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Texas Advocates Conference

September 10
Saturday Bowling League

Aquatics Area Swim Meet
Star Kids –
Parent Information Session

September 17
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September 19
Golf Area Tournament

September 24
Bocce Area Tournament

November 19, 2016
Best in the West

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New Texas Medicaid Managed Care Program “STAR Kids” begins November 1, 2016

Answers to Common Questions



What is STAR Kids?

- STAR Kids is a Texas Medicaid managed care program for children and adults 20 and younger with disabilities. Managed care means you get Medicaid services through a health plan you pick. You also pick a primary care provider or clinic. This is a doctor, nurse or clinic that provides basic medical services, like checkups, and can refer you to a specialist when needed. If you have both Medicaid and Medicare, you do not need to pick a primary care provider or clinic.
- STAR Kids also offers long-term services and supports if you need them. Long-term services and supports include things like help in your home with basic daily activities and help making changes to your home so you can safely move around.

When will the STAR Kids program begin?

STAR Kids will begin statewide November 1, 2016.

Do I have to join STAR Kids?

You must join STAR Kids if you are 20 or younger, covered by Medicaid, and meet at least one of the following:

- Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Get Supplemental Security Income and Medicare.
- Get services through the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) waiver.
- Get services through the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver.
- Live in a community-based intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related condition (ICF/IID) or nursing facility.
- Get services through a Medicaid Buy-In program.
- Get services through any of the following Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) waiver programs:
 - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
 - Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
 - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
 - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)

You can choose to join STAR Kids if you are covered by Medicaid and are:

- A member of a federally recognized tribe.

You cannot join STAR Kids if you:

- Are in foster care and get Medicaid services through traditional Medicaid or STAR Health.
- Are 21 or older.
- Live in the Truman W. Smith Children’s Care Center.
- Live in a State Supported Living Center (SSLC).

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OUR MISSION

The Arc of Fort Bend County ensures opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize their quality of life within our community.

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CORE VALUES

1. Awareness: greater awareness about individuals with disabilities increases understanding about the abilities of individuals with disabilities, and greater understanding increases opportunities for individuals with disabilities, so we work to achieve greater awareness to achieve greater understanding to expand opportunities.
2. Diversity: we must serve all individuals with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families in this county.
3. Respect: we must be understanding of and sensitive to the concerns of individuals with disabilities about their identity and how we describe them.
4. Ownership: it is important to have community members serve on our committees and board, and support our association, but our association should remain an "individuals with disabilities and their families" organization.
5. Advocacy: with limited resources, if we become primarily or solely a provider organization, our association will never do more than make only a limited impact on the quality of life of a few individuals with disabilities.
6. Cooperation: advocacy and programs that benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families in many cases will also benefit individuals with other disabilities.
7. Good Stewardship: as an association, we must be fiduciaries of the talent and resources that our volunteers and community supporters entrust to us.

OUR GOALS

The Arc's goals were chosen to be directed toward Mission and Vision and build on our strength and success.

- I. The Arc shall advocate for appropriate individualized educational programs/opportunities for people with I/DD in all stages of life.
- II. The Arc shall advocate for a variety of vocational/employment options for people with I/DD.
- III. The Arc shall advocate for public and private community institutions to become more responsive to the individual needs of people with I/DD, thereby promoting quality of life for all.
- IV. The Arc shall advocate for and promote a variety of appropriate and inclusive social, cultural and fitness/wellness opportunities in the community.
- V. The Arc shall continue to invest in properties that are self-sustaining and provide facilities for our constituents.
- VI. The Arc shall provide effective leadership and fundraising efforts to accomplish our mission.

To Send a Special Tribute

In Memory of or In Honor of

Pay tribute to a friend or family member while also supporting services and programs that benefit The Arc of Fort Bend County with your donation.

Person's Name _____ Occasion _____

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Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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The Arc of Fort Bend County
123 Brooks Street, Sugar Land, Texas 77478

What services are offered by STAR Kids?

