

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:** Clients can expand and grow through Continuing Education and Life Skills support (*community access, personal enrichment, work prep skills and community college navigation*).
- **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 **respect-ed** 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.**

SPEAKING ABOUT...



THE ARC SAN FRANCISCO

A guide for conversations about The Arc SF

Mission
Vision
Values
Elevator Speech


The Arc
San Francisco

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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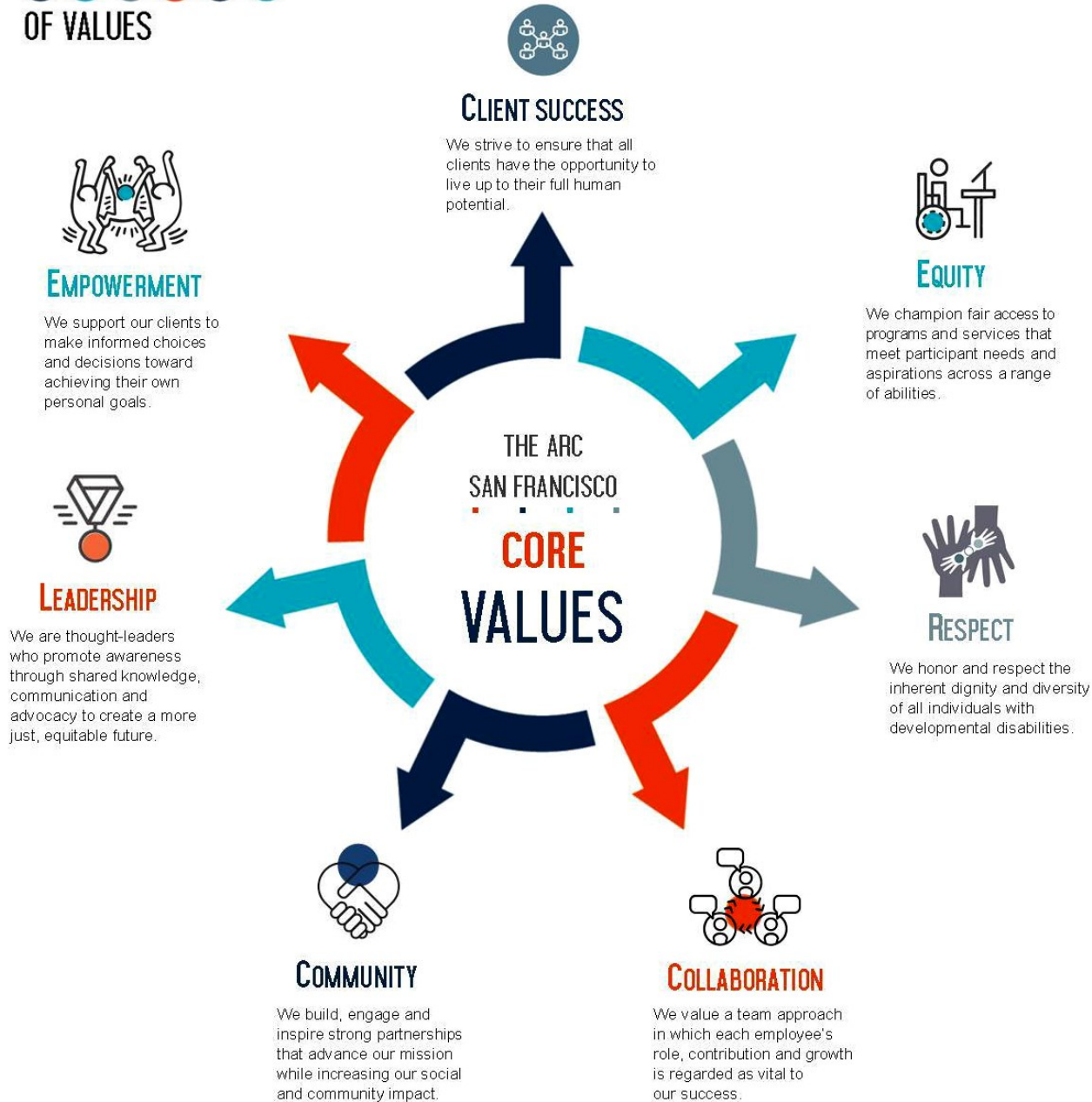
OUR MISSION

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.

CERCLE 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.

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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.