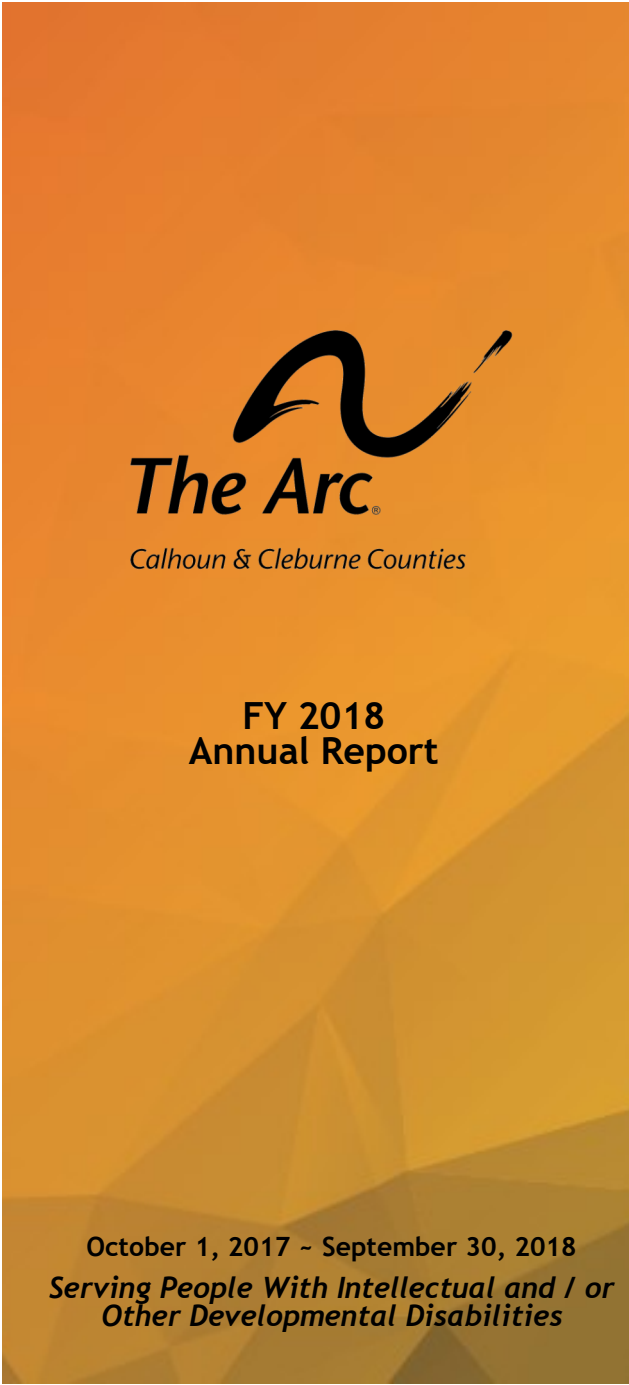


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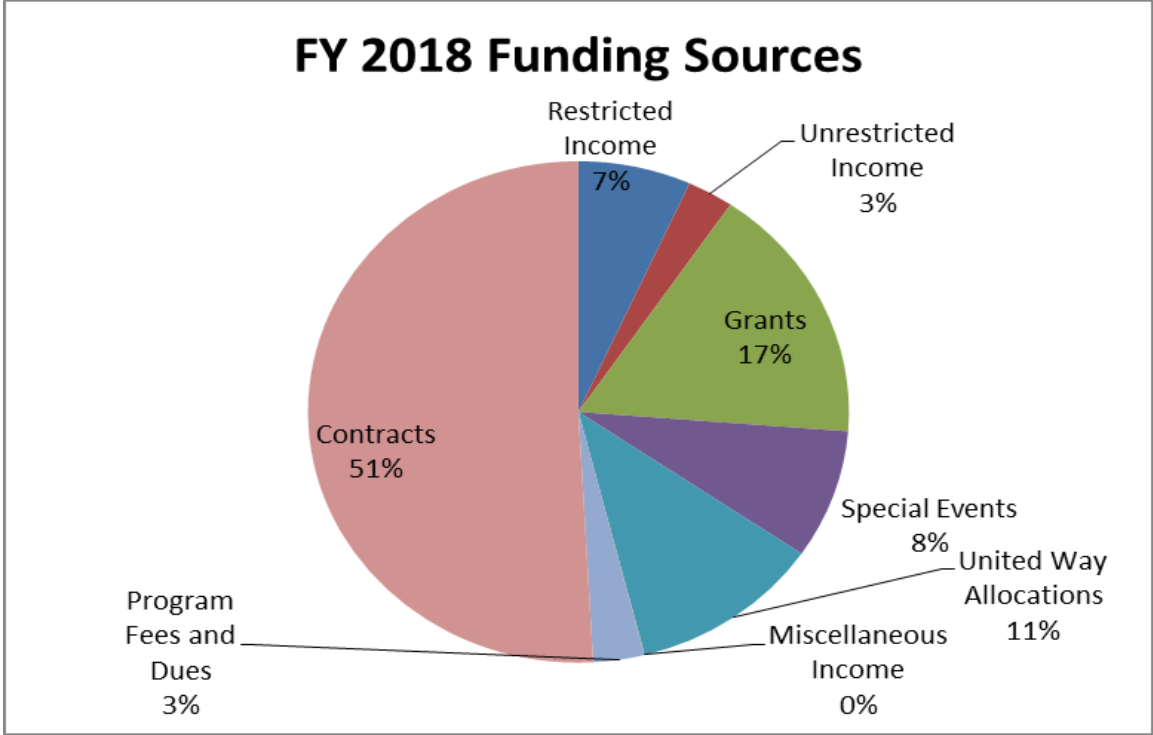
The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties is a visible, well-known resource that serves individuals with ID/DD and their families and networks with other agencies.

