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Arc Connecticut  
Annual Meeting and Dinner  
October 28th, 2011

## Save the date!

Please join us as The Arc Connecticut celebrates the start of our 60th year at our Annual Business Meetings and Dinner.

This year the Annual Meetings and Dinner will be held at The Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville and will offer a fun filled evening with *Dancing with The Arc: An Evening of Dancing & Desserts*.

To read more about the event, purchase tickets and watch the video from last year, visit The Arc Connecticut:

[Website](#) & [Facebook](#)



Arc of The United States Report

## Rising Star Award

The Arc New London County Executive Director Kathleen Stauffer received the Rising Star Award at the national convention in Denver, Colorado. The National Council of Executives Award Program recognizes new executives for their outstanding efforts to fulfill the mission, core values and position statements of The Arc.



To read more visit:  
The Arc Connecticut  
[Facebook](#) Page



## National Medicaid Advocacy

Be sure to check out [The Arc US's Advocacy Page](#) and sign up for alerts. As you know, there are major threats to Medicaid in the coming weeks as the Super Committee, appointed as a result of the debt ceiling deal earlier this year, complete it's work. [Take Action NOW!](#) Also, follow OMB Watch, they created a site to [Watch the Super Committee](#).



For breaking news about the issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, visit our website at [www.arcofct.org](http://www.arcofct.org) or find us on [Facebook](#)



# Parent Organizing

## After the Cap & Gown Workshop Series Launched

The Arc Connecticut has launched its long awaited workshop series. The first is concentrating on issues parents face when planning for the future.

*After the Cap & Gown: How to plan for your child with developmental disabilities.*

This basic "transition 101" workshop is geared for parents who have limited information or resources.

Look for the next workshop in your area on [The Arc Connecticut Website](#) & on [Facebook](#)

The series will continue with topics; Guardianship, DDS 101, Navigating Self Direction

## Arc Connecticut Receives Grant For Parent Organizing

The Arc Connecticut would like to thank The STAR Foundation for awarding us with a \$5,000 grant to further our mission-based advocacy.



*After the Cap & Gown* Workshop Series is sponsored in part by this generous grant.

Thank you STAR Foundation!

## Arc Quinebaug Valley to Spearhead Employment Project



By: Sue Desrosiers,  
Executive Director, The Arc Quinebaug Valley

The Arc Quinebaug Valley was one of three agencies in the state to be awarded a contract through BRS Connect-Ability, which partners employers with nonprofits to provide job opportunities to more than 275 individuals with disabilities.



This collaboration will help to create quality opportunities for highly-motivated residents who have a life-affecting disability but who are able to work competitively with the right combination of training and cooperative placement.

The Arc Quinebaug Valley has partnered with Lowe's Distribution Center in Plainfield to provide real jobs with real pay for people with intellectual, developmental and other life affecting disabilities. The Arc and Lowe's have worked closely together over the past year to provide on-the-job training and employment to individuals with disabilities. This new initiative expands on the current collaboration by assisting with transportation arrangements and expanding training for individuals in the initiative.



Please join us for  
Dancing with The Arc 2011  
An Evening of Dancing and Desserts  
to benefit The Arc Connecticut

Friday, October 28, 2011  
Seven to eleven o'clock

The Aqua Turf Club  
556 Mulberry Street  
Plantsville, CT

Special guests include:

*Bill Curry*, Lawyer and Politico

*Jill Konopka*, Channel 3 Eyewitness News reporter

*Jessica Lesage*, Miss Nutmeg 2011

*Christine Stuart*, editor of [CTNewsJunkie.com](http://CTNewsJunkie.com)

*Jonathan Harris*, Deputy Treasurer State of CT

The ticket price of \$75 per person includes an open bar, light supper and desserts, a dance competition, and a dance lesson with ballroom instructor and competitor Ari Girelli of Dance Progressions, South Windsor.



This event is sponsored by:  
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and  
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To order your ticket/s, go to [www.arcofct.org/](http://www.arcofct.org/)  
or call 860.246.6400.



## From The Director's Desk



Nora L. Duncan  
Executive Director  
The Arc Connecticut

I am very excited to have joined The Arc Connecticut. I have learned a great deal in my first several weeks with the help of our Board of Directors, the Connecticut Council of Executives, a trip to The Arc 2011 National Convention in Denver, DDS representatives and my fantastic Assistant Director, Leslie Simoes. I have a great deal more to learn and appreciate the support I have received thus far.

It is not a secret that The Arc Connecticut, along with so many in the nonprofit sector, the state and country, faces a challenging and somewhat uncertain economic future. I am working hard to maintain a two person staff this year so that we are able to focus on advocacy with the three branches of state government, the federal government, as well as family and individual advocacy, while building for the future by developing new revenue streams. In the coming months The Arc Connecticut will actively work to (1) solicit new member chapters, (2) solicit corporate support, (3) increase individual memberships, (4) increase traditional fund raising, and (5) seek grants for training and other advocacy activities.

You can help in so many ways. Please "Like Us" and recommend our facebook page ("The Arc Connecticut") to others so that they are able to stay up to date on breaking news, advocacy alerts, fundraiser information and general updates. Please watch for changes to our website, courtesy of The Arc New London County, make your own tax-deductible donations and sign up to attend one of our great events. Every penny counts and is appreciated.



Thank you to our most recent major donors & their generous support: Quincy Abbot, Mickey & Candace Herbst and the Corporation for Independent Living.

## Self Advocate Corner

### Respectful Language Bill is Signed by Governor

For many years People First of Connecticut, together with The Arc Connecticut, have been asking the Connecticut legislature to make the use of respectful language mandatory in state statute. This year claimed victory with legislation fashioned after the federal legislation Rosa's Law.

**The Arc Connecticut Congratulates People First of Connecticut for their tireless commitment to individuals with disabilities!**



## Events Calendar

**October 28th, 2011**

Dancing with The Arc, Aqua Turf, Plantsville, CT  
7:00-11:00PM

**November 10th, 2011**

Beer Tasting with The Arc  
Thomas Hooker Brewing Company, Bloomfield, CT  
6:00-9:00PM

**November 21st, 2011**

Arc Connecticut Board of Directors Meeting  
The Arc of Meriden/Wallingford  
6:15-8:00PM

**January 31st, 2012**

Fundraising Reception at The Governor's Residence  
TBA

## Donate to The Arc

The Arc Connecticut is the oldest and largest advocacy organization in the state of Connecticut committed to protecting the rights of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Now, more than ever, advocacy is crucial for all individuals with disabilities.

Funding for supports and programs is being cut across Connecticut. Without watchful oversight, these individuals may slip back into the shadows with their voices being silenced.

It is vitally important that The Arc Connecticut continues advocating for, listening to and offering support to individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

**Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to The Arc Connecticut.**

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