long-term goals has been to create a one-stop health center that meets participants' daily medical needs. The Arc of Monmouth's Primary Care Center on Route 37 in Toms River, NJ is exactly the place to meet these needs.

This facility is changing the way our organization provides primary care services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in New Jersey. In addition to improving the level of care offered, the center also makes accessing health care for adults with I/DD a much simpler and more convenient task.

Our Primary Care Center focuses on the unique medical needs of our served individuals that not many healthcare providers are trained in managing. We assist our group homes during licensing and in maintaining state regulations for people in certified settings.

# The Arc of Monmouth Health Services







# Residential

- Alexandria (Manalapan)
- Bergerville (Freehold)
- Church Lane (Manalapan)
- Columbian Manor (Tinton Falls)
- East Main (Freehold)
- Farmingdale GH (Farmingdale)
- Oceanport (Oceanport)
- Shrewsbury (Shrewsbury)
- Virginia Manor (Tinton Falls)
- Wayside Oaks (Tinton Falls)



# Recreation

- Movies
- Baseball Games
- Hershey Park
- Art Club
- Yoga Club
- Broadcast Club
- BBQ Parties



# RECREATION

**BANNER** 

Winter 2022-2023

### CONTACT RECREATION

The Arc Center 1158 Wayside Road Tinton Falls, NJ 07712

Margie London, Recreation Manager Phone: (732) 493-1919 ext.400 Email: recreation@arcofmonmouth.org Website: arcofmonmouth.org/recreation

### Welcome to Recreation!

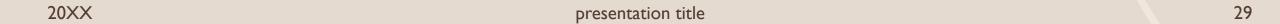
The Arc of Monmouth Recreation Department offers a variety of social and recreational programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The programs are designed to serve various levels and are supervised by our staff and/or our wonderful volunteers. To register for programs, just complete the registration page of this Recreation Banner and email/mail the form to the Recreation Department. For new participants, please contact our office for our welcome packet!





The Recreation Department would like to thank you for your continued support. We take great pride in providing exciting and interesting programs and trips for your enjoyment. Open the Winter Banner and see what surprises are in store!

We wish you all a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!



# Recreation





# Guardianship Resource



IAN KANSKY

# STRATEGIES FOR WEALTH (212-701-7968)

IAN KANSKY@STRATEGIESFORWEALTH.COM



### HINKLE PRIOR & FISCHER

# HPF

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Representing people with disabilities and their families since 1974 Attorneys to help with guardianship/trust and more.

Address: 2651 Main St, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

**Hours:** Open · Closes 5 PM

Phone: (609) 896-4200



Timothy Rice Estate and Elder Law firm

Address: 1202 Laurel Oak Rd # 207, Voorhees

Township, NJ 08043

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Phone: (856) 782-8450



# What The Arc of Monmouth Offers







# **Campus Parkway**



# Campus Parkway Cont.



# Campus Parkway Cont.

- -Test Kitchens
- -Sensory Rooms
- -Physical Therapy
- -Art Classrooms
- -Computer Rooms
- -Nurse on site
- -Group Therapy on site
- -Behaviorist on site
- Gym access
- Multi-Purpose room



# Questions



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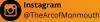








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### THE ARC OF MONMOUTH SERVICES





Employment & Vocational

















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We are here to help.

### **OUR SERVICES & SUPPORTS**



Residential Services & Supports





Recreation



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