

# THE ARC OF THE CAPITAL AREA

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“We envision a future in which people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the same opportunities as others to pursue full and productive lives.”

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## WHO WE ARE

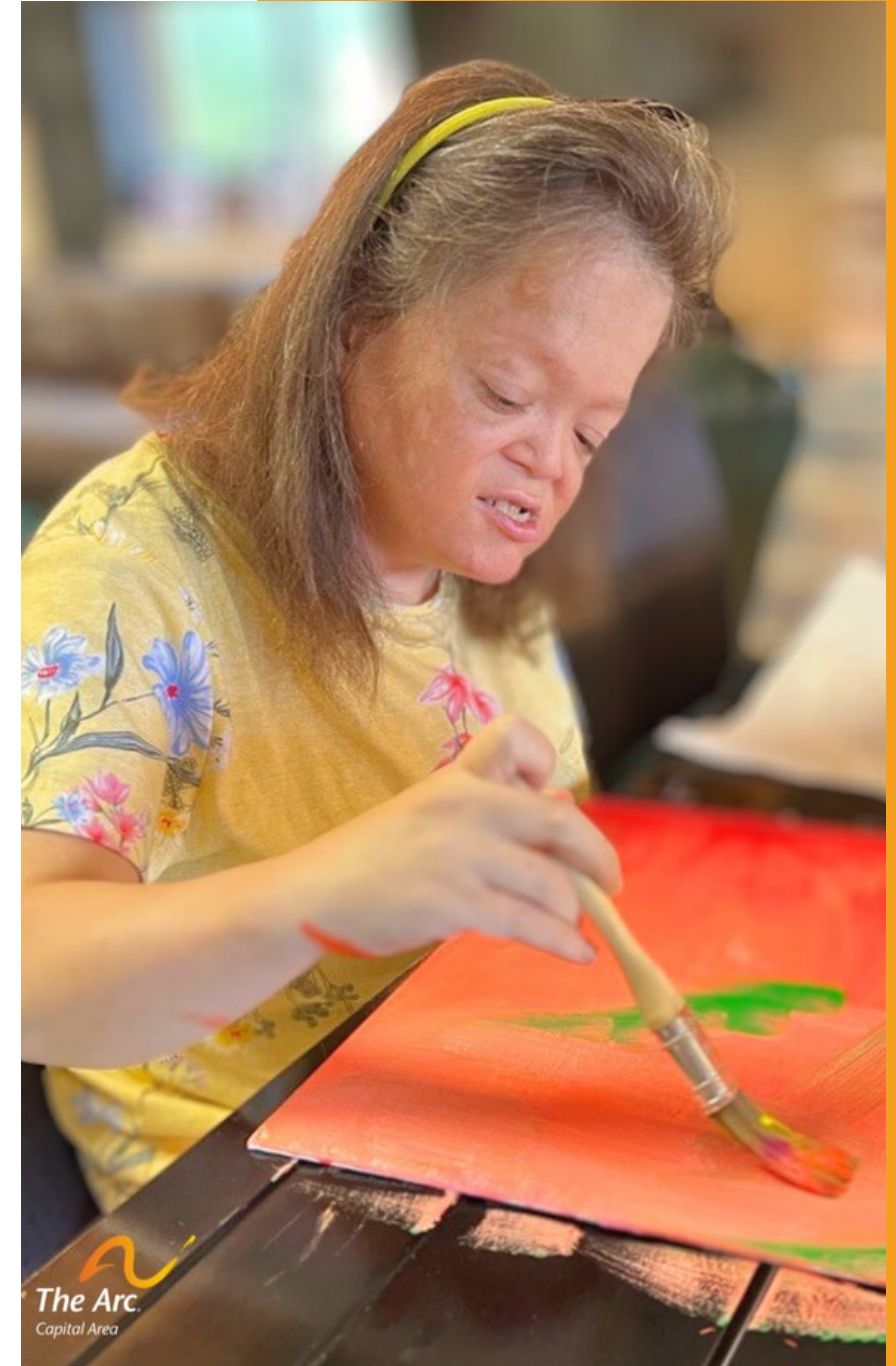
- The Arc is a nonprofit organization committed to empowering Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through compassionate case management and innovative programs.

