**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.

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**FY 2016 FUNDING SOURCES**

contracts 56%

restricted contributions 6%

unrestricted contributions 2%

grants 13%

special events 14%

united way allocation 6%

program fees & dues 3%

miscellaneous income 0%

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**FY 2016 Annual Report**

October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016
Day Camps - Students

- Conducted four summer day camps for 90 children ages 5-21 with developmental disabilities. (See following student groups.

Knights’ Camp/Camp United

- Conducted a two-week camp attended by 23 prevocational students and students with multi-disabilities which included sports training, crafts, music, swimming, field trips, and transportation.

Language Camp

- Conducted a two-week camp for 27 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 two-week camps for children with autism which included learning activities, socialization, skills training, crafts, music, field trips, swimming, and transportation. 22 children, ages 6 - 12 attended the first session in June and 18 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. A total of 15 art students, attended art classes. They also participated in art-related field trips.
- Co-sponsored the adult recreation program “Stepping Out” for a total of 79 participants in three groups with the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and provided a driver/aid to these Tuesday night events.
- Through “A League of Our Own,” a joint effort with the City of Oxford Parks and Recreation Department, LCP of East Central Alabama, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, and other local agencies, provided a six-week softball program for 152 children with physical and cognitive disabilities.
- Supported “Fit Friends,” a weekly nutrition and exercise program for adults with I/DD. Held a fashion show featuring 25 models with I/DD with clothes provided by Dillard’s.
- Helped plan and run the Kids Fishing Tournament for a total of 244 prevocational, high, middle and elementary school students in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.
- Held Christmas parties for 120 high school and 56 elementary school prevocational students, plus their teachers and aides (total of 83 adults).
- 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 197 elementary and high school students at Oxford High School. (Assisted by the Oxford Parks and Recreation Department and civic groups and volunteers.)
- Provided a driver/assistant coach for Anniston Parks and Recreation’s Anniston Starz Special Olympics Team.
- Bocce
- Provided monthly training sessions for 57 high school students and 24 adults.
- Bowling
- Co-sponsored a winter league for 65 adult bowlers and a summer league for 45 adult bowlers with Anniston Parks and Recreation Department.
- Continued a monthly bowling program for 57 prevocational students and 24 adults.
- Roller skating
- Made possible roller skating training for prevocational students through association with the First United Methodist Church of Weaver throughout the school year.
- Swimming
- Made possible weekly swim classes for 36 prevocational high school students.
- Sent 16 students and five coaches to the Regional Swimming Competition in Decatur in February.
- Provided a driver/aid to the Anniston PARD fitness program for adults, serving 22 weekly.
- Held a fashion show featuring 25 models with I/DD with clothes provided by Dillard’s.
- Provided a driver/assistant coach for Anniston Parks and Recreation’s Anniston Starz Special Olympics Team

State Games

- Sent a delegation of 19 athletes and three coaches to the Special Olympics Alabama State Games in May for bocce and bowling competitions.
- Training
- Hosted a training session for 12 area teachers and agency staff who provide services for people with intellectual disabilities.

Family Advocacy

- Assisted a caseload of 52 consumers and/or family members in making life transitions in such areas as housing, educational and/or vocational placement. A total of 832 contacts were made for/consumers.
- Counseled and referred parents of a school-aged student for assistance with educational issues, behavioral concerns and respite care.
- Sponsored and hosted a bi-monthly support group for parents of children with disabilities. Attended regularly by family members, caregivers of eight individuals with I/DD in addition to guests and other visitors.
- Provided additional support for family members by meeting with agency staff and providing “Family Advocacy 101” training.

Community Services

- Distributed a newsletter to a mailing list of 898 individuals, families, and organizations.
- Assisted in the creation of the Calhoun and Cleburne Counties chapter of People First, a national self-advocacy group. There were 30 members at the close of the fiscal year.
- Worked each week with the nine-member Anniston Middle School prevocational class as part of the Public Education Foundation’s Class Act, teaching them anti-bullying and self-advocacy skills.
- Provided assistance to 189 individuals and families, plus 18 adult caregivers.

Volleyball

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

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 Chamber of Commerce’s Art Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities; the Calhoun County Human Services Council; A League of Our Own; Calhoun/Cleburne County Health and Nutrition Board; the Calhoun/Cleburne County Mental Health Board’s Human Rights Committee; the Calhoun County Interagency Transitional Committee; People First of Alabama; Alabama Respite Task Force; the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce; and the Non-profit Resource Center of Alabama.