April 2022 FEATURED AGENCY TO ASSIST YOU WITH SERVICES

The Arc of Salem County

The Penns Grove Housing Authority will highlight a new agency each month that may help you with products or services.

# This month our featured agency is The Arc of Salem County. The Arc of Salem County is located at 150 NJ-45, Salem, NJ 08079. The office phone number is (856)-935-3600.

# The Arc of Salem County serves and supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They help people navigate the ever changing process of qualifying and keeping services for a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities including:

# Adults with developmental disabilities who need a day program to assist them in reaching their highest social and vocational potential.

# Formerly employed adults who need vocational evaluation and readjustment to a work setting due to a recent accident or illness.

# Individuals long considered to be nonproductive due to one or more mentally or physically disabling conditions.

# School-age youngsters transitioning from school to work.

# Adults with developmental disabilities who can benefit from a normalized, supervised residential setting.

# Families needing respite time from caring for a family member with a developmental disability.

# People with significant and persistent mental illness interested in employment.

# People with physical disabilities who need assistance in daily routines to maintain independence.

# Families needing financial support to access services or equipment otherwise unavailable to them.

# Programs offered at ARC include:

# Salem County Rehabilitation Center (For ages 14 and over, with physical or mental disability preventing employment) There is a formal evaluation of vocational interests and abilities, vocational training, extended employment, job placement and follow-up services. The program concentrates on bringing people with disabilities toward the highest level of self-sufficiency and economic independence possible. Consumers receive wages during training.

# Time-Limited Job Coaching (For people with disabilities who are ready for work in the community) Additional eligibility requirements: Consumers must need assistance in obtaining and maintaining employment. The program provides assistance in selecting and obtaining competitive employment. On-the-job support and follow-up services are provided.

# Mobile Crew (For consumers must be enrolled in the Salem County Rehabilitation Center) The program provides training and paid work experiences in janitorial and landscaping services.

# Group Homes (For ages 18 and over, client of the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities)The program provides a normalized residential experience for adults with developmental disabilities who require training and supervision in order to achieve their innate potential.

# Adult Basic Education(For ages 18 and over, in need or remedial academics and coping skills)The program provides free assistance in acquiring competencies in daily living skills through academics and experience. Both a formal classroom environment and hands-on experience are utilized.

# Adult Training Services (For ages 21 and over, and approved by the Division of Developmental Disabilities) The program provides an environment designed to promote adult behaviors, work attitudes, and incentives to use personal time constructively. It is organized around normally recurring events of daily life and presents opportunities for training in perception, fine and gross coordination, communications, socialization and hygienic functioning.

# Respite Care (For families of children and adults with developmental disabilities) Additional eligibility requirements: Services must be approved by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Trained respite care workers care for people with developmental disabilities in their homes, providing relief time for the family caregivers.

# Thrift Shop (For people with physical and/or mental disabilities) The Thrift Shop provides training and employment opportunities to people with physical and/or mental disabilities. Located at 145 W. Broadway, Salem, the shop sells new and gently used clothing, household articles, small appliances, furniture, books, and a variety of other items, Hours are 9:00 am through 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Donations are accepted Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 am through 3:00 pm at the thrift shop location only. Please note: No donations accepted at The Arc Building.)

# Personal Assistance Services (For adults who are permanently disabled) Additional eligibility requirements: Adults must be capable or self-direction, and in need of physical assistance in daily living activities. You must be referred by the Salem County Office for the Disabled. The program provides attendant care service that enables adults with physical disabilities to be employed, prepare for employment, and/or live independently.

# Self Advocacy (For any person with a disability who is interested in issues that affect people with disabilities) The program is a consumer organized and operated support group with a staff liaison. Activities include community volunteerism, voter registration, social functions and issue oriented conferences.

# Leased Apartments/Homes Program (For the homeless receiving services from The Arc of Salem County) The Arc of Salem County provides transitional housing for homeless families and individuals through the agency’s membership in the Salem County Leased Apartments/Homes Program.

# Drop-In Saturday Program (For children and adults with developmental disabilities) Additional eligibility requirements: Consumers must be approved for services by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Consumers are registered and dropped off for the Saturday afternoon program which provides lunch, socialization and activities for the consumers and a period of respite for families.

# Recreation Program (For all individuals enrolled in day programs at The Arc of Salem County) This program provides a variety of supervised recreational opportunities for consumers including dances, bowling, ball games, theater, shopping, dining out, and field trips to museums, zoos, parks, special exhibits, etc.

# Challenge Grant (For Division of Developmental Disabilities consumers who live independently) Additional eligibility requirements: Consumers must be approved for the program by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. The program provides a Home Support Technician to provide instruction and supervision in daily living and home maintenance skills so that the consumer is able to live independently.

# In-Home Support Program (For people with special needs who are approved for the program by the Division of Developmental Disabilities) Families of consumers who are developmentally disabled with special needs receive support services that enable that family to continue to maintain the consumer in the home.

# Hotel Respite (For individuals approved for services by the Division of Developmental Disabilities) The program provides a weekend respite for families and an opportunity for consumers to spend a weekend in an integrated setting with socialization and community activities.