

Programs and Projects of The Arc

Referral Services

The Arc of Shelby County, in collaboration with The Arc of Indiana and The Arc of the United States, exists to provide services and assistance to families of, and individuals with, special needs. In order to meet and fulfill this purpose, we provide information on the various organizations and agencies available in our area. Following are some of those to which we make regular referrals:

The Arc of Indiana

143 W. Market St. Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: 800-382-9100
info@arcind.org

About Special Kids (ASK)

7172 Graham Road, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46250
Ph: 317-257-8683
familynetw@aboutspecialkids.org

Autism Society of Indiana

1800 N. Meridian St. Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Ph: 800-609-8449
info@inautism.org

Disability Legal Services of IN

5954 N. College Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
Ph: 317-426-7733
info@disabilitylegalservicesin.org

Voc Rehabilitation Services

2346 S. Lynhurst Dr., Bldg 100
Indianapolis, IN 46241
Ph: 317-205-0100
Matt.Rodway@fssa.in.gov

Family Voices of Indiana

445 N. Pennsylvania St. Ste. 941
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: 317-944-8987
info@fvindiana.org

Down Syndrome Indiana

708 E. Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Ph: 317-925-7617
info@dsindiana.org

United Cerebral Palsy Indiana

8020 Zionsville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Ph: 317-632-3561
Kelley@ucpindy.org

The office of The Arc of Shelby County maintains an updated list of agencies and organizations that provide services for special needs families and individuals. Just contact our office and we will help guide you to the best source necessary to help meet your needs.

Membership meetings will be held periodically to help families and individuals stay current on events and also help provide information that is beneficial in helping them provide the best care and service possible for their

loved ones. A newsletter will be published at least 5 times annually in order to keep members informed.



The SENSES Gym opened officially on February 1, 2016 and has now enrolled almost 2000 children in the program. It is an exciting and safe alternative to typical outdoor playgrounds. Designed especially for kids who need sensory recreation, it is beneficial for kids who have other needs. Kids with Autism, are on the Autism spectrum, have sensory processing disorders, ADHD, Down syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome and similar special needs can benefit from this type of play and recreation. Recent studies show that all children can learn and grow from sensory recreation. To kids, this is a giant indoor playground, and as they play, they are getting part of their sensory "diet".

SENSES is designed for kids aged 1-6 years old. For those currently receiving therapy or those who just need a fun place to play, learn and grow, this may be just the place for them. Over half the kids enrolled do not have special needs, they just come and have fun. All kids in this age group are welcome. We are handicapped accessible and have had parents and professionals from all over central Indiana coming in to check us out.

SENSES is not expensive. There is a modest per-session fee, and, with advance reservations, we can help host kids birthday parties or other special events.



Parents must attend the sessions with their children. They work with and guide them in learning how to safely use

the equipment, toys and gadgets and engage socially with other children. Pick up one of our SENSES brochures for more details about this great new learning, playing and growing opportunity for your child.

Chartered in 2009, the Shelbyville VC Aktion Club now has about 50 adult members. Most of them live with a disability. The club is sponsored and supported by The Arc of Shelby County and the Shelbyville Kiwanis Club. The mission of the Aktion Club is to provide members with an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills and team skills to better serve their community. In doing so, they will be more integrated into the community and society and be able to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens and neighbors living with a disability.



Some of the fundraisers of the club include; making and selling Christmas ornaments, car washes, and parking cars for the Indianapolis Colts football games. Service projects include; Headstart Children Santa project, Shelby County Animal Shelter, Special Olympics, Salvation Army Food Pantry, Trinity United Methodist Church, Special Ed Classes, Riley Hospital for Children and The Arc of Shelby County SENSES program.