

The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County

...removing walls to create community inclusion for all



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A Message from the Board...

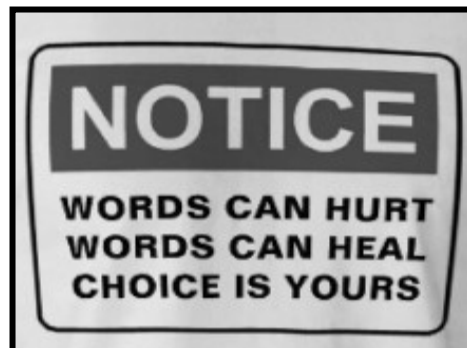
It's February! How are your New Year's Resolutions going? Here at The Arc of NETC, we've been busy setting goals and making plans for an exciting and educating 2012. Our first Coffee Talk meet up through our PEAS group was a great success. We learned about Student Introduction Portfolios; what they are and what we do with them. A follow up session is planned for February 10th. We hope to see you there! More information is on page 5 in the newsletter. Our self-advocates group—SALT—had their first meeting of the year and made plans for what they want to achieve in the upcoming months. Our Learning Together Series Sessions also kick off in February. The first session of the year will be on February 4th at TCU. Melanie and Seth Fowler will be presenting information from their book "Look At My Eyes" which includes information on how they've approached life since their son was diagnosed with autism. For further details, please refer to the flyer on page 4. In addition, our Board has scheduled appearances at several upcoming Information Fairs, City Council Meetings, and restaurant Spirit Nights. We're so very excited to be hearing from new people in our community, and we look forward to having the opportunity to work with everyone. In the following pages, you'll find dates for awareness activities, conferences, and workshops.

We're gearing up for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, which takes place for the whole month of March. Stay tuned through our website, Facebook and Twitter for upcoming activities. We've also recently added a PayPal link to our online membership form. It's never been easier to become a member of our agency. The Arc of NETC is a non-profit, volunteer run, membership driven organization that relies on its members in order to help our community. We would be honored to have YOU join us!

— Jennifer Jordan

"You can change your world by changing your words... Remember, death and life are in the power of the tongue."

— Joel Osteen —



A Comparison of You & I

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As a person without a disability label you are presumed competent

As a person who has a disability label I am presumed incompetent

As a person without a disability label you are seen as
a partner in a reciprocal relationship when you ask for help

As a person with a disability I am seen as
incapable or needy because I ask for help

As a person without a disability label you are seen as
an individual capable of learning from your mistakes

As a person with a disability label I am seen
as incapacitated and assigned a guardian

As a person without a disability label you are seen as
a contributing member of society

As a person with a disability label I am seen
as a drain on society

As a person without a disability label you are seen as human

As a person with a disability label I am seen as...

“Disability is a *natural* part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to live independently, to exert control and choice over their own lives, and to fully participate in and contribute to their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of United States society.”

— The U.S. Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act —

A Language of Acceptance

We are coming to understand that our mission is to help persons experiencing disabling conditions to find: home, friends, family and work. These are the central activities of life; they are important to each of us and are present in the every day aspects of each of our own lives.

In our roles as professionals helping persons find home, friends, family and work we are often the bridge between an individuals past and future. In this role it is important to not introduce artificial barriers to acceptance. Our language is a powerful influence on how we perceive each other, directly leading to degrees of acceptance and rejection. Gordon Allport, in "The Nature of Prejudice" observes that language is always the first step in the process of separating an individual or group from the larger

society. The use of words that identify a person or group as being different creates a focus on that difference. It defines the difference and communicates that difference to increasing numbers of other people. This is an insidious process, for verbal disenfranchisement deepens attitudes, creates consensus on the fundamental nature of the differentness and leads to active forms of discrimination, separation and ultimately victimization. The process of separation feeds and builds on each element. Attitudes create words, words create and deepen attitudes, attitudes lead to action, and actions then require more sharply defined words. Can words and language be used to encourage acceptance?