Everyone gets:

- Their own care plan. This will help your doctors and other providers know what kind of care you need. A service coordinator who works for the STAR Kids health plan you pick will help you create this plan. The service coordinator will also help you to find doctors, make appointments and answer any questions you might have.
- A primary care provider. This is a doctor, nurse or clinic that provides basic medical services, like checkups, and can refer you to a specialist when needed.
 - If you get Medicare, you will not pick a primary care provider.
- Medicaid services like you get now, such as doctor's visits, hospital visits, therapies, specialists, medical equipment and medical supplies.
- Long-term services and supports, like nursing and personal care services in the home.
 - If you get services through the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP), you will also get your MDCP services, such as respite or home modifications, through the health plan you pick.
 - You might get services through a DADS IDD waiver, the YES waiver or live in a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for people with an intellectual disability or related condition (ICF/IID). If you do, you will get your long-term services and supports the same way you do today.
- "Value-added services", or extra services, offered by the STAR Kids health plan you pick.

If you get Medicaid and Medicare (dual eligibles), STAR Kids offers:

- No changes in your Medicare benefits. You will still use Medicare for basic medical services and medicines ordered by your doctor. You will use STAR Kids for your Medicaid long-term services and supports.

What happens to my dental benefits?

There will be no change to dental benefits. You will continue to get dental care in the same way you do now.

How do I pick a health plan?

The packet has items you will need to learn about the STAR Kids health plans in your area and information to help you pick a health plan.

Things to look for when picking a STAR Kids health plan:

- Which health plan works with the doctors and other providers you use the most?
- Which health plan has the extra services you like the most?

When do I make my choice?

You can pick a health plan starting August 1, 2016. You must pick a health plan by October 12, 2016.

What happens if I don't pick a health plan by October 12, 2016?

We will pick a health plan for you. It's better that you pick your own health plan by October 12, 2016.

Can I change my health plan?

Yes, you can change health plans at any time and for any reason, but it could take up to 45 days to take effect. If you want to change your plan, call toll-free 1-877-782-6440. If you have a speech or hearing disability, call 7-1-1 or toll-free 1-800-735-2989.

What happens next?

Use the personal worksheet that came with the packet to help you get ready to pick a health plan. You will get another packet from us in the mail in about a month. That packet will have information to help you sign-up for a health plan.

Where do I go for more information?

- Call **1-877-782-6440** (toll-free) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday to Friday.
- If you have a speech or hearing disability, call **7-1-1** or **1-800-735-2989** (toll-free).
- We will be holding enrollment events around the state, where you can get in-person help signing up for a health plan. Continue to check: www.txmedicaidevents.com/ for updates on when enrollment events will be held in your area.
- More information about STAR Kids, including upcoming information sessions, can also be found on the Texas Health and Human Services Commission STAR Kids webpage at: www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starkids.

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will be hosting information sessions about STAR Kids in Houston. These sessions are the best way for families to learn about STAR Kids and how it will affect them.

August 26, 2016 - Family Information Session (Translation services will be provided)

11am-1pm
Houston Food Bank
Community Room #130 ABC
535 Portwall Street
Houston, Texas 77029

August 26, 2016 - Provider Information Session

2pm-4pm
Houston Food Bank
Community Room #130 ABC
535 Portwall Street
Houston, Texas 77029

August 27, 2016 - Family Information Session in English

9am-11am
Houston Food Bank
Community Room #130 ABC
535 Portwall Street
Houston, Texas 77029

August 27, 2016 - Family Information Session in Spanish

1pm-3pm
Houston Food Bank
Community Room #130 ABC
535 Portwall Street
Houston, Texas 77029

Golf Classic 2016

Another successful year!



Congratulations to our first Kathy Moody Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Left to right: Jordan McMillion, Kacey Picazo, Toni Kendrick & Matt Biasini

2016 Annual Awards Dinner



Advocacy Award, Julie Diaz



Barbara Penrod Award,
Jenny Gortney



Chairmans Award, Allison Wen



Community Awareness,
Roy Cordes, Jr & Nicole Mehrens



Community Awareness, Cindy Reeves, Patrick Richoux,
Sue McCarty, Linda Drummond, Alvine Duggan & Vita
Goddell



James Patterson Volunteer of the
Year, Allison Pike



Larry Sharp Award, Major Doug
Hawn & MST Sgt. Patrick Hardy



Outstanding Educators, Alexandria
Blackmon, Nina Pustejovsky, Karen Naivar,
Emily Easily & Melissa Jacobs



Outstanding Educators, Christina
Cobos & Nicole Roberts



Outstanding Educators, Joseph
Fountain, Cherie Miles & Rochelle
Fowkes with Carrie Wantuch



