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The Arc of Iowa Policy and Advocacy Committee

Belief

Human & Civil Rights - All people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are entitled to human and civil rights. These rights include the rights to autonomy, dignity, family, justice, life, liberty, equality, self-determination, community participation, property, health, well-being, access to voting, and equality of opportunity

Purpose

- The Arc Iowa aims to address critical challenges affecting people with I/DD and their family members, while identifying solutions that promote choice, advance equity and inclusion, and increase access to opportunity
- Establish the Arc of Iowa as a trusted leader in public policy advocacy

Activities

Engage in public policy advocacy alongside grassroots advocates that engages decision makers and local, state and federal legislators to drive system improvement or change.

Through nonpartisan legislative advocacy, support public policies founded in the principles of human and civil rights, autonomy and self-determination, inclusion and individualization, to advance systems change that promotes equity for Iowans with disabilities

Inform our stakeholders, policymakers, elected officials, and the public at large of our fundamental view on key issues – acting as a guidepost in our decision-making

Utilize a combination of individual philanthropy, grants, sponsorship, services and social entrepreneurial activities to create a sustainable revenue stream that supports The Arc Iowa program priorities

Committee Composition

The Arc will contract with a third party to lead the committee in efforts to facilitate engagement and relationship building at the Iowa Legislature, the executive branch and the broad stakeholder group that The Arc of Iowa advocates for.

The balance of the committee will be appointed by the Arc of Iowa board. Careful consideration will be used to select individuals, who believe in bipartisan partnership, value the rights and lives of individuals with disabilities

The committee shall have no less than 4 members and no more than 7. Subject matter experts may be recruited for specific assistance and guidance.