The reality is that special language will always communicate differentness and separation. The language of acceptance can only be the language found in the daily experience of friends, family, home and work. The test for a language of acceptance is the presence of words in our own relationships with our own friends and family. None of us would ever call a family member a client, a resident, a consumer or folk. Instead we would call people that are the end of a long day, each of us goes group home, our program, our ICF, valued roles have friends, relatives, major persons in their lives. Those of us identify people in key relationships as our team leader or our volunteer. You Why must some people go to their supported work placement or their partial program? In addition there are many other words that do not seem to have counter parts in regular lives. These include: MH/MR, slot, beds, team, PD, QMRP, intake, mentally retarded, mentally ill, placement, utilization, discharge, incontinent, ambulatory, self preservation, deinstitutionalize, agency, system, BSU, IPP and meds. What is so stunning is that these words rarely add useful information to our communication as is evidenced by the language of John O'Brian and Robert Perske.

This is NOT an issue of a list of approved and non approved words.

important to us by their name. At home. Few of us return to our our CLA or our facility. People with co-workers and neighbors as the us with valued roles will rarely our staff, our RSW, our advocate, and I go to work in the morning. workshop, their day program, their

Recently, Patrick Worth delivered the Keynote address to over 2000 persons at the national TASH conference in Washington. Mr. Worth is president of People First in Ontario and identifies himself as a person who was labeled as being Mentally Retarded. Mr. Worth, in speaking of the power of words, charged that application of the word Mental Retardation is a life sentence and for some is a death sentence.

As a society we have become very sensitive about the power of racist and sexist language. Why is it that more of the persons that are the targets of a language of rejection do not counter charge "disableist"? Is it possible that our language has already forged a debilitating social role of eternal "clienthood"?

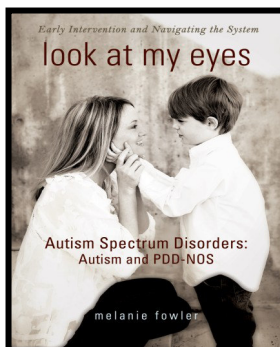
As friends, family, neighbors and professionals we have a choice. Would any of us ever say: "Hello my name is John; I'm a client in a Community Living Arrangement for MRs. I was discharged from the State Center and I now go to a sheltered workshop during the day." Or would we simply say: "My name is John Wilson. My home is on Second Street in Camp Hill and I work at General Electric." I have discovered that confronting my language forces a struggle with basic values and attitudes. It is not easy and it is not simple. This is not an issue of a list of approved and non approved words. *It is about the roles, perceptions and expectations that exist among and between persons that are currently experiencing disabling conditions and those that are not.* Our language is a public window on our deepest feeling about those attitudes. I invite each of you to join in this very challenging and worthwhile struggle.

- Northstar Gallery

The Learning Together Workshop Series 2012 presents:

Melanie & Seth Fowler

“Look At My Eyes”



Date and Time

Saturday, February 4, 2012

9:00 – 11:00 am

Book Signing to Follow

Location

Texas Christian University

Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center

2820 Stadium Drive

The Fowler 4 Group was established in 2011 by Seth & Melanie Fowler to offer a parent-centered, avenue when dealing with Autism Spectrum Disorders. When the Fowlers' son William was first diagnosed with autism, Seth and Melanie were like so many other new, young parents with a child with special needs... scared, angry, confused, sad, alone and hopeless.

Melanie and Seth realized that they had two choices... give up or get busy making a difference...they chose the latter. With her educational background and first-hand experience with her son, Melanie wrote the bestselling book, “Look At My Eyes” in 2011. The book deals with helpful in-home training, the importance of early intervention, helpful websites; education on available therapies, insurance struggles and battles, and has portions written by Seth from a father's perspective.

Lecture Sponsors:

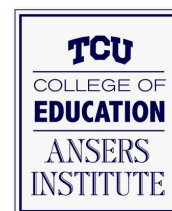


Reserve Your Spot Today!

To register, please call 817-834-7700 or arcnetc@att.net. Please provide your name and number when making your reservation. Seating is



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Women building better communities



The Arc of NETC Happenings & Updates

To our newest members...

Ron & Phyllis Baidy ▪ Doris Clark ▪ Sheila Gammil ▪ Tiera Hall ▪ Barbara Heller ▪ Judith Holley ▪ Carlos & Heather Landeros ▪ Sansy Moore ▪ Sharon Parker ▪ Carla Springer

thank you!



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

February 23, 2012 | 5PM – 9PM | 460 Grapevine Hwy. | Hurst 76054
Tell them you are there in support of The Arc of NETC and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the agency. Print a copy of the flier and take it with you. A copy is available on our website: www.arcnetc.org.