Outstanding Employee & Employer,
Kyle Eddlemon, Dan Bergstrom, Stevie
Meyer & Gary Krueger



Special Recognition Award, Ann
Neslony & Mary E. Butler

Kyle Eddlemon – Special Olympics Area 22 “2016 Athlete of the Year”

Margo Pasko



Our wonderful Kyle Eddlemon was chosen as the “Athlete of the Year” for Area 22 of Special Olympics Texas. We call him “our wonderful Kyle” because he participates in Special Olympics as a member of The Arc of Fort Bend County. We sponsor and support 100+ athletes and 80+ volunteers who participate in 9 sports under the auspices of Special Olympics Texas.

Here’s the scoop on what this Area award means. The state of Texas is divided into 22 “Areas” or regions for Special Olympics. Each region has many “delegations” of athletes. There are about 55,232 Special Olympics athletes across the state of Texas. Our region, Area 22, is comprised of 2065 athletes from Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties. You can see what an honor it is for Kyle to be singled out! As the Area 22 Athlete of the Year, Kyle is now a nominee for the Special Olympics Texas Athlete of the Year. That award will be announced later this year. We are keeping our fingers crossed!

Athletes are selected based on these criteria:

- Number of Special Olympics sports--he currently participates in softball, basketball, volleyball, and has also participated in soccer and bowling)
- How long-- 18 years for Kyle!
- Sportsmanship--he is passionate about sports, playing well and playing right
- Leadership—fellow players see him as a leader in sports skills, strategy and participation
- What he does outside of Special Olympics--ASTROS! And UH baseball!
- Up to 2 letters of recommendation
- Nominator’s essay. With Kyle’s and his mother’s permission, I am printing the essay:

When I think of Special Olympics athletes, I am reminded of the Special Olympics athlete’s oath: “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” Kyle has a rare, genetic disorder that causes benign tumors to grow in the brain, and affects the central nervous system, resulting in a combination of symptoms, including seizures and developmental delay. Kyle knows this and he also knows his seizures were increasing in frequency and severity. He chose to opt out of surgery and opt in to trying a new medication to treat the seizures. Despite knowing that he is more likely to have seizures when working hard and getting overheated, Kyle commits to giving 100% to everything he does. He works long hours for the Houston Astros. He helps the UH championship baseball team. AND he plays softball, volleyball, and basketball with our delegation (including very competitive unified basketball!).

Kyle is an excellent athlete and 18 year Special Olympics participant. He shares his experience with his teammates and they respect him for his leadership. Kyle understands his condition, but he does not let it stop him from being all that he can be and encouraging his teammates as well! What a brave young man!

Eagle Scout Project

Cheryl Sewell



Elvis Dean a 17 year old Life Scout from Troop 1424, embarked on an incredible and demanding project in order to earn his Eagle Scout rank. His project consisted of teaching individuals with disabilities computer skills.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a scout must be active in his troop, exemplify how he has lived by the Scout Oath and Law, provide character references, earn a total of 21 merit badges, and serve in a position of leadership within his troop. He must also plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project that benefits any religious institution, any school, or his community.

Luckily, Elvis connected with The Arc of Fort Bend! He developed a four- hour class for 20 learners, all with a wide range of special needs. The class was held on June 17 and covered a variety of topics including computer hardware, basic computer operation, word processing, how to use email and social media and internet safety. Cheryl Sewell helped Elvis contact hundreds of families in Fort

Bend County to fill his roster. New Hope Lutheran Church, the chartering organization for Boy Scout Troop 1424, provided space at their facility to host the class.

A post-high school student commented that this computer class was the first time he remembered being treated as an adult in a learning environment. His mom beamed with pride.

But wait – there’s more! Benefactors Victor Juarez and Wayne Blosat of PRO Consulting Services, Inc., donated a computer, keyboard, mouse and monitor to each student! In addition, Elvis raised enough funds to donate \$950 to The Arc’s Youth program.

Thank you, Elvis, for developing such an innovative project!

The Arc Family Matters

Celebrations:

Alice Gonzales, Special Olympics volunteer, was named “Paraprofessional of the Year” for Travis Elementary School in LCISD.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers:

Frank Harrison Marsters, III, passed away on April 30, 2016. Frank and his wife, Linda, have supported The Arc since its inception.

