



NEWS YOU CAN USE

What's new in events, resources, public policy, and happenings at The Arc of Aurora and in our local community.



As the seasons change, we're looking ahead to a busy and exciting fall! From upcoming trainings to our milestone 50th Anniversary celebration, there's so much to look forward to. Read on to see what's ahead and how you can join us in celebrating this special season.

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Spotlight On



☐ Our 50th Anniversary Celebration

We're turning 50—and it's time to celebrate! Join us on **Thursday, September 25 from 4:30-6:30pm** for an evening filled with community, connection, and fun.

Enjoy live music from **Dear Marsha**, strike a pose with your loved ones at our family photo booth with a professional photographer, and sip on custom-crafted mocktails (cocktails available for purchase).

And don't miss the fun extras: pool tables, cornhole, or gather a team for a game on the beach volleyball court! With good food, great music, and activities for all ages, this golden

milestone is about celebrating our legacy and the amazing people like **YOU** who make our work possible.

[JOIN THE CELEBRATION!](#)

Fall Trainings

[September Session for Parents — Reserve Your](#)

Spot and Invite a Friend!

Join us for a 3-part training series designed to support families as they plan for high school, prepare for adulthood, and navigate healthy relationships.

Classes begin September 9, so if you're interested, please RSVP right away!

- Each class will be offered twice: morning or evening
- Classes are 2 hours long, free, and in person
- Attend one or all, whichever works best for your schedule!
- *Offered only in English at the moment -- stay tuned for Spanish sessions!*

REGISTER TODAY!



The flyer for the Parent Training Series features three sessions. At the top are photos of Peter Brill and Anna Colfaro. The sessions are: 1. 'MY CHILD IS IN HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT'S NEXT?' on 9/9, focusing on changes from high school to the IEP. 2. 'TRANSITIONING TO ADULTHOOD' on 9/23, discussing legal, financial, and service plan changes. 3. 'HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT CHANGES, RELATIONSHIPS AND... SEX' on 10/7, addressing emotional, physical, and social changes. A sign at the bottom says 'Sign up for morning (9:30-11:30) or evening sessions (6-8)'. A link to reserve a spot is provided with a deadline of 9/1/25.

October Session for Self-Advocates (18+) — Save the Date!

Join us for an honest and supportive conversation about relationships and important life choices. This **one-time** class will cover speaking up for yourself in relationships, understanding STIs, deciding if you want to have a child, and ways to avoid pregnancy.

Class will be **Friday, October 3 from 10am-12pm** at The Arc of Aurora office. More details coming soon — register now if you'd like to attend!

SAVE MY SPOT!

Moments with Our Members



Whether you joined us for **Music at the Movies**, **Nickel-A-Play**, or **BOTH!** -- *we loved seeing your smiles.* Nickel-A-Play has become of our favorite annual traditions to close out the summer, bringing friends together right before the school year begins.



Resource Roundup

Quick links to good things!

- **September 11, 2025: Back to School: What You Need to Know** hosted by Disability Law Colorado
- Need free school clothing for your child? **Clothes To Kids of Denver** can help!
☐ [Eligibility information](#)

- October 3-4, 2025: [Parents Encouraging Parents \(PEP\) Conference](#) [[English flyer](#)] / [[Spanish flyer](#)]
- [Successful School Year Resource Guide](#) from Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) [[English guide](#)] / [[Spanish guide](#)]
- [Fall Activity Guide](#) offered by the City of Aurora
- [Brandeis University](#) is doing a research study and is seeking teens and young adults with disabilities, as well as caregivers and parents, to be interviewed. Eligible participants can receive a \$50 gift card. ☐ [More information](#)

BONUS! Check out this [helpful handout](#) outlining decision-making options available at age 18. It's a great resource for making sure folks know their rights, choices, and options!

Supporting Membership

We're putting out [one last call to become a Supporting Member](#) of The Arc of Aurora!

While you can join anytime throughout the year, becoming a member **now** means you'll be able to participate in our upcoming **Annual Meeting** and have a voice in the direction of our organization. Supporting Members help us continue our work of advocacy, education, and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Upgrade in any of these easy ways:

- ☐ [Donate a pantry item](#) (bring to our office or an event)
- ☐ [Make a \\$5+ donation](#) (one-time or monthly)
- ☐ Volunteer your time ([email Lisa!](#))

UPGRADE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Training and Education

Providing solutions-focused education to expand knowledge and attitude around disability.



We're thrilled to share that [Colorado Access](#), one of Colorado's four Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs), is partnering with us to provide disability awareness training to their network of providers.

Instead of creating something on their own, they will be using the following TALKS and TRAININGS to provide on-demand learning for all physical and behavioral health providers in their robust network of over 14,000 providers!

- [Breaking the Barrier of Disability Bias Storytelling](#)
- [Becoming Empowered at the Doctor's Office Microlearning](#)
- [Raising the Bar for Disability Medical Care](#)

This is a giant step forward toward health and well-being through disability education and awareness-building to support people with disabilities and their families across Colorado!

Take a look at the latest [THINK+change newsletter](#)! If you don't receive it yet, we invite you to [sign up](#) today to get helpful information, trainings, and tools you can use.



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