PEAS Meetup Group

Family Connections, a Partnership in Education, Advocacy & Support

MISSION: To create a network of support for families of, and children who, experience life with a disability label. Join the PEAS group: <http://www.meetup.com/PEAS-ArcNETC/>.

PEAS FEBRUARY MEETUPS:

PEAS at Pump it Up Playtime — February 7, 2012 | Beach Street ▪ Ft. Worth

PEAS Social at Chick-fil-A — February 23, 2012 | 7 PM | 460 Grapevine Hwy. ▪ Hurst, TX 76054



Friday Coffee Talk: Student Introduction Portfolios Continued

Friday – February 10, 2012 from 9:00 – 11:00

The Arc of NETC (Arc House) | 1806 Haltom Road ▪ Haltom City, Texas 76117

Last month, our PEAS Meetup Group began a new monthly informational and social session called “Coffee Talk”. These meetings take place on the second Friday of each month, from 9AM-11AM at The Arc House. The purpose of these meetups is twofold; to educate parents and provide an atmosphere that promotes sharing and relationship building with other families. The casual atmosphere allows for interaction between everyone over coffee and pastries while still gaining valuable information about topics that can help families who have loved ones with a disability.

On January 13th, we were excited to have 14 smiling faces as we gathered to learn about Student Introduction Portfolios. Kelly Mastin did a fantastic job presenting and sharing information on this topic. As a mom herself, she was able to give first hand knowledge about the value of creating and using a Student Introduction Portfolio. Many wonderful ideas were discussed, and everyone actively joined the conversation. Lisa Sharp, a member of the PEAS group stated, **“Awesome presentation and great interaction from the group! Looking forward to the next one!!”**

If you weren't able to make it to the first meeting, join us on February 10th as we continue learning about Student Introduction Portfolios. This month we'll take it a step further and start creating our own! Some materials (punches, markers, paper, scissors, etc) will be provided, but feel free to bring your own items. This is your chance to brainstorm with other parents over coffee and pastries. We look forward to getting to know each of you and always remember, we are better together!

To RSVP, requested but not required, for any PEAS meetup: (817) 834-7700 or arcnetc@att.net.

Join The Arc of NETC in Supporting the

MY MEDICAID MATTERS OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN



MY MEDICAID MATTERS MISSION

To inform policymakers and the public about the benefits of Medicaid and what could happen to Texans if Medicaid were reduced or eliminated.

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES: LET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS KNOW . . .

- **“MY MEDICAID MATTERS”** Describe why the Medicaid program is important to you and your family.
- **“CUTTING MEDICAID HURTS PEOPLE”** Describe what would happen to you or your family if you lost your Medicaid benefits.
- **“IT HURTS BUSINESS, TOO”** For every \$1 cut from Medicaid almost \$4 of business activity is reduced.
- **“PROTECT THE MEDICAID PROGRAM”** Ask Congress, Texas legislators, and policymakers to protect the Medicaid program because it matters to you and millions across the country.
- **“SLASHING MEDICAID MEANS LOST JOBS”** Cuts eliminate jobs, which will hurt the economy by pulling billions of dollars in health care spending out of our Texas communities.
- **“MEDICAID HAS BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT”** According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll, 60% of Americans want to maintain Medicaid, and only 13% support cuts to Medicaid.

OUR GOALS

- Educate Texans, Texas legislators, policymakers and Congress about the real people whose health, independence, families and jobs are supported by Texas Medicaid: children, mothers, Texans with disabilities, seniors—and the workers and professionals who assist them every day.
- Monitor and STOP damaging cuts, block grants, waivers or caps that will harm Texans, our families and our communities.
- Advocate for access to decent health care and community-based services and supports. Tell our leaders that deficit reduction and sustainable budgets MUST use a balanced approach that includes new revenues and does not rely on cuts alone. New revenues in the mix preserves the Medicaid, CHIP and Medicare services and supports that Texans count on!

For more information, contact:

- Bob Kafka, ADAPT of Texas (512) 442-0252 bob.adapt@sbcglobal.net
- Amy Mizcles, The Arc of Texas (512) 454-6694 amizcles@thearcoftexas.org

View the MMM brochure in English and in Spanish on The Arc of NETC website at: www.arcnetc.org.