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 Alabama Association of Non-Profits, the United Way of East Central Alabama and has received the Standards for Excellence Accreditation.



Day Camps - Students

- ◆ Conducted four summer day camps for 93 children ages 5-21 with developmental disabilities. (See following)

Knights' Camp/Camp United

- ◆ Conducted a two-week camp attended by 33 prevocational students and students with multi-disabilities which included sports training, crafts, music therapy, swimming, field trips, and transportation.

Language Camp

- ◆ Conducted a two-week camp for 40 school-aged children in language and communication therapy during the prior school year to include speech therapy, music 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 therapy, field trips, swimming, and transportation. 13 children, ages 6 - 12 attended the first session in June and seven children, ages 13 - 21, attended in July.

Training & Recreation

- ◆ Co-sponsored a one-week day camp for 26 adults with the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation program.
- ◆ Provided art instruction for 30 adults with intellectual disabilities. The average attendance of these weekly classes totaled 16. 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/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 192 children with physical and cognitive disabilities.
- ◆ Supported "Fit Friends," a monthly nutrition and exercise program for adults with I/DD with an average attendance of 12 consumers in attendance.
- ◆ Held three supper dances, with the assis-

tance of Anniston PARD, Anniston Civitan and Ladies of the Moose, serving some 150 adults with intellectual disabilities per event.

- ◆ Provided a driver/aide to the Anniston PARD fitness program for adults, serving 22 weekly.
- ◆ Held a fashion show featuring 21 models with I/DD with clothes provided by Dillard's and the Dress Barn
- ◆ Helped plan and run the Kids Fishing Tournament for a total of 212 prevocational high, middle and elementary school students in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.
- ◆ Held Christmas parties for 85 high school and 66 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 March for 163 elementary and high school students at Jacksonville High School. (Assisted by the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Departments, Jacksonville State University student 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.

Swimming

- ◆ Made possible weekly swim classes for 36 prevocational high school students.

Volleyball

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

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

- ◆ Made possible the creation of first ever state Stand Up Paddleboarding team in Alabama in response to the addition of the new sport by Special Olympics USA. The first team consisted of four athletes and two coaches all from Oxford.

State Games

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

National Games

- ◆ Sent four adults (one bowler, two bocce players and one self-advocate coaching staff member) and four school-aged students (all members of the first ever state StandUp Paddleboarding team) chosen to be members of Special Olympics Alabama's delegation to the Special Olympics USA Games in June/July 2018 in Seattle, Washington.

Family Advocacy

- ◆ Assisted a caseload of 113 consumers and/or family members in making life transitions in such areas as housing, educational and/or vocational placement. A total of 1516 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.
- ◆ Continued the Life Skills and Work Readiness program for middle school, high school and self-advocates from the community and group homes, serving an average of 48 individuals per class. (516 total contact hours) Two members also participate in a paper shredding training program.
- ◆ Created a gardening class to teach adults with I/DD self supportive skills. This program served 30 individuals with an average attendance of 16 per class.
- ◆ Sponsored and hosted a bi-monthly support group for parents of children with disabilities. Attended regularly by family members/caregivers of individuals with I/DD in addition to guests and other visitors. The average attendance is nine family members.
- ◆ Assisted Rehabilitation Services and the Opportunity Center in acquiring Supported Employment jobs for people with I/DD.

- ◆ Produced the "Lip Sync Battle" a fundraiser on behalf of The Arc which saw eight community groups compete for prizes and raise funds. Over 100 people attended the event, which also featured volunteers and performers 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.
- ◆ Worked each week with five members of Anniston Middle School's self-contained class as part of the Public Education Foundation's Class Act, teaching them anti-bullying and self-advocacy skills.
- ◆ Presented 11 awards to groups/individuals who made significant contributions to the I/DD in 2017 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 986 audience members including K-6th graders in school systems and community groups throughout Calhoun and Cleburne Counties, plus their teachers/instructors.
- ◆ Provided Christmas and other assistance to eight consumers and 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 Highland Health System 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; The Cleburne County Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Association of Non-Profits.
- ◆ Received the Standards for Excellence Accreditation in January 2018