## OUR HISTORY

- Founded in 1949, The Arc of the Capital Area emerged when little was known about IDD. Back then, parents were often advised to institutionalize their children with IDD, lacking community programs and support.
- The organization's mission has evolved over the years, focusing on providing Central Texans with IDD the necessary resources and opportunities for a full and healthy life.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Despite progress, Texas, with the second-largest number of individuals with disabilities, ranks poorly in funding services, emphasizing institutional support over community-based services, with long wait lists for assistance.
- The Arc remains dedicated to creating a future where individuals with IDD have equal opportunities for fulfillment.





## Mission

The Arc of the Capital Area, a nonprofit organization, is committed to empowering Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through compassionate case management and innovative programs.

## Vision

The Arc of the Capital Area will be the community's trusted and comprehensive resource for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We connect individuals and families to education, work, recreation, and lifelong services so they achieve lives of joy and dignity.



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We connect individuals and families to programs and services such as Art and Education, Employment Services, Case Management, and Transition Services.

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## Art & Education

Day Programming  
Gallery Sales  
Satellite  
Campuses  
Pet Therapy

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## Employment Services

Neurodiversity Career Support  
Neurodiversity Internships  
Texas Workforce Commission-  
Vocational Rehabilitation (TWC-  
VR)  
Supported Employment

03

## Case Management

CLASS Waiver Services  
Adult Case Management

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## Transition Services

Guardianship Program  
Juvenile Justice Services

# Art & Education

## Program

Our Art & Education Program is ISS licensed and runs Monday-Friday from 8:30am-2:30pm at three satellite locations. Our professional instructors help students to find a creative means to best express themselves, promoting client-directed goals, self-determination, social skills, increase employment skills and gaining a sense of independence and pride.

We provide daily support to bridge the gap in post-secondary education for individuals with IDD. Individuals participate in a variety of courses led by instructors that explore healthy living, creative arts, electives, adult education, and more.

### Overview

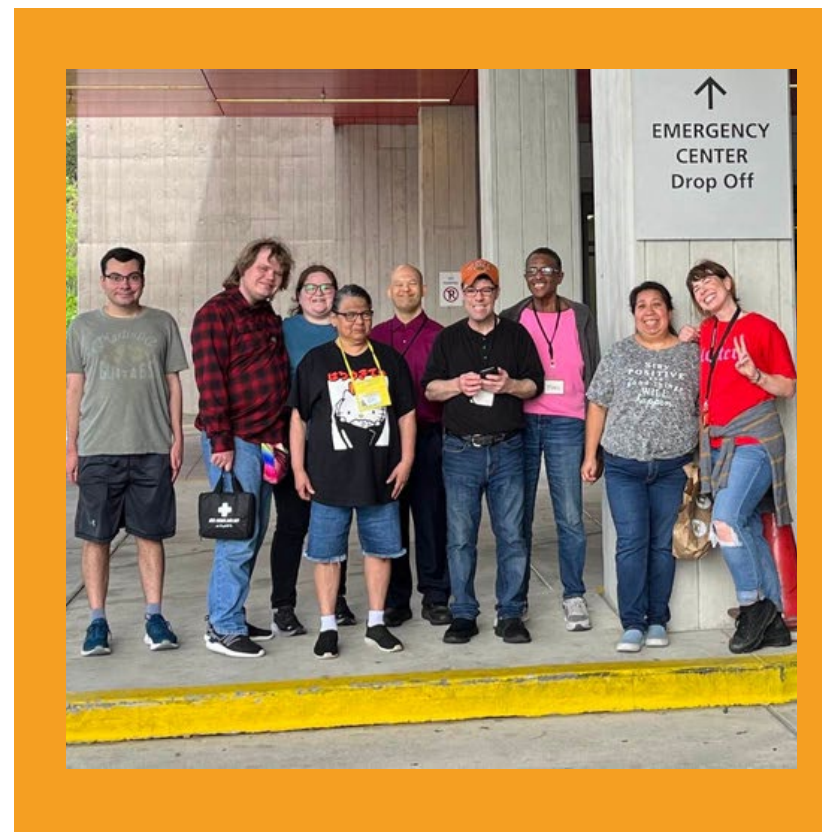
- 18+ program
- Monday - Friday (1 day a week to 5 days a week)
- Accepts Medicaid Waivers & Private Pay
- Additional eligibility qualifications via intake process
- 3 Satellite Campuses in Hutto, Leander, or Austin (more to come!)



