



**The Arc**  
Missouri

## Achievements & Highlights



*Our Mission: All Missouri citizens, including those with developmental disabilities, deserve the opportunity to be respected and contributing members of society.*



### Arc of Missouri Officers Elected for 2019

The Annual Meeting for the Arc of Missouri was held on October 25, 2018 in Columbia and elected new officers for 2019. Jill Stedem of Columbia was elected as Board President. Other Officers include: Vice President - Patty Goss of Springfield; Treasurer - Ann Mangelsdorf of St. Louis; Secretary- Mark Satterwhite of Columbia; and Past-President Ed Thomas of Camdenton. Ed Thomas of Camdenton has served as President of the Board for the last four years.

"It is indeed an honor to be allowed the opportunity to serve as Board President of this state organization," said Stedem who joined the board in 2015. "In 25 years, this group has made significant strides in their mission to provide education and advocacy for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

In addition to the officers elected, board members include: Terry Blanks, Susan Pritchard-Green, Deb Wohlers, Myrna Blaine, Cathy Enfield, Libby Barnard, Ann Bledsoe, Mary Kay Savage and Sheryl Feutz-Harter. The board meets six times per year in Columbia and the meetings are open to the public.



Seated: Ed Thomas, Patty Goss, Mary Kay Savage.  
Back row: Jill Stedem, Mark Satterwhite, Ann Mangelsdorf, Cathy Enfield, Susan Pritchard-Green, Libby Barnard and Terry Blanks.

### What We do



The Arc is the largest national organization of and for people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families, promoting and protecting their human rights and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. We foster respect and access, giving people with I/DD the power to achieve a full and satisfying life. In 2018, The Arc of Missouri celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



### Message from Outgoing President Ed Thomas

2018 was a great year for the Arc of Missouri and individuals with I/DD. Guardianship statutes were revised and passed into law effective August of 2018 thanks to many years of hard work and efforts by self-advocates, advocates, I/DD professionals, legislators, and the MO-WINGS project members. This year's annual Education Summit, which focused on Supported Decision-Making and the changes to Missouri's guardianship laws, was the most attended Summit in its five-year history! The Arc of Missouri collaborated with UMKC's Institute for Human Development and other partners to establish a statewide consortium for developing a coordinated path to Supported Decision-Making implementation in Missouri. We hope you will continue to help us support our efforts and advocacy work across the state of Missouri.



**Achieve with us.®**

## 2018 Summit Highlights

The annual Educational Summit was held on September 11 in Columbia and was a huge success thanks to our partners and sponsors. We had an overwhelming response to the event, and plans are already underway for 2019. 274 people attended the one-day event.

The keynote speaker for the event was Jonathan Martinis, Senior Director of Law & Policy at Burton Blatt Institute, and Project Director at the National Resource Center for Supported Decision Making.

Other Speakers Included: Dan Wheeler, David English, Dolores Sparks, Sheryl Feutz-Harter, Elizabeth Moran, Susan Eckles and Dr. Sally Smith.

Session topics included guardianship statute revisions, alternatives to guardianship- risks and benefits; health care and life planning; supported decision making; special education and Vocational Rehabilitation; the role of schools; and the difference in guardianship & conservatorship. Presentation materials are available on the Arc of Missouri website.

Advocacy award winners were: Representative Jim Neely - Dist. 008; John Preston- Kansas City; Pedro Guerrero - Jefferson City; Jessica King- Liberty and Angie Perryman - Springfield.

### A special thank you to our Summit Sponsors!

- Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council
- The Arc of Clay & Platte Counties
- MO Department of Mental Health
- OATS Transit
- The Arc of the Ozarks
- The Arc of St. Louis Chapter
- MO Association of County Developmental Disability Services
- Therap Services
- Boone County Family Resources
- MU Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Missouri Protection & Advocacy
- Midwest Special Needs Trust
- Missouri Parents Act (MPACT)
- EnCircle Technologies
- ACT Services (Alternative Community Training)

Be sure to watch for 2019 Summit details coming soon!



*Jo Michael presented award to her friend John Preston*



*Dolores Sparks presented award to Rep. Neely*



*Keynote speaker Jonathan Martinis speaks to sold out crowd.*



*Arc board members greet guest.*



*Mark Satterwhite and Mary Kay Savage*



*A number of self-advocates were in attendance at the annual Summit. Pictured are: Annette Rhine, Craig Kelsay and Olive Henopp.*



## New Missouri Chapter



*The Arc believes strongly that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have a fundamental human right to inclusion with their families and local communities.*

Missouri has gained another Arc chapter called **The Arc of Northeast Missouri**, which began in 2018 and is located in Kirksville. This makes the fifth such chapter in the state joining St. Louis Arc, The Arc of Clay & Platte Counties, The Arc of the Ozarks and The Arc of the Lake.

The purpose of The Arc is to assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, achieve the opportunity to realize their hopes and dreams. The Arc of Missouri supports and partners with local chapters to help make life better for all Missourians.

The Arc of Missouri is always looking for new areas that are interested in creating local chapters. Check our website to see if there is a Chapter near you. Plans are underway at this time to begin a chapter in Cape Girardeau in 2019.

