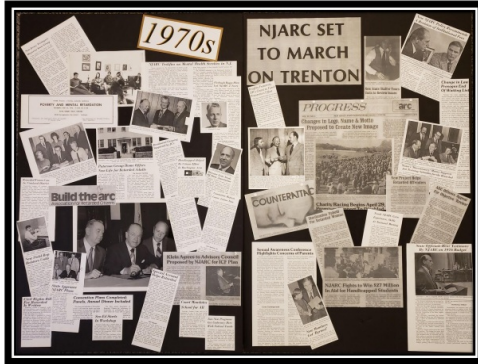


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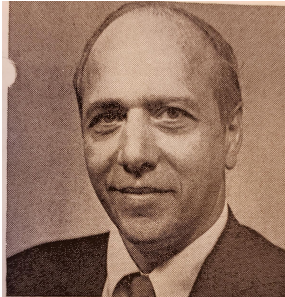
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For eight weeks, The Arc of New Jersey is relating its rich history with a series of weekly emails celebrating the people and events that have made The Arc the strong vibrant organization it is today. To see the first three volumes, [click here](#).

Join us for a celebration of our past and present at The Arc of New Jersey 70th Anniversary Dinner and Awards on Thursday, November 21st. Tickets, journal ads and sponsorships are available by visiting our [website](#), emailing cfortin@arcnj.org or calling 732.733.6013.

The Arc Advocacy Hits Its Stride



John Scagnelli, Executive Director

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(Scagnelli became executive director of NJARC on September 1, after years of working with young people in teaching, resident and day camping and pre-school training. Before his recent work as administrator of the Newark Museum Association, he directed recreational and

1970

The Arc National Headquarters moves from New York City to Arlington, TX. A governmental affairs office opens in Washington, DC.

The Arc supports expansion of Medicaid to allow the federal government to finance residential programs as ICF/MR.

The Arc joins with other organizations to sponsor a national standard-setting and accreditation body, ACDD.

In September, John Scagnelli is hired as Executive Director of NJARC.

1971

The Arc on the national and state levels join court suits to defend the rights of individuals with I/DD living in developmental centers and to ensure the right to education.

Advocacy intensifies to strengthen individual's rights to live in community-based residential programs.

Other advocacy efforts focus on immigration, early childhood services, fair labor standards as applied to people with I/DD, lead poisoning and immunizations.

1972

Young people across the state form Youth NJARC with the goal of creating community-based social programs for people with I/DD. NJARC creates the Citizen Advocacy Program to assist individuals with I/DD to live more independent lives. The program also matches volunteers with individuals with I/DD to provide community support.

In the Spring of 1972 three men move into the first group home of The Arc in Paterson, run by the Bergen-Passaic Unit.



1973

The Arc tackles the complex issue surrounding the use of human subjects in research, both biomedical and behavioral. The Arc presents its findings to the National Commission on Research on Human Subjects.

1974

The Arc changes its name on the national, state and local levels, from a focus on children to a

focus on citizens, acknowledging the aging of its constituents. The organization advocates for the establishment of Supplemental Security Income and Title Twenty Social Services Programs.



1975

The Arc successfully advocates for the passage of Public Law 94-142 - the IDEA - opening the door for children with disabilities to have access to equal education.

NJ Camp Jaycee holds its first summer camping season for individuals with I/DD.

1976

In January, with a grant from the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency, the Citizen Advocacy Program conducts a trial police training which is delivered at the NJ State Police Academy in Sea Girt. This training is the first activity of what would become the *Criminal Justice Education Project*

(CJEP) later that year. CJEP was the precursor to what is now the *Criminal Justice Advocacy Program*.

With a \$13,000 donation from the NJ Knights of Columbus, a program is established to focus on the prevention of I/DD.

Paul Potito is hired to develop day training programs for individuals with I/DD.

1977

The Arc receives federal grants to train hundreds of advocates in every state about federal assistance programs and federal legislation.

1978

First Lady Rosalyn Carter addresses The Arc National Convention in New Orleans.

1979

The month of March becomes MR Awareness Month, sponsored by The Arc and The Advertising Council.



FUN FACT: On November 2, 1972, twenty-five women from Vineland Developmental Center travel to the Vineland polling site to vote in the general election. This is reported to be the first time individuals from institutions vote anywhere in the country. Before Election Day the women attended a "mechanics of voting" workshop and were supported in reading the newspaper to learn more about the candidates and public questions on the ballot.

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The Arc of New Jersey 70th Anniversary Campaign

It's been a lot of fun researching and telling the story of the history of The Arc of New Jersey. **But in order to keep the story going, we need the support of everyone in the community.** Our 70th Anniversary Campaign has a goal of raising \$70,000. These funds are critical for The Arc of New Jersey to be able to continue to give individuals with I/DD and their families the help they need.

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