Friday with Friends *Social*

A monthly social for individuals who have a disability ages 14 and up

The Next FWF Social: Ice Cream Sundae Social

February 17, 2012 • 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County

1806 Haltom Road | Haltom City, Texas 76117

RSVPs REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 10, 2012.

wwarcnetc@gmail.com or (817) 834-7700

Arc NETC *Online Resources*

Website - The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County website www.arcnetc.org is designed to *inform, inspire, educate* and provide *resources* that promote community inclusion for all!

Yahoo Groups - The Arc of NETC serves as the host of two yahoo groups, 1) Inclusive Schools & Communities, and 2) Special Education

If you are interested in joining one or both of these groups, send your request to:
arcnetc@att.net.

PEAS Meetup Discussion Board - One feature of the PEAS Meetup Group is an online discussion board. Join today to connect with other families:
<http://www.meetup.com/PEAS-ArcNETC/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ArcNETC>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ArcNETC>

SALT – *Self Advocate Group*

Self-Advocate Leaders of Today

SALT is run **by & for** individuals who have a disability, 18 and older with the support of an advisor. Monthly meetings provide opportunities to work on identified goals and to learn about leadership and the independent living movement.

The Next SALT Meeting

Friday – February 17, 2012 • 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County – Arc House
1806 Haltom Road | Haltom City, Texas 76117

SALT had a great year in 2011. Members participated in volunteer events including Adopt-A-Spot community clean-ups, Decorate-A-Shoebox charities benefiting infants/young children, and a summer can food drive for a local food pantry. SALT members were present to accept the Haltom City Proclamation recognizing March as IDD Awareness Month. They also enjoyed social events.



Our SALT meeting in January established our 2012 Self-Advocacy Tree and SALT Officers. The members have detailed what they envision for the group and will be spending the rest of the year working on group and individual goals! **RSVPs REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 10, 2012.** wwarcnetc@gmail.com or (817) 834-7700

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!

**Our
Community
is Better
together**

It is often attitudinal and man made barriers that affect everyday life for individuals living with a developmental disability label. In addressing those barriers through positive awareness efforts, fears and negative attitudes can be replaced with knowledge and understanding.

The Arc of NETC board members and volunteers are planning a variety of awareness activities during the month of March. Like us on Facebook and/or visit our website to see what's planned. Activities will be posted once finalized.

System verses Community

In special programs or social service systems
people are known by what's wrong: by their medical condition or disability label

In community - people are known by name

In special programs or social service systems
people are incomplete, broken and need to be changed or "fixed"

In community - people are as they are, with opportunities to follow their own dreams

In special programs or social service systems
relationships are unequal; service workers do things "for" clients
and don't look for any contribution in return

In community - relationships are reciprocal, give and take;
and the diverse gifts of many people are recognized

In special programs or social service systems
people are separated into groups and often placed with "their own kind"

In community
people are accepted for who they are, and are viewed as part of a diverse society

In special programs or social service systems
problems are solved by consulting authorities, policies, procedures

In community
people seek answers from their own experiences and the wisdom of others

In special programs or social service systems
there is no room to acknowledge mistakes and uncertainty; information is communicated in
professional jargon that distances individuals from their actions

In community
people can make honest efforts and acknowledge honest mistakes and fears

In special programs or social service systems
all problems have a rational solution

In community
there is room for confusion, and mystery, and recognition that some things are beyond human control

In special programs or social service systems
people are called clients, consumers or part of a caseload

In community - people are called family, friend, co-worker, or neighbor

- unknown



AWARENESS

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS

A video designed to bring about awareness and teach others about the hopes and dreams of individuals who have Down Syndrome as well as combat the use of words such as retarded.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkNzRjXK3hc>

IT'S OUR STORY

It's Our Story is a national initiative to make disability history public and accessible.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWDaRN490BI>

THE R — WORD

A video made to spread awareness on eliminating the R-Word. Please watch, review and share!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZHINspyQ_M&feature=share

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

10 AM SENSORY FRIENDLY SCREENING

Screenings held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Starplex Cinema, Lakeworth Movies 14 Theater.

http://starplexcinemas.com/theamenities_more.php?amenity=sensory

AQUA KIDS SWIM PARTY

Greater Lewisville Special Education PTSA
February 12, 2012 | 3:30 – 5:30

For more info: <http://www.lisdseptsatxpta.org/>

AUTISM AWARENESS SYMPOSIUM

February 23, 2012 | 9 – 1 | Grapevine, TX
For more information: or to register:

