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## FY 2014 Annual Report

October 1, 2013 ~ September 30, 2014

*Serving People With Intellectual and / or Other Developmental Disabilities*



### Vision Statement

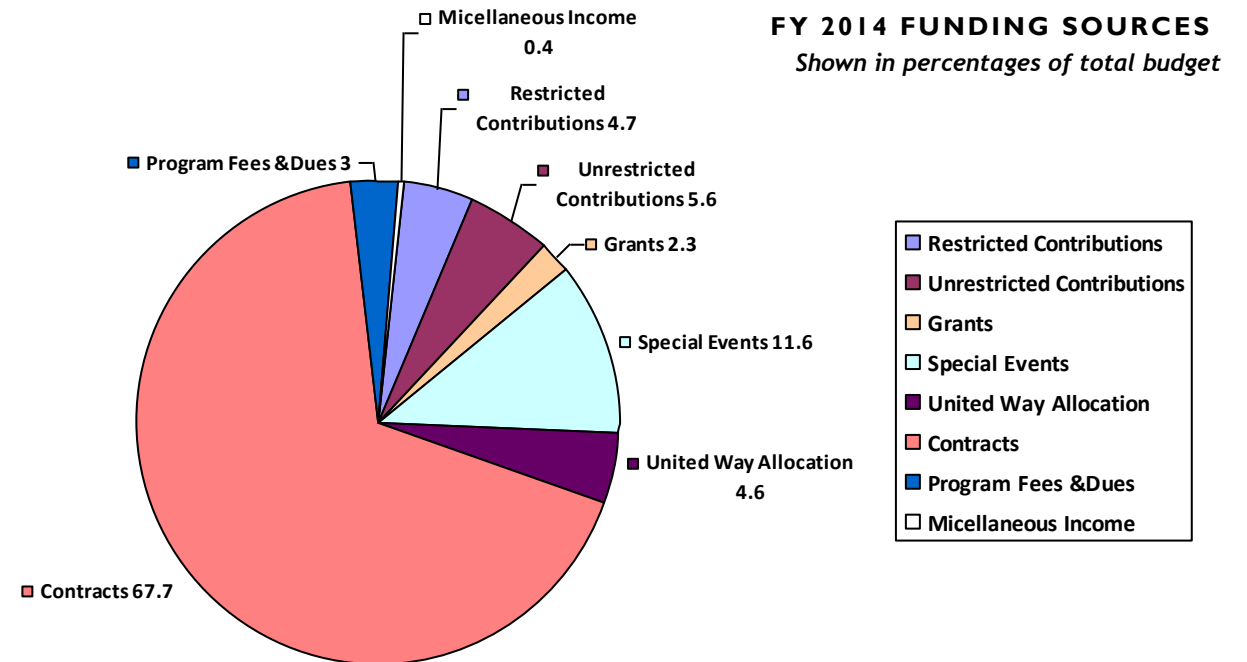
The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties is a visible, well-known resource that serves individuals with ID/DD and their families and networks with other agencies.

### 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 82 children ages 5-21 with developmental disabilities. (See following)

### Knights' Camp/Camp United

- ◆ Conducted a three-week camp attended by 22 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. 14 children, ages 6 - 12 attended the first session in June and 20 children, ages 13 - 21, attended the second session in July.

### Training & Recreation

- ◆ Co-sponsored a one-week day camp for 25 adults with the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ Conducted "A Day Out for Awareness" event in conjunction with The Arc of the U.S. I/DD Awareness campaign for the month of March, 162 people attended the outdoor entertainment and information event on March 29.
- ◆ Provided art instruction for adults with intellectual disabilities. Two groups, totaling 17 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 three rotating groups of 18 (54 total) 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 ef-

fort 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 82 children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

- ◆ Supported the development of "Fit Friends," a weekly nutrition and exercise program for adults with I/DD, serving an average of 10 each week.
- ◆ Sponsored three supper dances, with the assistance of Anniston PARD and community groups, serving a average of 150 adults with intellectual disabilities per event.
- ◆ 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 252 prevocational high, middle and elementary school students in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.
- ◆ Held Christmas parties for 130 high school and 81 elementary school prevocational students, plus their teachers and aides.
- ◆ Assisted with Anniston PARD's Christmas party for 220 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 173 elementary and high school students at Oxford High School. (Assisted by the Oxford and Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Departments and civic groups and volunteers.)

#### Basketball

- ◆ Sponsored monthly training sessions for 51 high school students and 24 adults.

#### Bocce

- ◆ Sponsored monthly training sessions for 51 high school students and 24 adults

#### Bowling

- ◆ Co-sponsored a winter league for 55 adult bowlers and a summer league for 55 adult bowlers with Anniston Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ Continued a monthly bowling program for 43 prevocational students and 20 adults.

### Roller skating

- ◆ Made possible roller skating training for 13 prevocational students with association with the First United Methodist Church of Weaver.

### Swimming

- ◆ Made possible weekly classes for 32 prevocational high school students.
- ◆ Worked with Anniston Parks and Recreation to provide a swimming program for some 15 adults.
- ◆ Assisted the training of 16 students for Regional Swimming Competition in Decatur.

### State Games

- ◆ Sent a delegation of 21 athletes and three coaches to the Special Olympics Alabama State Games in May for bocce and bowling competitions

### National Games

- ◆ Sent one bowler, two bocce players and a coach to Princeton, New Jersey as part of the Special Olympics Alabama Team.

### Training

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

### Family Advocacy

- ◆ Assisted a caseload of 54 consumers and/or family members in making life transitions in such areas as housing, educational and/or vocational placement.
- ◆ Counseled and referred parents of five students (ages 3 - 21) who needed assistance with educational issues, behavioral concerns or respite care for their children.
- ◆ Supported the creation of "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 927 individuals, families, and organizations.

Schools, civic groups, and through the local media. Participated in community service fairs and public displays.

- ◆ Organized and presented two "Panel Nights" offering information designed to allow parents of students with I/DD transitioning from high school to connect with local resources.
- ◆ Conducted weekly Learning Supports program for 21 at-risk Wellborn Elementary School students addressing self-esteem and positive self-concept.
- ◆ Taught eight Anniston Middle School prevocational students bullying prevention and presentation skills through "The Kids on the Block" and sign-language as part of the Public Education Foundation's Class Act.
- ◆ 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 2,133 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.