BULLETIN

The Arc
Bay County

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A Cozy Night For You

Sip • Play • Pamper • Repeat
Join The Arc of Bay County for a fun and relaxing Ladies Night Out at Bay Valley Resort! Take a break, grab your friends, and enjoy an evening filled with bingo, pampering, wine, snacks, prizes, and good company.
📅 Friday, November 13, 2026
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
📍 Bay Valley Resort
2470 Old Bridge Road
Bay City, MI 48706
Your $25 Registration Includes:
🍷 One drink
🍿 Snacks
🎟️ Five bingo cards
🎉 A fun evening with friends and good company
The Night Includes: Bingo • Pampering Stations • Wine • Snacks • Prizes • Good Company
Want another chance to win? Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for additional drawings throughout the evening.
All proceeds help support The Arc of Bay County and its mission to promote and protect the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Gather Your Friends & register online at https://arcbc.com or call (989) 893-1346!



Members & Friends - Come for Christmas

Wednesday, December 2nd the Arc of Bay County will host Christmas dinner, dancing, Santa and entertainment at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Essexville starting at 2 PM

Everyone is welcome, this is a FREE event. RSVP to (989) 893-1346 we'll coordinate with Bay Metro Transit for those who need a ride. - New this year - we will have a sensory room

The Business of the Arc of Bay County

The Arc of Bay County Michigan advocates for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities IDD to achieve, participate, and become an integrated part of their community. In conjunction with the Arc at the State and National levels, the Arc of Bay County Michigan believes in opportunity for everyone to hope, dream, grow, and to be valued and contributing members of their communities.

Dear Members & Friends,

it's been six weeks since we launched *Friends and Neighbors*. Designed to reduce loneliness and funded in part by a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation we are partnering with others in our community and looking for activity sponsors. Please consider donating to this effort or pick a project and join us. In just these first few weeks you can see the difference that getting out and doing "something' has for a person with an intellectual disability. We started with bowling, because for years, the Arc of Bay County had a league. Drop in at Monitor Lanes on Wednesdays at 2 PM each week we're filling up more lanes. Next craft workshop is 11/17 at the Community Center and more programs are in the works as we approach the New Year!

Representative Payee Service

A 180 people rely on the Arc of Bay County to pay their basic need bills using Social Security Administrations' Rep Payee program. In exchange, each person pays us $57. In October:

- We helped 17 secure different housing
- Went to court 2x to prevent evictions
- Assisted a mother thru the birth process, NICU and foster care for her infant child
- 3 people died
- 4 people are incarcerated
- Reduced or prevented financial exploitation for numerous persons
- Connected 38 people with emergency food assistance

We made referrals to Department on Aging, Adult/Child Protective Services, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health, Guardianship Alternatives, Foster Navigation, probate court, and assisted anyone with an intellectual disability along with family, case workers and others to complete paperwork for entitlement benefits, Bridge Cards, Medicaid, and more.

End of year reminders from Karen Cramer-your Representative payee:

1-Christmas $ will be available before Thanksgiving

2-Social Security Administration will issue the cost of living increase for 2027 soon, I'm sure everyone will appreciate a few extra dollars

3-Please call if you're in the hospital, nursing home, on vacation away from home or if you're thinking of moving.

4-Call us when your case manager or others need a budget, bank statement or health insurance information. We will supply it electronically to MDHHS so you don't lose your benefits.

5-If you're ready to be your own payee, or if you want someone else to be your payee please call us and we'll guide you through the process

Educational Advocacy

Funded in part by Arc Michigan, and under contract Jan Lampman provides children, families and school staff in Bay, Arenac and Tuscola counties with educational advocacy to ensure that a student's disability is not a barrier to a free and appropriate education. This service is available for ages 0-26. To make a referral, call Michigan Alliance for Families: 1-800-552-4821
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FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

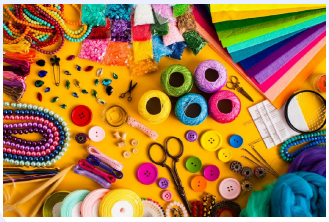
THINGS TO DO

AT NO COST TO YOU!

Bowling on Wednesdays



Monitor Lanes at 2 PM bowl three games with us sponsored in part by Civitan, people in the community and other support. RSVP to (989) 893-1346 or drop in. **Note, no bowling on 12/2 we'll all be at the Christmas Party!*



Craft Worksohp

Meet at the Community Center at 1 PM on Tuesday November 17th for a proejct guided by Marty Doring Certified Activity Professional. RSVP to (989) 893-1346

Christmas Party



Meet at the K of C Hall on Woodside Avenue in Essexville at 2 PM for Christmas dinner, DJ, activities and entertainment. This is your chance to visit with the big guy in the red suit and maybe snag a cookie! Free, RSVP to (989) 893-1346 and let us know if you need a ride.



Holiday Lights Tour

Who wants to do a holiday light tour around town, and maybe sing a carol or two? If we have enough interest, we'll set it up so give us a call (989) 893-1346

SUPPORT OUR WORK!

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DONATE ONLINE ON
GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2026!

WWW.ARCBC.COM OR (989) 893-1346

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VOLUNTEER

There's always something to do!

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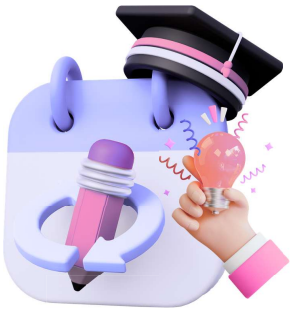
BECOME A MEMBER

Who wouldn't want to stay connected to a network that has existed for nearly 75 years? online at www.arcbc.com or Call/come by.

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DONATE ANYTIME!

Stay confident, keep moving forward, and embrace challenges.



We can't do this without YOU!