*The Arc of Missouri is dedicated to promoting dignified community life and work for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*



### ***The Benefits of Your Membership***

Thank you for being a member of the Arc of Missouri. Your ongoing support and involvement means so much to us, and your dues play an important role for our organization. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue our mission to advocate for individuals who may not be able to do so themselves.

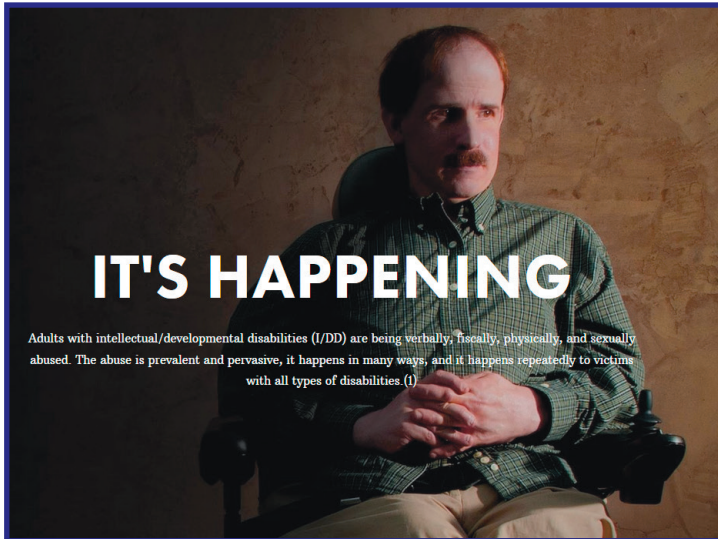
*Individual - \$20; Family - \$40; Associate - \$100*

The benefits of membership include:

- Memberships make the annual education summit possible- 2018 was the fifth such Summit!
- Become part of an organization with a long-standing history of promoting issues that affect individuals with I/DD.
- Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of thousands of Missourians.
- Discounted fee to annual educational summit.
- Keep people informed on I/DD issues.
- Promote statewide advocacy services.
- Receive newsletters and information from the Arc of Missouri and the Arc of the United States.

If you know of others who would like to support The Arc of Missouri, anyone can become a member online at [arcofmissouri.org](http://arcofmissouri.org) and click on "Join Us" or send us an email at: [arcmoinfo@arcofmissouri.org](mailto:arcmoinfo@arcofmissouri.org)

# Victimization Campaign 2016-2018



In 2016, the Arc of Missouri was awarded a grant from the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council, and undertook a two year commitment to raise awareness on victimization. The objective was to develop a statewide public awareness campaign and promote the awareness of the prevalence of victimization of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The result was an increase in reporting of abuse, neglect and exploitation to the

Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline. A number of marketing materials were produced for the campaign including social media campaigns, statewide presentations, brochures, videos and other materials. Throughout the campaign people heard real life stories, including those of Rusty and Brittany, who suffered severe physical, sexual and psychological abuse at the hands of others. There are many more out there like Brittany and Rusty, and our goal is to stop it by making people aware of how they can stop it.

- Total grant dollars received: \$200,000
- Total in-kind dollars: \$80,079
- Total Missourians reached: 2.3 million
- Total reached via social media: 835,154
- Total website visits: 10,619
- Total presentations on campaign: 34
- Total times films were viewed: 4,304
- Website: [andwecanstopit.org](http://andwecanstopit.org)

The website: [www.andwecanstopit.org](http://www.andwecanstopit.org) will continue to remain active in an effort to continue reaching people about the signs of abuse and what to do about it. If you, or someone you know is abused please call the Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Hotline at 800-392-0210. This Hotline is open 24/7 and you can choose to stay anonymous if you wish.

*The website and the "It's Happening" I/DD Victimization Awareness campaign were funded through a grant from the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council under provisions of P.L. 106-402, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act 2000.*



**1 IT'S HAPPENING**

Most people in our society refuse to believe that anyone would even consider abusing, neglecting or exploiting a person with an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD). But it's happening every day.

**2 SUSPECT SOMETHING?**

You don't have to investigate. If you suspect something, report it and the professionals will take it from there. You'll stay as anonymous as you want to be.

**3 REPORT IT**

Reporting is anonymous, easy, and final. Only be as involved as you choose to be.

Call the Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Hotline at:  
**(800) 392-0210**  
7 a.m. - 12 a.m., 365 days per year  
(choose "anonymous" option if desired)

Get more information or report online:  
[andwecanstopit.org](http://andwecanstopit.org)

Adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) are being verbally, sexually, physically, and sexually abused.

The abuse is prevalent and pervasive, it happens in many ways, and it happens repeatedly to victims with all types of disabilities.

and we can stop it.

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council is a federally funded, 23-member, consumer-driven Council appointed by the Governor. Its Council mandate is to plan, advocate for, and give advice concerning programs and services for persons with developmental disabilities that will increase their opportunities for independence, productivity, and integration into communities.

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The "It's Happening" I/DD Victimization Awareness campaign was sponsored in part by the Arc of Missouri.

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