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Vision Statement

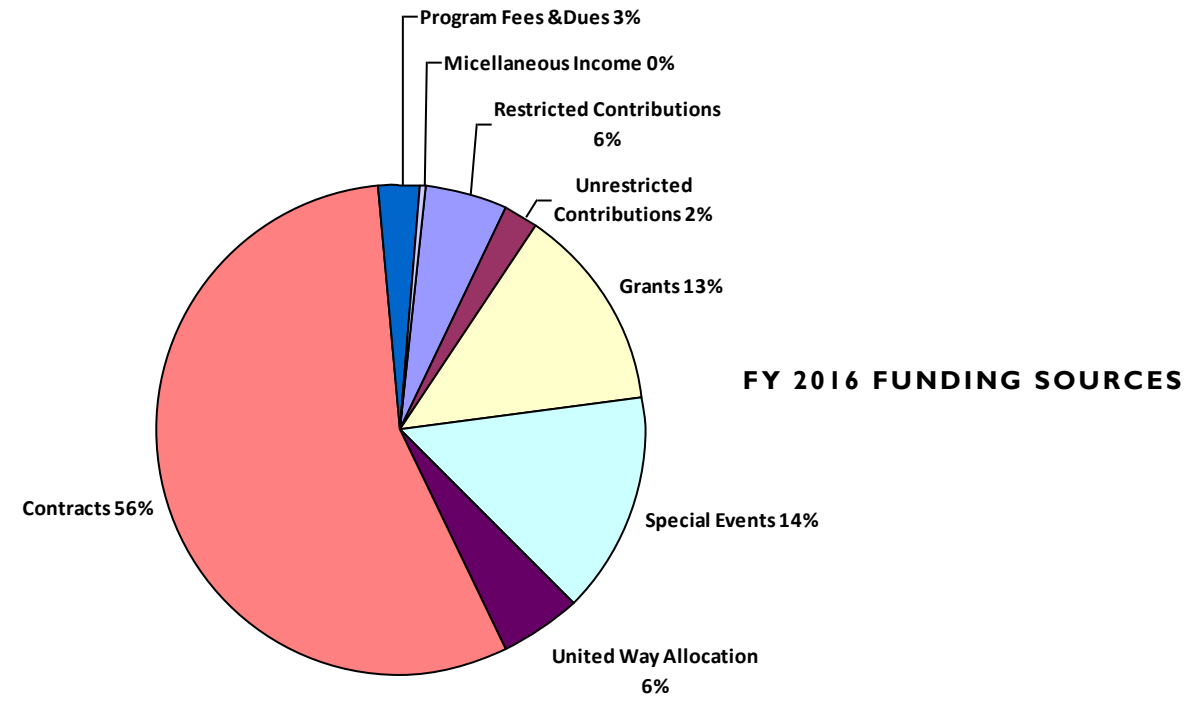
The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties is a visible, well-known resource that serves individuals with ID/DD and their families and networks with other agencies.

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

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 these weekly 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 (PARC) and provided a driver/aide to these Tuesday night events.
- ◆ Through "A League of Our Own," a joint effort 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 152 children with physical and cognitive disabilities.
- ◆ Supported "Fit Friends," a weekly nutrition and exercise program for adults with I/DD.
- ◆ Held three supper dances, with the assistance of Anniston PARC, Anniston Civitan and Ladies of the Moose, serving some 150 adults with intellectual disabilities per event.

- ◆ Provided a driver/aide to the Anniston PARC fitness program for adults, serving 22 weekly.
- ◆ 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 PARC'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.)

Basketball

- ◆ Sponsored monthly training sessions for 57 high school students and 24 adults.
- ◆ Provided a driver/assistant coach for Anniston Parks and Recreation's Anniston Starz Special Olympics Team.

Bocce

- ◆ Sponsored 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.

Volleyball

- ◆ 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/with 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.
- ◆ 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 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.
- ◆ Took a delegation of seven self-advocates plus family members and staff and board members of The Arc to Montgomery to learn about and advocate for the State's funding of Medicare and other support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- ◆ Created and produced the "Lip Sync Battle" a fundraiser on behalf of The Arc which saw nine community groups compete for prizes and raise funds. Over 100 people attended the event, which also featured volunteers from The Arc's self-advocate and support group.
- ◆ Presented information concerning I/DD at Schools, civic groups, and through the local media. Participated in community service fairs and public displays.
- ◆ Conducted weekly Learning Supports program for 9 at-risk Wellborn Elementary School students addressing self-esteem and positive self-concept.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Presented 10 awards to groups/individuals who made significant contributions to the I/DD in 2015 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 1,188 audience members including K-6th graders in school systems and community groups throughout Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.
- ◆ Provided Christmas and other assistance to nine adults and six child and three families.
- ◆ 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; 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.