Rema Sudruddin Qurbanali, daughter of Sadruddin Qurbanali , passed away on May 19, 2016.

Ronnie D. Smith, brother-in-law of Special Olympics athlete, Karen Kniss, passed away on June 28, 2016.

Ann Dickie, mother of JoAnn Stevens, passed away on July 2, 2016. JoAnn co-chairs The Arc’s annual fundraiser, The Best in the West.

Kidfish 2016

Cheryl Sewell



The City of Sugar Land hosted a “KidFish” event at Eldridge Park in April. They could not have paid for better weather after all the rain and flooding from earlier that week, and, five of our families participated.

KidFish supplied all of the rods, reels and bait. Families picked a spot to cast from the shore or from the pier – throwing in their lines and hoping for “the big one.”

Neither the Dang nor Barone families had fished before, so I showed them techniques of casting and reeling in. We watched a child on the pier land a huge, catfish. But, unfortunately, none from our group got a nibble. That’s why it’s called fishing instead of catching!

Parents Need a *Siesta* after the Fiesta!

Cheryl Sewell

Our Parent Group met for the last time for this school year. We organized a “themed” party to celebrate Cinco De Mayo. (Really, I think this group will use any excuse to party.) Cindy Villarreal, as always a fantastic hostess, supplied the margaritas, beans, enchiladas, and guacamole. Others brought chili con queso, empanadas, pizza, chips and salsa.

We learned that May 5 is not Mexico’s Independence Day (which is September 16), but is the date observed to commemorate the Mexican army’s unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. This is very important to our group because now we know we must also celebrate September 16th.

Have a great summer!



Best Athletic Banquet Ever!

Margo Pasko



This year's Annual Athletic Banquet was a resounding success! At least 210 bowlers, athletes, family members and volunteers attended the event on Sunday, June 5, at Safari Texas Ranch.

The attendees had a special view of the region's flooding from the deck of the Safari Lodge Room. Members of The Arc's board of directors and Sugar Land Rotary Club served the meal, drink, and dessert so that the volunteers who were being honored could actually relax and enjoy the party. It was an event to remember!

Nancy Dobert handled all the reservations and check-in process for the crowd. The Arc's board chairman, Stewart Jacobson, served as emcee and kicked off the event. Larry Lobue recognized 90 athletes for their participation in The Arc's nine sports, handing out commemorative plaques to those in attendance (contact Margo, at The Arc, if you weren't there to receive your plaque.) The nine sports offered in The Arc's delegation are aquatics, athletics (track and field), basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Bowling League Leaders, Avis Goldy, Carolyn Spiceland, and Gardenia Burton, recognized the bowling skills of the members of their very popular Saturday afternoon bowling league, presenting them all with trophies.

The bowling and Special Olympics volunteers were thanked and presented with car mugs emblazoned with The Arc's logo . Larry Lobue recognized his head coaches with special appreciation plaques. Margo Pasko recognized all coaches with gold medals of their own – chocolate medals—to thank them for their help. Margo thanked all the volunteers for giving time from their lives to ensure the athletes had the time of their lives. The afternoon festivities concluded with dancing to the tunes spun by popular DJ, Ben Avery.

Best dressed coaches were Vanessa Luna and Joseph Reed, who really rocked the dance floor along with Hal Marshall! Who knew they had such great moves?!

What a wonderful afternoon it was! The Arc family does matter!



Special Olympics Track Team had a Busy Spring Season

Margo Pasko



They do run, run, run, they do run, run... And throw, jump, and power walk!

The Arc's track team has had a full spring season! They started practicing in early March at a new venue, Travis High School. Principal Julie Diaz reached out to Larry Lobue and invited us to use her school's beautiful track. Her athletic director also pitched in and provided support to our group. We are grateful to be so welcomed!

The first track meet was the Lamar Consolidated ISD Invitational Track Meet on April 7. This year was their 35th annual track meet, yes, 35th! What a great tradition! There was also a surprise: The Arc's staff member Margo Pasko was recognized as the LCISD Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year. Why? Because for many years, Margo has volunteered to set up and man the "Athlete Village" at this track meet.

