

NYSARC, Inc.
(Chapter name and logo)

NEED HELP?

Do you have questions or need additional information? The following people would be happy to assist you!

(Local Chapter Contact Information)

*Support.
Education.
Advocacy.*

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Yes! I would like to become a member of the (CHAPTER) family!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Additional individual members' names (all members must be at least 18 years of age)

Please check one:

- Life: \$ (amount) Self-advocate: (amount)
- Individual: (amount) (\$5 for each **additional** individual household member)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ Payable to: (CHAPTER) _____
Charge to: Visa MasterCard

Signature _____ Signature (additional members) _____

Please do not send informational mailings from: Local _____ State _____ National _____

Complete and mail with payment to:
(Local Chapter information)

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We Make a Difference.
We Are **NYSARC**.
Support. Education. Advocacy.

You Can Make a Difference Too.
Please join your local
NYSARC, Inc. Chapter today



Your Membership Matters! 



Why is Your Membership so Important?

Although membership in a local NYSARC, Inc. Chapter may only cost a few dollars, it plays an important role in the Organization's effort to advocate for and support tens of thousands of children and adults who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

- **Members** provide clout! A large membership means that a louder and stronger voice is heard by state legislators and national policy makers.
- **Membership** helps provide more individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families access to programs and services through fundraising and advocacy efforts.
- **Membership** provides access to needed volunteers. As more volunteers are attracted to NYSARC, Inc.'s work and mission, the Organization's leadership base for the future can develop and grow.

- **Membership** means a better informed public. Awareness is an outgrowth of membership. It is the first step to creating society-wide acceptance of children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

- **Membership dollars** help Chapters fulfill the many commitments to those they support. Membership dues help generate funds to get the job done locally as well as on state and national levels.

- **Membership** is the basic foundation on which every local Chapter, the State Organization (NYSARC, Inc.) and the national association (The Arc) were founded.
- **Membership** can fulfill many Chapter needs such as volunteers for programs and committees, manpower and energy for fundraising, public awareness, special events and other important Chapter activities.



You Can Make a Difference.

Why Should I Join?

- Have a positive impact on the quality of life of people who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Networking and support.
- Become involved with other families and professionals in the field.
- Support innovative programs and services.
- Access to up-to-date information on topics of interest and current trends in the field of developmental disabilities.
- Attend training sessions and conferences at discounted rates at local, state and national levels.
- Know that you are making a difference in someone's life because—



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