



Impacting St. Charles Parish
with service to others



FACTS ABOUT OUR SERVICES



- We have provided services to residents of this community since 1971.
- We currently employ over 200 employees and serve over 100 St. Charles Parish Residents with intellectual and developmental delays.
- Our services are extended to:
 - Children with disabilities
 - Special needs
 - Adults
 - Elderly

VOCATIONAL SERVICES



Our programs for employment training include bead world and other activities such as shredding, lawn maintenance, and custodial work. We have ventured out into another business which is our thrift store, Cajun Village. This allows us to have a site to host not only our activities, but to have an additional work opportunity for the people that we serve.

WORK TRAINING SERVICES



- We have assisted over 75 individuals over the course of 10 years with finding employment in St. Charles Parish.
- These programs allows people with disabilities to be able to be active, contributing citizens in our community.
- This program also helps those who are physically disabled to find employment in careers that are new to them after being unemployed for years. Here's one story...



Day Program Outings



Our Day program does not only consist of work training activities, but we highly promote activities that allow our individuals to experience opportunities. These opportunities are ways for them to explore and participate in community activities they may not ever take part in. We attend activities in the community such as: Jazz Fest, Zephyrs game, and a day on airboat exploring the swamps of Hahnville.



Upstart Summer Camp



- This year the Arc of St. Charles held its first 2 week Upstart Camp, designed to help teens with disabilities learn about different job opportunities by visiting businesses and getting some hands-on experience.
 - July 18 - 22, the tours include Frank's, the Basketry and First American Bank, both in Luling, To the T Hair Salon in Destrehan, and the Council Chamber in Hahnville.
 - In the week of July 25 - 29, the tours are at the St. Charles Parish Library east branch in Destrehan, Parish Sheriff's Office in Luling, Parish Department of Parks and Recreation, the St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter in Luling and Parish EOC in Hahnville. Also, St. Charles Community Services in Destrehan will present a jobs readiness program at the Edwards Dufresne Community Center.
- "I am so grateful that the Arc of St. Charles is providing this wonderful opportunity to my sons," said Laurie Guichard of Norco, whose twin sons are in the program. "This Upstart Camp is the perfect way for Matthew and Joseph to learn about career opportunities that are available to them in this parish, despite their disability."



Agency Tours



The Arc of St. Charles still promotes fundraising from other resources. We have recently participated in tours with Valero and Norco Manufacturing Complex for the United Way Campaign.

Program Annex Upgrade



We have acquired the lease of the old Sherriff's Training Center and have moved our program administrative staff. Now our Lawn and Transportation Staff have a building of their own.

New Business Ventures



Our Bead and Shredding Departments will be moving out of Cajun Village Thrift Store into their own new location in Point Robert Shopping Center of Wade St. in Luling.

Why Do We Still Need Help?



Transportation is vital for these individuals to receive their services. Our fleet is aging and is in constant need of repairs. New additions to our fleet are severely needed.