<http://www.learningrx.com/frisco/default.htm>

BEST BUDDIES VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

February 11, 2012 | 6:30 – 10 | Southlake

For more info. <http://www.punchbowl.com/partypage/c96aa4b24f39f687>

CHARIS HILLS SPRING 2012 FAMILY CAMPS

March 16 – 18, 2012 & April 20 – 22, 2012

For registration or additional more information:

colleen@charishills.org, 940-964-2145, or
<http://www.charishills.org/Spring2012FamilyCamp-40>

TEACH ME TALENT – FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Teach Me, LLC

February 4, 2012 | 10 – 11 | Carrollton, TX

For more information or to RSVP, please visit:

<http://www.myteachme.net/#!>

VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Plano Parks and Recreation Department,
Therapeutic Recreation Program

February 12, 2012 | 2 – 5 | Plano, TX

For more info: 972-941-7272 or addyh@plano.gov

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

ACTION PARENT

Project Resource Network – The Path Project

February 20, 2012 | 9 – 10:30 | Ft. Worth, TX

For more information: Stormy Lovett,
prnstormy@hotmail.com 817-770-7969

ADDRESSING KEY LIFE TRANSITIONS FOR USERS OF AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC)

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

March 24, 2012 | 8:30 – 5 | Nashville, TN

<http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/site/newsandevents/calendar/page.aspx?id=3126>

DR. CYNTHIA RUDERT

Gluten Intolerance Group of North Texas

February 4, 2012 | 10 AM | N. Richland Hills, TX

For more information or to RSVP, visit:

<http://www.northtexasgig.com/>

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER TRAININGS

Each ESC provides for the joint training of parents
and education professionals.

ESC – Region X

<http://events.ednet10.net/FE2Production.nsf/eventsearch?readform>

ESC – Region XI

<https://mis.esc11.net/catalog.asp>

To locate the ESC in your area visit:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index.aspx?id=2147494810>

HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR YOUR ARD/IEP MEETING WITH DR. RUTH ASPY AND DR. BARRY GROSSMAN

National Autism Association of North Texas

February 7, 2012 | 7:00 PM Start | Plano, TX

For more information or to RSVP, please call:

214-925-2722 or visit: <http://autism-asc.org/>

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas Spring Series

February 25, 2012 | 10 AM | Richardson, TX

For more information: (214) 267-1374 or

[http://www.downsyndromedallas.org/documents/Spring%20Education%20Series%20\(2012\).pdf](http://www.downsyndromedallas.org/documents/Spring%20Education%20Series%20(2012).pdf)

LET'S ALL PLAY, INCLUSION IN RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS CONFERENCE

National Inclusion Project
March 7 – 8, 2012 | Raleigh, North Carolina
For more information or to register, visit:
http://www.inclusionproject.org/level_2.php?id=50

MAXIMIZING EVERY MOMENT

Brent Woodall Foundation for Exceptional Children
February 24, 2012 | 8:30 – 4:15 | Carrollton, TX
For more information or to register:
<http://www.woodallkids.org/conference%20flyer.pdf>

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SEMINAR

February 25, 2012 | 9 – 11:30 | Dallas
For more info: Jennifer Roady at (214) 456-2632

PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER

International Dyslexia Association, Dallas Branch
February 10, 2012 | 8:00 – 4:00 | Dallas, TX
For more information or to register, visit:
<http://www.dbida.org/>

RELATIVES AS PARENTS CONFERENCE

RAP Coalition of Greater Houston
February 18, 2012 | 8:30 – 3 | Houston, TX
To register (required) or for more info:
http://www.disabilityrightstx.org/files/HoustonParentsConf_2-18-12.pdf

SCHOOL SUCCESS & BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS IN ASD

Spectrum Training Systems, Inc.
March 5-6, 2012 | Plano, TX
For more information or to register, visit:
<http://www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com/plano.html>

SURVIVE AND THRIVE WITH ADHD 24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ADDA - Southern Region
February 17 -18, 2012 | Houston, TX
For more info. or to register: <https://www.adda-sr.org/>

THE ARD PROCESS & YOUR CHILD'S IEP

Partners Resource Network – The PATH Project
February 2, 2012 | 6 PM – 8 PM | Irving, TX
For information or to RSVP: 972-444-0884 x-242

