

"The Arc has given our students the chance to explore their vocational interests with the support of an outstanding staff. Not only does The Arc individualize for each student, they also encourage the students to be independent as well. I feel comfortable dropping in to visit any time and always leave with a smile when I see how happy my students are in the program."

—Deidre Toole, Transition Counselor,
Stonington High School

The Arc's School to Work Transition professionals work as a team with parents and school officials to help students become effective self-advocates and successfully transition from school to employment and other activities.

The program is involved in all aspects of a student's employment, including applications and resume writing, interviewing skills, and broadening of vocational interests through hands-on job trials.

Our School Facilitators and Employment Supervisor work with each school to develop a continuum of employment, activity and socialization skill plans, with parent and student involvement, to ensure the most optimal transition from school to adulthood.

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Building
**STRONG
PARTNERSHIPS**
with Parents and Educators
in New London County



Discover The Arc ...

The Arc New London County is a nonprofit organization celebrating over 64 years of service to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Founded in 1952 by families looking for opportunities for their children, The Arc today serves over 620 individuals in a variety of residential and community programs.



ETC's **School-to-Work Transition** team at the **Employment Transition Center** in Groton addresses each student's educational, vocational, and life skills needs from graduation to age 21.

In partnership with national, state and local chapters, we are a powerful advocacy force for **full inclusion of people with I/DD in Southeastern Connecticut.**



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Crystal W.
(Billy's mother)

The Arc's

School to Work Transition Program

—giving young women and men the tools they need to become adults in a complex world

Coordination: School facilitators and the school's special services department meet with the student and parent(s) to conduct a thorough assessment and develop a comprehensive service plan.

On-going Partnerships: Constant contact between staff, parents and schools.

Customized Programming and Training: Including job supports, situational and vocational assessments, and supported work placements. **Training options include:**

- ✦ Basic computer skills and internet safety
- ✦ Retail sales & related skills
- ✦ Agriculture/aquaponics
- ✦ Utilizing public transportation
- ✦ Commercial kitchen & culinary training
- ✦ Landscaping & cleaning services
- ✦ Building a resume
- ✦ Interviewing techniques

Our experienced **Job Developers** continuously establish relationships with area businesses to identify training and employment sites in a wide variety of fields and disciplines.

Social Skills and Peer Advocacy: Our many groups and workshops stress peer interaction, positive self-image, civic responsibility, and good decision-making skills.

Life Skills: Addressed in all programming, and include money management, cooking, good personal hygiene, stress management, reading and writing skills, time management, and social/leisure skills.

*"The Arc has been an all-around great program for Billy. He gets to build on his social skills out in the community by working at various businesses—and he gets paid for it! He also has a great time interacting with his peers and taking part in fun activities like bowling, museum visits and shopping trips.
Thank You, Arc!"*