After the LCISD track meet, the athletes went right back to practicing, so they were ready for the Area 22, May 7, Spring Games which were held at Sam Vitenza Stadium at Dickinson High School. The track athletes were led by Cathy Zepeda. Her assistant coaches were Gary Schottle, Don Duyka, Terry Pelz and Debbie Patton. Charles McLaren, Mike Biasini and Jackie Butler also assisted. Jenny Webb and ball return specialist, Reed Beck, were sorely missed this season. We hope to see them next year. If I have missed naming any of the helpers, I sincerely apologize!

Coach Cathy had a great day! "It was a gorgeous day for a track meet! The weather was perfect! Everyone had fun and many came back with medals. Our Relay teams sizzled on the track bringing home two gold and two silver medals-- way to go!! I am so proud of all the athletes- their hard work and dedication paid off!"

Our head of delegation, Larry Lobue, was the Area 22 tournament director. He worked hard, or at least his voice did! Terry Pelz commented: "Let's invest in a megaphone for Larry. It had to be rough on his voice to shout out names at the staging area all day long."

Debbie Patton said, "A BIG thank you to all our athletes who kept our area clean and helped with setting up, taking down, carrying our supplies, tables, etc. to our vehicles. Our athletes displayed good sportsmanship, team support, and great manners during our track meet. Russell Smith assisted with the opening ceremony. "

The track athletes included Matt Biasini, Hayden Buckles, Kim Butler, Davis Caruthers, Lucas Castro, Amy Crane, Dave Gonzalez, Jimmy Griffin, Tommy Hajek, Allan Harris, Jr., Wayne Heitman, Blaine Hylton, Aaron Lindsey, Larry Lobue, Alexander Mebane, Michael Pelz, Tony Presson, Derek (Tank) Schottle, Sharon Schreiber, Russell Smith, Ryan Thomas, Rudy Vasquez, Ty Williams, Desney Cheeks, Chris DeLaPaz, Bridget Stephney, San Juanita Soto, Whitney McLaren, and Tyler Sims.

A special thank you goes out to Gary Schottle for driving the big van full of athletes, and to all the families for helping with the transportation!

Saving the best for last, Kyle Eddlemon was named Special Olympics "Athlete of the Year" for Area 22! Congratulations Kyle! Unfortunately, Kyle was not present to receive his plaque at Spring Games, so he had his own "awards ceremony" later.



Special Olympics 2016 Summer Games

Margo Pasko



Thank goodness our sponsored sport for 2016 Summer Games was basketball! The Memorial Day weekend deluge didn't affect them, but it sure was disruptive to track and field activities!

Summer Games began in 1969 as a track and field event for 350 people with intellectual disabilities. This year, 3,026 athletes participated in the Summer Games, the largest annual Special Olympics Texas state competition. Our delegation's group of 26 basketball players joined 1,150 other basketball players to compete in the most popular (and populous!) sport that Special Olympics Texas offers. Other represented sports were: athletics (track and field), cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer and tennis.

The Games took place at the University of Texas at Arlington over the course of four days, May 26-29. In addition to the sports competitions, there were many special opportunities! The teams stopped by "Wellness Park" to get "Healthy Athletes" screenings for free! Wellness Park's objective is to help improve health care for our athletes. The services offered included Opening Eyes, Healthy Hearing, Health Promotions, Special Smiles, Medfest and Strong Minds, Strong Bodies. Trained professionals were ready to screen the athletes and provided them with helpful information to keep them healthy and competing at their very best.

Athlete Village was the center of fun activities for all ages, with games, entertainers, concessions and exhibits, not to mention the opportunity to meet more beauty queens than could be counted.

The Victory Dance theme was "Fanatic Sports Fans". Athletes were encouraged to wear their favorite team regalia. As you can see, the experience of going to Chapter Games (Fall Classic, Winter Games and Summer Games) is much more than a sports competition!

Head of Delegation Larry Lobue, Coaches Hal Marshall, Gary Schottle, Matt Marshall, Will Marshall and Cathy Zepeda led the Wolverines, Angels Red, and Angels Blue teams.

In addition to the coaching staff, the volunteers who helped make the trip possible were Bobby Caruthers, Glenn Cheeks, Alice and Benito Gonzales, Gary and Robin Krueger, Steve LungstrumDesi and Haley Marshall, Wally Martinez, Joanne and Buddy Meyer, Terry Pelz, and Joe and Carol Trachier.

Hal's Wolverines players included Desney, Chance, Aaron, Chris, Michael P., Mike M., Jason, Jack, and Stevie. They came home with Bronze medals! Congratulations!

