



# The Arc New Mexico

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**The Arc New Mexico** “promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes”.

**The Arc** was founded in 1950, and established in New Mexico in 1955. **Goals:** to support the mission

## Agency Funding

Self-funding (fees, services), grants, donations, state funding, and contracts with the state. Funding is stable, but demand is growing. The agency continues services as needed. When the grants expire, the agency looks for new funding sources.

## Program Evaluation

Program financial evaluation of Federal Grants spending;  
Quarterly Reports;  
Monitoring of compliance with State and Federal laws;  
Guardianship Program Certification – continuous evaluation.  
General evaluation in future plans, including a historical perspective.

## Persons served by the Agency

**Services** for children, young adults, adults (all ages), individuals with IDD.

**Eligibility:** disability, entitlement to disability benefits

**Cost of service** depends on the type of services. The agency provides monthly visits and phone interactions.

**Diversity:** The Arc is very inclusive, diversity sensitive, and is a strong advocacy agency.

**Guardianship** : 185 people.

Appointed by the Court

**Representative Payee Program:** 120 people

**Master Trust** – 550 clients

## Types of Services

Helping people with Autism, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Guardianship** : visits, monitoring, advocacy; by referrals, and by appointment of a State District Court

**Representative Payee Program (Supplemental Security Income)** – paying for basic needs from benefits checks and management of direct deposit accounts

**Master Trust** – establishment of Trust Account (Trust I and II) for future financial needs, for people with all disabilities

**Public Policy and Legislative Action** – 65 year history; monitors legislation, experience in advocacy, legislative influence, and connecting with legislators.

**New Mexico Down Syndrome Fund:** educational opportunities, information distribution, socialization, networking with other agencies, and constant support

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