

The Arc

Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyle

<https://thearc.org/about-us/access-equity-inclusion/>

As part of their access, equity, and inclusion statement, The Arc includes “gender identity or expression.” They also list the percentages of their staff, management team, and board of directors who identify with LGBTQ+.

<https://thearc.org/blog/survivors-of-sexual-violence-with-developmental-disabilities-in-lgbtq-and-transgender-communities-speak-out/>

While this article primarily focuses on sexual violence against those with disabilities, The Arc emphasizes that their program, The Rainbow Group, advocates for disabled people who identify with the LGBTQ+ lifestyle.

<https://thearcca.org/take-time-this-pride-month-to-become-an-ally-and-celebrate-with-lgbtq-people-with-disabilities/>

The above article promotes and celebrates “PRIDE” among the disabled.

<https://arcmercer.org/community-based-services/special-needs-alliance-pride-snap>

The Arc in Mercer, NJ, announced their first LGBTQ+ group called “SNAP” for those with disabilities.

Stance on Sex Education

<https://thearc.org/position-statements/sexuality/>

The Arc’s “sexuality” statement promotes “sexual education” for the disabled that could include “birth control” and “safe sexual practices.”

Stance on Physician-Assisted Suicide

<https://thearc.org/position-statements/physician-assisted-suicide/>

The Arc advocates strongly against physician-assisted suicide for those with intellectual disabilities. However, they do not include those with developmental disabilities in their opposition statement to physician-assisted suicide. The Arc



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also downplays “death with dignity” and states the following: “Public perception on this issue is sometimes confused with specific issues related to advance directives and death with dignity.



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