# Art & Education



## SATELLITE CAMPUSES



**SOCO CAMPUS**  
412 Cumberland Rd.  
Austin, TX 78704



**HUTTO CAMPUS**  
502 Church St.  
Hutto, TX 78634



**LEANDER CAMPUS**  
207 Sonny Dr. #101A  
Leander, TX 78641

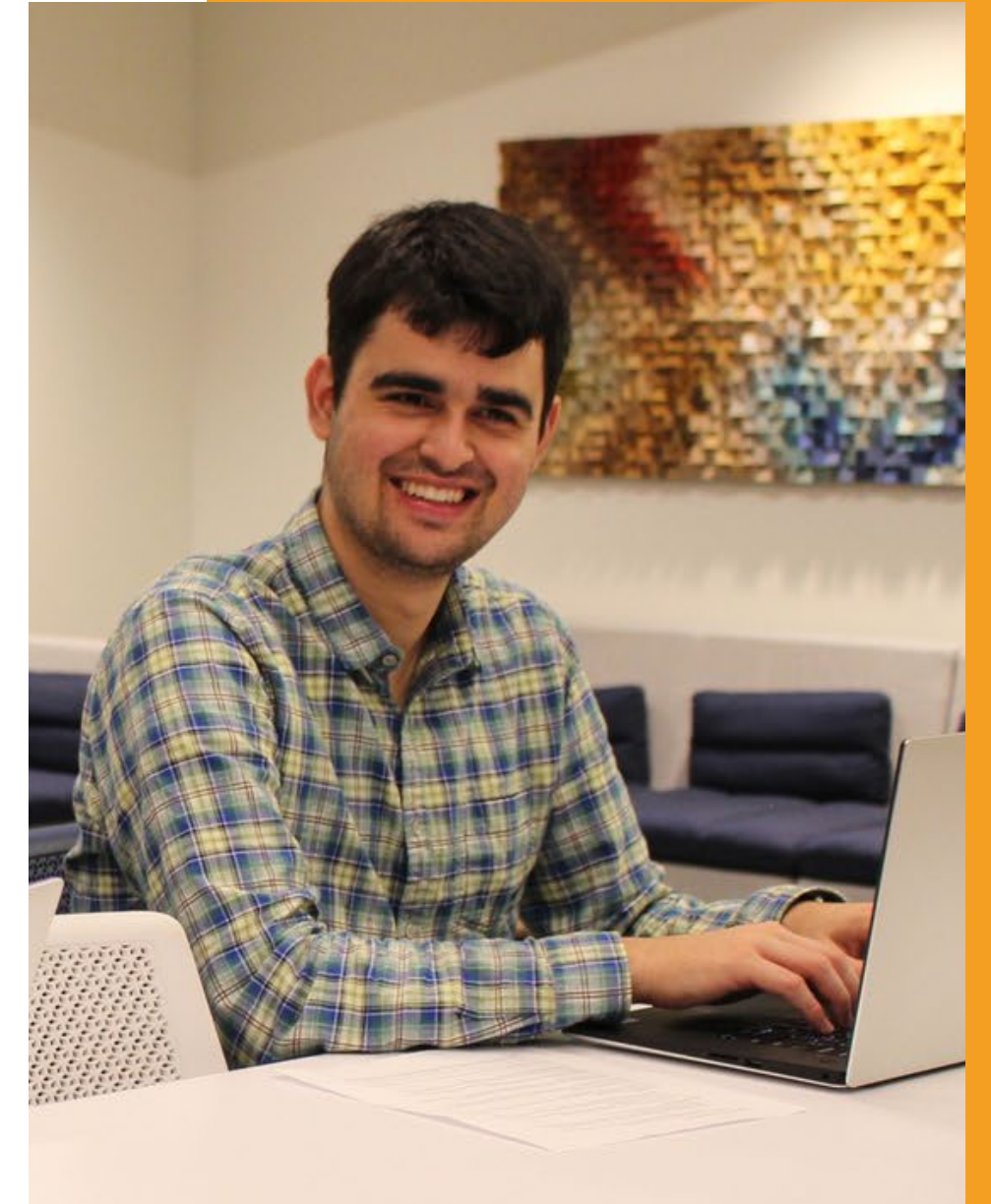
# Employment Services

The Employment Services Program at the Arc is a place where our passionate team is committed to creating meaningful connections for neurodiverse individuals aged 18 and above, linking them to competitive integrated employment opportunities.

