

The ARC of Ohio in Mercer County is an organization dedicated to serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in our communities in various ways.

The ARC sponsors many social events throughout the year for children and adults with disabilities. Activities such as bowling, movies, golf outings, swimming parties, ballgames, Bingo, and holiday events are planned each month. Also offered are painting classes, arts and crafts, cooking classes, and more.

The local ARC also

- Supports the Mercer County Special Olympics.
- Reimburses ARC members for registration and hotel costs for attending conferences related to their child's disability.
- Financially assists with the cost of camp for children and/or adults with disabilities, who are members of the ARC.

In partnership with the State of Ohio and the Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the ARC Housing Program currently owns 13 homes in various areas of the county, which provide affordable housing for individuals to rent while receiving residential supports as needed. The homes are well maintained by the ARC and designed to accommodate the physical needs of the residents. The Housing program presents opportunities for the adult clients to live on their own, with friends and supports as needed, if they so desire. Parents/families have peace of mind, knowing their loved ones are cared for if something should happen to them.

The ARC of Ohio in Mercer County works closely with the Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities and is also affiliated with the National ARC and ARC of Ohio, both of which advocate at higher levels for persons with disabilities.

Each generation of ARC members has had its own dreams and worked together to make them a reality. The ARC's goal is to continue to work with members to make their families' dreams become reality.

The support we receive from our local communities is very much appreciated and helps us continue to strive to meet the needs of those we serve!

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