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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 3, 2025

Community Programs

July was a month packed with energy and celebration! We kicked things off with a fun-filled club hopping night, where our crew hit the town in style—dancing the night away, enjoying drinks, and making unforgettable memories with friends. The music was loud, the vibes were high, and our party crowd truly brought the fun wherever we went. Mid-month, we turned up the joy with a festive birthday bash for all our July-born individuals. The party was full of laughter, birthday decorations, great music, dancing, and of course—plenty of sweet treats to go around. Everyone felt celebrated and special! To cap it all off, we went full country at our Roadhouse Texas BBQ Dance. The event was a big hit, featuring a mouthwatering buffet of BBQ favorites, rustic-themed décor, and non-stop dancing. The highlight of the night? One of our very own individuals took over as DJ, spinning tracks that kept the crowd on their feet all night long. It was a night to remember, filled with great food, great music, and even greater company!

August was packed with excitement and memorable moments! We kicked things off with another lively club hopping night, perfect for our party-loving crowd who enjoyed a fun evening of dancing, drinks, and socializing. We also celebrated our August birthdays with a festive birthday bash featuring colorful decorations, great music, dancing, and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. One of the month's highlights was our vibrant Hawaiian Luau Dance, a major hit thanks to tropical-themed décor, delicious Hawaiian-inspired food, and music by our resident DJ, the one and only Infamous Ian. The energy was high, and the dance floor stayed full all night long! We wrapped up the month with our much-anticipated annual trip to the fair—a perfect way to end an unforgettable August!

As September rolls in, we're wrapping up and winding down the summer semester. Our individuals are putting the finishing touches on the projects they've been working hard on throughout the season, showcasing their creativity, dedication, and growth. With the end of one semester comes the excitement of the next—many are already eagerly signing up for winter semester classes and events, ready to dive into new opportunities and experiences ahead!









Advocacy Corner - Become a Member Today!

Are you a Member of The Arc of Anchorage? What is a member? It's actually one of the most important parts of our organization. Our staff reports to Executive Management, Executive Management reports to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors reports to the Membership! The Arc of Anchorage is a Membership Organization, which means, per our bylaws, our members are the heart of the organization. Members elect the Board of Directors, may apply to run for a seat on the board, and, of course, help The Arc achieve its mission: to encourage and celebrate the potential of people who experience disabilities. Anyone over 18 can be a member (Special notes: staff can be members but cannot vote or serve on the board, and fees for membership may be waived for individuals we provide services for).

For $15 per person, you get a seat at the table at the 2025 Annual Meeting (always the third Monday in May) to select the Board of Directors and learn how your membership dues are used to support The Arc.

Join or renew by 12/31/2025!!

thearcofanchorage.org/membership

If you need to report confidential compliance concerns please call the compliance hotline at:

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Milestone Anniversaries

1 Year

Stephen Blankenship
Kairi Townsend-D'Amico
Piilua Leao
Elen Evans
Judah Kane

3 Years

Shelby Hardy
Ronald Pinnock

5 Years

Margie Cerna

10 Years

Gina Co
Candase Edwards

20 Years

Alexander Steinborn

Calendar Events

September 26th	*The 80s Dance*
October 24th	*Halloween Dance*
October 31st	*Halloween Costume Contest & Trick-or-Treating*
November 21st	*Carnival Dance*
November 27th	*Thanksgiving Day (agency closed)*
December 19th	*Harry Potter Dance*
December 25th	*Christmas Day (agency closed)*

CEO Corner

Dear Arc of Anchorage Community,

As autumn arrives and Anchorage's colors turn brilliant gold, I find myself reflecting on the summer with gratitude. July, August, and September were filled with energy and progress, but also with moments that reminded us why we do what we do.

This summer, I saw so many examples of staff going above and beyond — supporting individuals, helping families, and making sure everyone we serve felt seen and valued. DSP Appreciation Week was a highlight, and it was wonderful to take a moment to recognize the heart of our workforce. These moments of celebration remind us that even in a busy season, it's important to pause and appreciate the people who make this work possible.

Fall is a time of gathering and reflection. As we move toward the holidays, I Celebrate the difference The Arc makes every day. Our staff's compassion, creativity, and dedication are what allow us to thrive. Together, we're building a community where everyone has the chance to live, learn, and grow that is something worth celebrating!

J. Ian Casey
Chief Executive Officer

Membership

If you are interested in engaging with The Arc of Anchorage locally, we invite you to become a member. Membership allows you to participate in the governance of our organization while enjoying benefits such as invitations to special events and our quarterly newsletters mailed to you. To become a member or renew your membership, please complete the membership application form on the reverse side of this letter and make a payment of membership dues of $15 per individual by 12/31/2025.

Become a member today!

Note: Individuals who are enrolled for services at The Arc are free, however, a membership application will need to be completed. The form and payment can also be completed online at thearcofanchorage.org/membership/! Join now!