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What is Placer ARC?

It is our guiding belief that every individual with an intellectual or developmental disability has an intrinsic yet often unrealized value in their communities. In representing this population that has been historically underserved, Placer ARC is passionately and steadfastly dedicated to the support, education, and well-being of these individuals. Each of our six programs promotes various measures of support and growth in the areas of personal care, healthy lifestyles, finances, the visual and performing arts, volunteerism, vocational guidance, and higher education.

How We Are Funded

Placer ARC receives its funding from Alta California Regional Center based on a "fee-for-service" model. Alta is a non-profit entity where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are determined eligible for services under state and federal guidelines. Clients of the regional center are assigned to a social worker, who then refers them to appropriate services based on need. As a service vendor, Placer ARC is funded accordingly based on demand for the programs that we offer. Approximately 98% of our funding comes from Alta, with the balance stemming from fundraising and donations.

Where We Need Your Help

Like many health and human service programs in the state, the current California budget crisis has challenged us with overall cuts of nearly five percent from 2010 to 2011, and we have already seen one of our core programs lose its funding altogether. However, we at Placer ARC remain committed to weathering the storm and operating our programs at the level of quality and care that has become an immovable standard for our staff, clients and their families, and has established us an industry leader. As such, we are looking for ways to close the gap that has formed from our funding cuts – and the old adage that "every little bit helps" has never been as true as it is today.

The History of Placer ARC

Founded in the late 1950's, Placer ARC was originally started as a grassroots advocacy group for children and young adults with developmental disabilities who were at the threshold of taking the next steps in their education and personal lives. Previously known as "The Association for Retarded Children," the mission of the agency upon its incorporation in 1962 was to raise funds for the programs and services that would be essential to these individuals as they progressed into their adult lives. What modestly began in a church basement in Auburn has evolved into a unique, close-knit and diversified network of five programs, serving adults in Roseville, Meadow Vista, and the greater Placer County area.

The People We Serve

The clients of Placer ARC are adults age 18 or older, who live in Placer County or neighboring counties, and have been diagnosed with a developmental disability. These disabilities include an intellectual disability (which was previously commonly referred to as "mental retardation"), epilepsy, autism, cerebral palsy, or other condition found to be closely related which would require similar services.

Placer ARC at a Glance...

- Representing the interests & needs of adults with developmental disabilities since 1962
- Currently serving approximately 300 clients in Placer County
- Operating 5 unique programs, including art studio, two adult day centers, social excursion program, independent living service, and college support initiative
- **We are seeking your help in continuing to operate our programs at an industry leading level!**



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Our Programs

Roseville Adult Center (RAC) – Located on Vernon Street in Downtown Roseville, RAC is one of our busiest programs, serving an average of 65 clients each day. In addition to the wide array of personalized education opportunities that RAC provides, the center offers its clients a chance to familiarize themselves with the ins-and-outs of a busy urban environment.

Studio 700 Center for the Arts – Studio 700 is a bustling artistic hub, where the clients have a colorful tapestry of options to express and develop their own artistic sensibilities, from ceramics to crafts to performing arts to graphic design and digital animation. Studio 700's programs not only foster each client's artistic talents, but there is a strong and continually increasing emphasis on parlaying that creative energy into a real and legitimate source of income.

Adult Achievement Center (AAC) – Nestled in scenic Meadow Vista, the clients at AAC are able to reap the benefits of "small town life," and thus gain an understanding of the responsibilities of living in a community with very tight-knit social circles and a more consistently present sense of community support for the program. AAC provides our largest offerings of support for Placer ARC's senior clients.

On The Go! (OTG) – One of our most popular and beloved programs, On The Go! specializes in a variety of trips and special outings for our clients, designed to provide enriching social interactions in new environments. With its funding now gone, On The Go! now operates on a very limited basis, and all the events are out-of-pocket expenditures for clients and families.

Avenues Independent Living Services (AILS) – With a one-to-one support staff to client ratio, AILS is a program designed to help our clients achieve that which many disregard as mundane (cooking, paying bills, etc.), as we help clients to establish and solidify their own independent, self-directed lifestyle.

Placer ARC College Experience (PACE; *in development*) – Identified by Alta Regional Center as a critical need, PACE is a uniquely designed four-track system intended to provide our clients the appropriate levels of academic support and personal assistance they will need as they further their education and undertake an Associate's Degree or Certificate program at local community colleges.

How You Can Help Placer ARC's Clients

If you would like to make a general donation to Placer ARC, please fill out and return the form below with your donation, or visit www.placerarc.org. Our Tax ID number can be provided upon request. Or, if you would like to donate to a more specific project or endeavor within Placer ARC and would like more information about what is happening in our programs, please feel free to contact Outreach Coordinator Aaron Davis at (916) 781-3016 or aarond@placerarc.org.

*I Would Like to Support **Placer ARC** and its Clients...*

I am enclosing \$ _____ as a general donation to Placer ARC.

If you would like your donation to go to one of our specific programs, please indicate:

Please submit form and payment to:

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