VOLUNTEER EXTRAVAGANZA AND ADVOCACY NETWORK TRAINING

Texas Parent to Parent
February 4, 2012 | North Richland Hills
For more information or to register (required)
<http://www.txp2p.org/>

WHAT'S NEXT? EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOP AND PANEL

Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas
February 18, 2012 | 9 – NOON | Richardson, TX
For more information or to register:
(214) 267-1374 or dallasdsg@sbcglobal.net

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

(DADS) - TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES – LONG TERM CARE

Long-term care services provide daily health care and living needs to *qualified* individuals who have a disability or long-term illness.
For more information, visit the DADS website at:
<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/ltss/index.html>

(DARS) - DEPARTMENT OF ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (DARS)

To view a list of all programs and services provided by DARS: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/>

(DSHS) - DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

For the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program, visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/>.
For all other DSHS services, <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>

INPUT NEEDED

2012 ADVOCATES IN DISABILITY AWARDS (ADA) APPLICATIONS SOUGHT

The HSC Foundation
The purpose of the ADA Program is to award and encourage a young individual with a disability between the ages of 14 and 26, who has dedicated himself/herself to positively affecting the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. For more information:
<http://www.hscfoundation.org/2012ADA.php>
Application deadline: February 28, 2012

2012 RESOURCE PACKET



THE ARC OF NETC 2012 RESOURCE PACKET FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE A DISABILITY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

To obtain your copy, email your request to:
arcnetc@att.net.

INVEST in The Arc of NETC; your support *does* make a difference!

- **Volunteer** – no task is too small in a volunteer run organization
- **Join/Donate** – the greatest appreciation and recognition you can give to the importance of the work being done by The Arc of NETC is to make a donation and/or become a member
- **Shop** – visit The Arc of NETC website to see how your purchase at Tom Thumb or Albertsons can benefit the agency; our programs, services, and individuals impacted by an ID/DD

The Arc of NETC February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>“Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting.”</i></p> <p>— Princess Elizabeth, Asquith Bibesco —</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 PEAS at Pump it Up Playtime	8	9 The Arc of NETC at the HEB ISD Special Education Resource Night (more info. below)	10 PEAS Coffee Talk	11
12	13		15	16	17 SALT Meeting & Friday With Friends	18
19	20	21 The Arc of NETC Board Meeting 7 PM Start	22	23 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5 PM – 9 PM & SALT Social 7 PM at Chick-fil-A	24	25
26	27 Arc NETC at the Haltom City, City Council Meeting (more info. below)	28	29		<p>March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Wear a silver ribbon to show your support!</p>	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join The Arc of NETC on February 27, 2012
7 PM at the Haltom City, City Council Meeting
5024 Broadway Avenue ▪ Haltom City, TX 76117.
We will be accepting a proclamation declaring
March as DD Awareness Month.

H-E-B ISD SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE NIGHT

February 9, 2012 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Pat May Center - 1849 Central Dr., Bedford 76022
Stop by our table. We look forward to seeing you!



P.O. Box 14455
 Fort Worth, Texas 76117
 (817) 834-7700
arcnetc@att.net
www.arcnetc.org

Mission: The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County promotes the human rights of individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their life span.

Vision: Our vision for the future is a world where people with disabilities are included in their communities and where quality supports and services respond to their needs and personal choices.

Invest in
The Arc of NETC

- Become a Member
- Make a Donation
- Recycle Household Items
- Volunteer

Your support *does* make a difference!

The Arc of NETC, a 501 (c)(3) membership non-profit organization is an affiliated chapter of The Arc of the United States and The Arc of Texas.



The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County Membership Form

Date: _____

 Name

 Address

 Apt. #

 City/State/Zip

 Phone Number

 Email Address

(Please mark all that apply)

New Member Renewing Member Adult with a disability Parent of a child with DD

Parent of an adult with DD Interested Citizen Professional Other: _____

Membership Fees: \$10 Person with a disability \$15 Individual \$30 Family \$100 Corporation

I would like to receive the newsletter by: US Mail Email Address: _____

Please complete this form and mail it with your payment to:

The Arc of NETC — P.O. Box 14455 · Haltom City, Texas 76117 **or** join online at: www.arcnetc.org

“Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”

— Helen Keller —