

# OVERVIEW

NOTE: It's important to use your own perspective, stories and voice!

## The Arc San Francisco is:

- A lifelong learning center for adults with developmental disabilities.
- A sixty-five year old non-profit
- that provides **education, employment, independent living**
- and **health programs**, plus **recreational services**.
- We currently enroll more than **840 adults**, from **18 and above**
- with **developmental disabilities** including **autism and Down syndrome**, among other disabilities.

### Our three Bay Area campuses:

are in **San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin** counties.

### Whom do we support:

**Young adults** starting out, individuals **honing foundation skills, working clients, seniors or retirees** wanting to try something new.

### Our programs are:

**personalized** to support each client's unique needs and goals to help participants **meet the challenges of adulthood**, fulfill their potential and **live as independently** as possible.



### How we provide support:

*A full range of academic, vocational and life skills options include:*

- **Continuing Education:** We help clients navigate classes at The Arc and at community colleges (*from personal enrichment and work-prep skills to individualized degree programs at community colleges*).
- **Employment:** We support clients in preparing for and finding employment, and then support their ongoing success (*through internships, career exploration, job coaching*).
- **Independent Living:** We teach personal banking, cooking, shopping and being a good tenant.
- **Health Advocacy:** We provide personal case management, helping clients navigate the health care system and manage their medical appointments and follow-up.
- **Senior Services:** We support seniors in staying engaged in community life with a full program of activities for clients 45 and above.
- **Arts and Recreation:** Our fine arts curricula and after-hours "Friends Like Me" program offer support for self-expression, socialization friendship and fun.

### Additional services to the wider community include:

- Local, state and national **advocacy, transition support** services for incoming clients and their families
- For employers, we offer our Diversity, Inclusion and **Employment Consulting Services**.

### The Arc San Francisco's goals are:

- for each client to **live as independently as possible**
- help clients **expand their abilities** and **fulfill their potential at their own pace**
- **enrich** the lives of Arc clients and our community
- Ensure clients are **fully included** and **respected** as **contributing members** of society

### Core belief:

With the right support, and over time, people with developmental disabilities can fulfill their **highest potential, achieving personal goals and lifelong success, however it is personally defined.**

### What our name means:

- **Our full name is The Arc San Francisco.** Years ago, it was Aid to Retarded Children.
- The "arc" represents **the arc—or the path—of client success**, achievement, empowerment and impact.
- **The "swoosh"** in our logo: This mark is actually a stylized "a" (from the arc) representing energy and forward movement.

### We are efficient

We spend only \$.11 of every dollar on administrative and fundraising costs.

### Our Non-profit Status

The Arc San Francisco is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit.

### The Arc U.S. Affiliation

We are **one of over 700 chapters** of The Arc U.S. However, **we are a wholly independent, private California non-profit organization.**

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# SPEAKING ABOUT...



