



The Arc Receives Grant for Community Inclusion Program

Riviera Beach, Fla. (December 3, 2020) – The Arc of Palm Beach County aims to build acceptance. That includes ensuring that every child, regardless of their abilities, has access to out-of-school time (OST) programs in Palm Beach County. Thanks to a continued grant from Prime Time Palm Beach County, youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved access to quality afterschool and summer programs.

The grant funds The Arc's Community Inclusion Program, which trains, supports, and coaches 250 professionals on how to implement skills and strategies that are beneficial to all youth, including effective use of visuals, person-first language, activity design and room setup.

"It is so important for our children to grow up in environments where disabilities are seen only as differences and each child's capabilities are nourished," said Kimberly McCarten, The Arc's president and CEO. "Our Community Inclusion Program ensures that all youth are a part of the fabric of this community and have the opportunity to share their unique talents."

The Community Inclusion Program is made possible with support from Prime Time Palm Beach County, which receives significant funding from the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. Prime Time has supported The Arc for more than 15 years.

About The Arc of Palm Beach County

The Arc is changing the conversation around disabilities by defying definitions, inspiring possibilities, and improving the lives of the people we serve, their families, and our community. Since 1958, The Arc has envisioned a community where every person feels welcome, connected, and accepted.

About Prime Time Palm Beach County

Prime Time Palm Beach County is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and supports for out-of-school time professionals to develop programs that inspire children to be their best and allow them to thrive socially and academically. Prime Time's integrated model of services is one of the strongest, most comprehensive and well-respected systems for measuring and improving out-of-school time program quality in the nation. To learn more about Prime Time, visit www.primetimepbc.org.

About Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, a special district created by Palm Beach County voters, provides leadership, funding and research on behalf of the county's children so they grow up healthy, safe and strong. www.cscpbc.org www.everyparentpbc.org.

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