Our dedicated career development specialists guide individuals with IDD to secure employment that perfectly aligns with their unique strengths, abilities, priorities, and interests. We take pride in our personalized approach, ensuring each participant receives tailored support on their journey to fulfilling and inclusive employment.

## Overview

- 18+
- Pre-employment training
- Job Coaching
- Career Support & Exploration
- Job Placement
- Specialized Neurodiverse Hiring Programs



# Employment Services

SUPPORT SERVICES  
AVAILABLE



Partnerships with leading local businesses seeking employees



Job placement focused on individuals specific skills and passions.



Valuable support in resume building, interview preparation, and on-the-job career coaching

# Case Management Services

## Case Management Services

- Case Management through CLASS Waiver
- Non Waiver Specific Adult Case Management

The CLASS program is part of HHSC's Long-Term Support Service Medicaid Waivers, which empowers individuals with I/DD to live independently in their own homes. Offering a range of supportive services, CLASS is dedicated to fostering self-sufficiency and enhancing the quality of life for those seeking an alternative to institutionalization.

The Adult Case Management program coordinates a range of community integration services and supports to help adults with I/DD, many of whom live alone, to achieve and maintain personal independence. Case managers at The Arc of the Capital Area help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to work toward greater independence and self-sufficiency.



# Transition Services

## Transition Programs

- Family and Juvenile Justice Services
- Guardianship & Guardianship Alternatives

Transition Services at The Arc makes sure that individuals have access to support and knowledge to prevent post-high school drop off. Our objective is to provide assistance to families and students, guiding them into adulthood without involvement in criminal activities or re-offending.

## Ways We Provide Support

- Educational Advocacy
- Home Based Support





## Juvenile Justice Services

Juvenile Justice Services works directly with the local education system to provide case management, advocacy, and support to juveniles ages 10-17 who are diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability or who are enrolled in Special Education, and are involved in, or at-risk of becoming involved in, the criminal justice system.

The Arc believes that a community-based prevention program that meets the needs of Austin's at-risk youth with IDD is essential. The goal of the program is to reduce or prevent recidivism in criminal matters and to provide necessary support for at-risk youth to remain in school, reach graduation, and gain successful employment. We take action by providing education within the home and help locating community support.

\*Students in 504 whose family suspects IDD can be served in JJS until IDD evaluations comes back. Once the evaluation is completed if they do not have IDD they will be discharged from the program.



## Guardianship & Alternatives

As everyone's journey into adulthood is unique, The Arc's Guardianship and Alternatives Program serves to assist individuals and their families in navigating the next chapter of their lives.

Once a person turns 18, parents are no longer natural guardians unless a loved one petitions the court to extend legal guardianship.

The Guardianship Program teaches about guardianship options available and Alternatives to Guardianship such as supported decision-making, financial support, durable power of attorney, and medical power of attorney. The Arc believes that the majority of people with IDD can manage their own affairs with informal assistance and guidance and do not need a guardian.

### Overview

- Must be 18 on OR before the final hearing & reside in Travis County
- 8-month assisted process
- Space is limited to 15 spots on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Must complete the interest form to be put on the waitlist

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# Resources

[www.arcaustin.org/resources](http://www.arcaustin.org/resources)

# Referrals

Referral Line: [\(512\) 476-7044](tel:5124767044)

Art & Education Referral:

<https://form.jotform.com/211577736625160>

Guardianship Referral:

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/anelson5/guardianship-referral>

ADCM Program Referral:

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/anelson5/adcm-referral>

JJS Program Referral:

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/anelson5/JJS>

# Questions?



  
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