Matt's and Will's Angels Blue Team players, Timmy, Tyrone, Davis, Ronnie, SanJuanita, Mike C., Blaine, Jimmy and Tony came home with Gold medals! Way to go!

Larry and Gary's Angels Red Team players, Bridget, Tank, Cesar, Kyle, Michael K., and Ryan played hard against the top teams! They came home with 4th place in their top tier division.

The Arc and the athletes appreciate the volunteer and financial support that makes participation in Summer Games possible! Next trip up: the aquatics participants hit the road to Fall Classic in College Station in October.



Special Olympics Soccer Teams Compete at Area 4 Spring Games

Margo Pasko

GRRRRR! The Arc's two Grizzley Bear soccer teams competed in the Area 4 Spring Games at Strake Jesuit Preparatory School on May 7. Our teams are called the Grizzly Bears A and B— and they are ferocious! Head coach Vanessa Luna led the teams. She was assisted by Joseph Reed, Carl LaSala and Susie Sims. Joseph not only coached, but was the transporter-in-chief of much of the equipment, making frequent trips to The Arc office.

Grizzley Bears A was mainly comprised of returning players, with some new members: Yi-No Cheng, Mike Cushenberry, Nicole LaSala, Steve Lungstrum, Whitney McLaren, Tyler Sims, SanJuanita Soto, and Bridget Stephney. They brought home a bronze medal. Congratulations!

Grizzley Bears B was largely comprised of new players: Nicolas Calvin, Geraldo Chapa, Raphael Fajardo, Alexander Mebane, Kristi Oujesky, Courtney Parsons and Dion Sullivan. On their inaugural outing, they took the gold medal! Way to go!

The athletes enjoyed an end of season party at Cici's pizza on May 10, arranged by Susie Sims.

Thank you to the coaches, parents and other volunteers who made the season possible for these two teams. We offer a special thank you to Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department for the use of the practice field, including the lights!



Social Recreation

Arabia Shrine Circus



St. Theresa's Dance



Star Cinema



Ambassador Training

Margo Pasko

Do you use Fort Bend Transit? Have you seen the ambassadors who assist passengers who need that extra bit of help with seatbelts, bags, walkers, and wheelchairs? The Arc recently collaborated with ParkWest Staffing Services, Inc., the company who hires the ambassadors for Fort Bend County, to provide specific staff training. Margo Pasko, Director of Transition Programs, wrote the training curriculum which covered recognizing signs of abuse of the elderly and/or people with disabilities, including when and how to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation. She then provided training at The Arc's office to 12 ambassadors.

This was Margo's second training project with ParkWest ambassadors. Previously, Margo provided training for ambassadors on how they can help passengers be more independent in their use of Fort Bend Transit services.

Jalyn Dimmit and Alex McCutcheon, both clients of The Arc, are employed as ambassadors and love their jobs helping people.



The Arc of Fort Bend County ensures opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize their quality of life within our community.

Membership Form

Date: _____

Please indicate New Member Renewing Member

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____ HCS Provider: _____

I am a:

- Family Member Person with Disability Interested Citizen Professional who works in the Disability Field

Indicate the age of person with a disability: 0-12 13-22 23-54 55+

Membership Levels:

Individual with Disability \$20.00
-reserved for those not living at home and not included in a family membership
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Single \$35.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Single Lifetime \$500.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Family \$50.00
***Names of all family members:** _____
-includes all immediate members of the family living in the home
-includes a family member with a disability living outside of the home
-receives two votes at meetings of the membership

Corporate \$100.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Corporate Lifetime \$2000.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

VIP
-given yearly to chairs of Best in the West and Golf Classic
-given yearly to Head Coaches of Special Olympic Sports

Additional Tax Deductible Donation: \$ _____

If you wish, you may donate to a specific program:

- Bowling Education/Employment Self-Advocacy
 Social Recreation Special Olympics Transportation

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Nalco Champion Awards The Arc \$3000 Grant



Nalco Champion awarded The Arc a \$3000 grant to support our Educational Advocacy program!
Pictured with Laura LaVigne is Jessica West, Sr. Marketing/Communications Specialist.
THANK YOU, Nalco Champion! We will continue to assist and support parents of children
with I/DD through ARDs and their transition out of school.