## THE ARC SAN FRANCISCO

Mission  
Vision  
Values  
Elevator Speech

  
**The Arc**  
San Francisco

*For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities*

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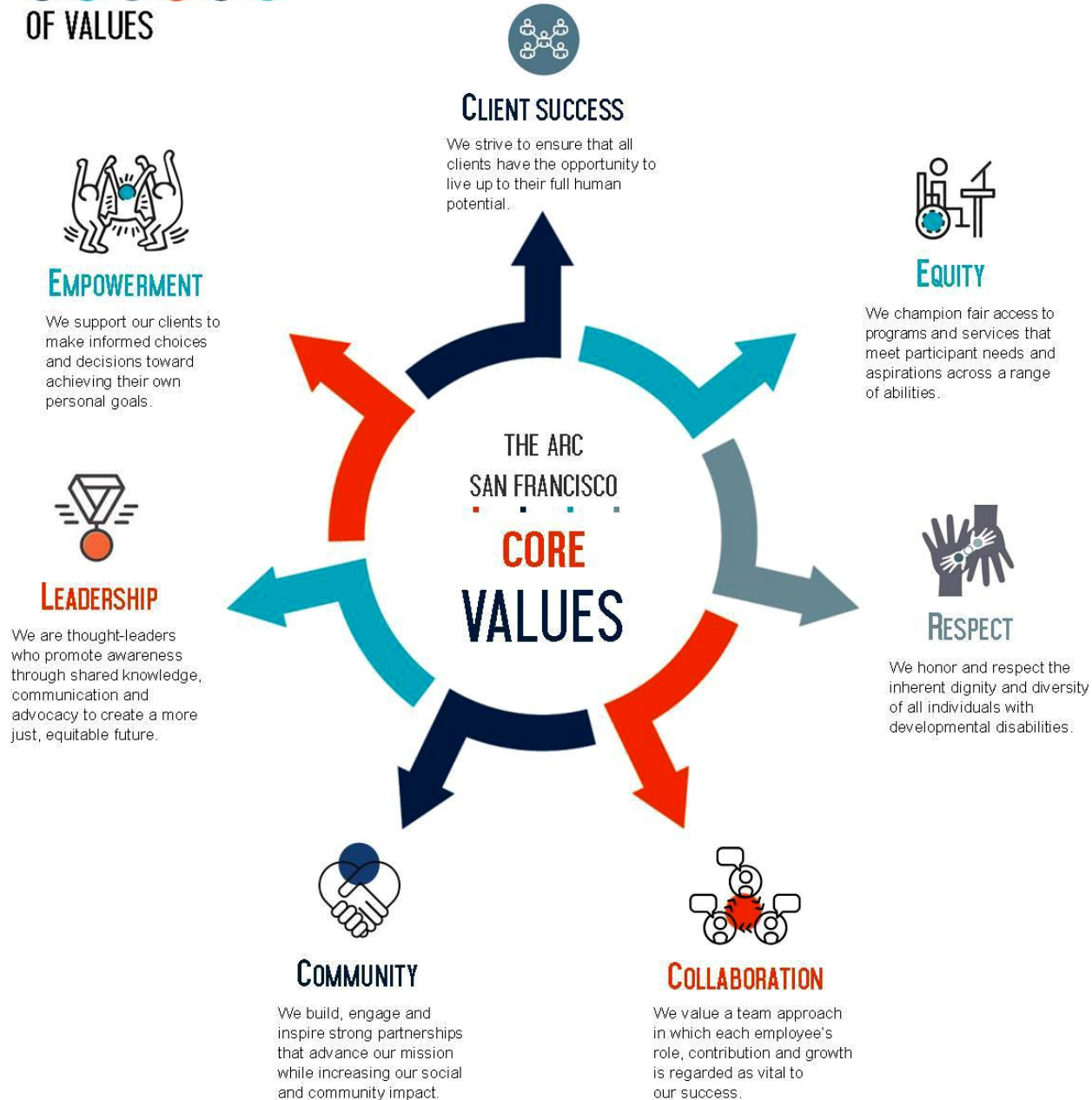
## OUR MISSION

To transform the lives of adults with developmental disabilities by advancing lifelong learning, personal achievement and independence.

## VISION

An inclusive world in which people with developmental disabilities can thrive.

### C E R C L E OF VALUES



## ELEVATOR SPEECH

### Sample Speech

(First :15)

**The Arc San Francisco is a lifelong learning center for adults with developmental disabilities** such as autism and Down syndrome.

We offer education, employment, independent living and health programs, plus recreational services to more than 840 adults in the Bay Area.

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We provide a range of educational supports, from core life skills to assisting clients in individualized degree programs at City College.

We're also known for our employment services with a diverse group of area companies like AirBnB, PG&E, Deloitte and Salesforce. Our other services include housing, health advocacy, and arts and recreation, supporting self-expression, socialization and fun.

Our goal is to help clients meet the challenges of adulthood, fulfill their potential and live as independently as possible.

*(Arc SF details other side)*

### CALL TO ACTION

Ask your listener about their interest. Offer ways to engage further. Suggest a follow-up call, or an introduction to someone at The Arc.