

CONSTITUTION

The Arc of Katy

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Arc of Katy.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purposes of this Association are:

1. To promote the general welfare of all people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. To foster the development of programs in their behalf.
3. To encourage research related to cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities.
4. To provide support, information and encouragement for parents, families and caretakers of people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities.
5. To develop a better public understanding of the problems of people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities.
6. To cooperate with all public and private groups, agencies or organizations in the furtherance of these ends.
7. To associate with and support financially the State and National components of the Association to promote the common cause.
8. To serve locally as a clearinghouse for information on cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities and associated problems.
9. To solicit funds for the accomplishments of the above purposes.

SECTION 2. This Association is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization. No part of any earnings shall insure to the benefit of any member, and no officer or director of the association shall receive any compensation for his services as an officer or director.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be to open all people sympathetic to the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer. There shall be at least three (3) directors. No employee of the Association may serve as an officer, director, committee member or delegate.

ARTICLE V: AREA OF ACTIVITY

This area which the Association serves lies within the boundaries indicated on a map filed with the original signed and adopted constitution. These boundaries within the State of Texas include the area served by Katy Independent School District.

ARTICLE VI: CORPORATE STANDING

This Association shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the applicable laws of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

In the event the Association is dissolved as a corporation within the State of Texas, and ceases to exist for the stated purposes, such certification and dissolution shall be filed with the Secretary of State, according to the statutes of the state for the dissolving of non-profit corporations, and all property and assets shall revert to The Arc of Texas or to an agency serving persons with mental retardation which has been granted exemption from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended, or to the state or federal government for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended with an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership present at a meeting called for the purpose. The proposed amendment shall have been certified by the board of Directors of the local Association. It shall then be presented in writing to the general membership three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.

This is the current constitution approved and adopted by the membership on _____.
(date)

(Signed) _____ (Signed) _____
President Secretary