



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Achieve with Us.**

As a member of our chapter, you also become a member of The Arc of North Carolina and The Arc of the United States

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( Circle: H / W / C ): ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**How can The Arc of Cherokee & Clay County help YOU?**

(Please check all that apply)

- Advocacy    Waiver Services    Employment  
 Special Education    Recreation  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:                      Annual Fee**

Self - Advocate                      FREE  
 Person with an intellectual or developmental disability

Individual                              \$20/Year  
 Family member or friend

Associate Member                      \$25/Year  
 (Church, Organization, or Business)

Family                                  \$25/Year  
 Provide names and contact information below  
 Family Member Name   Address, Phone, Email (if different)

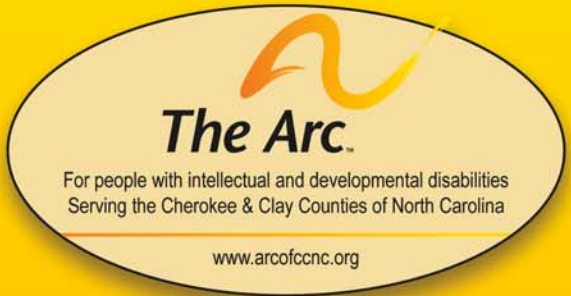

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and payment to:  
 The Arc of Cherokee and Clay Counties  
 P.O. Box 156 • Murphy, NC 28906

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**Working together  
to provide**



**“A Life Like Yours”  
for EVERYONE!**

Serving with Distinction the  
 Cherokee & Clay Counties  
 of North Carolina  
 (828) 837 - 7874  
 www.arcofccnc.org

**Achieve with Us, TODAY!**





## **OUR HISTORY** *making a difference*

## **OUR MISSION** *Promoting self-determination, dignity, and quality of life*

### **The Arc's Guiding Principles**

#### **People First**

The Arc believes that all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are defined by their own strengths, abilities and inherent value, not by their disability.

#### **Equity**

The Arc believes that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are entitled to the respect, dignity, equality, safety, and security accorded to other members of society, and equal before the law.

#### **Community**

The Arc believes that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities belong in the community and have fundamental moral, civil and constitutional rights to be fully included and actively participate in all aspects of society.

#### **Self-determination**

The Arc believes in self-determination and self-advocacy. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities, with appropriate resources and supports, can make decisions about their own lives and must be heard on issues that affect their well-being.

#### **Diversity**

The Arc believes that society in general and The Arc in particular benefit from the contributions of people with diverse personal characteristics (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, religion, age, geographic location, sexual orientation, gender and type of disability).

### **What We do:**

The Arc of Cherokee/Clay Counties manages two group homes in Cherokee County. During the day, residents are employed in the community, involved in community activities, or in a prevocational work setting.

In the afternoon residents return home where Direct Support Professionals offer the support and guidance needed for community living. Individual goal plans are developed and implemented with each resident to attain their highest level of independence.

Goal plans include areas such as cooking, personal hygiene, social skills, budgeting, and constructive leisure activities.

Supports are individually based and can include:

- Supervised Living
- Individual Habilitation Plan
- Training in areas of Independent Living
- Self-Advocacy
- Professional staff
- Transportation for medical and personal needs
- Money management assistance and training
- Vocational/employment assistance
- Activities involving community inclusion

### **The Arc's Advocacy Programs**

The Arc of Cherokee/Clay Counties recognizes the inherent rights of all people to participate fully in communities of their choosing. Founded on the principles that all people must have equal access to all opportunities, we advocate with and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families in the following ways:

#### **Individual Advocacy:**

- Assistance with concerns of abuse of rights, concerns over services and/or supports.
- Presence at IEP (Individualized Education Program) meetings upon request.
- Assisting self-advocates as they learn how to use their own voice.

#### **Systems Advocacy:**

- Funding concerns at the local, state and federal levels.
- Ensuring community members are aware of and practicing inclusion of people with I/DD.

**If you or someone you know needs assistance with advocacy, contact our Executive Director.**

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