

Who is NYSARC, Inc.?

NYSARC, Inc. is a not-for-profit voluntary organization of 57 chapters consisting of parents, friends and volunteers providing services to thousands of New York residents who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

NYSARC, Inc. has a current membership of over 62,000 individuals, families and friends.

Collectively, through its Chapters, NYSARC, Inc. employs 23,000 people and provides direct services to more than 45,000 individuals daily. NYSARC, Inc. is the largest family-based organization of its kind in the nation.



*A family-based organization
working with and for people who
have mental retardation or other
developmental disabilities.*

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Improving Your Loved One's Quality of Life

In response to the needs and concerns expressed by parents and advocates of individuals with developmental disabilities, NYSARC, Inc. established The NYSARC Trust Services and NYSARC, Inc. Community Trusts to assist individuals in safeguarding the personal and financial future of persons with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

Monies in both the Trust Service and the Community Trusts, are pooled for investment purposes and both qualify as Supplemental Needs Trusts. Each of these Trusts serves to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by providing funds that go beyond meeting the individual's basic needs.

The main purpose of a Supplemental Needs Trust is to enhance the quality of life for an individual by sheltering his or her assets, without jeopardizing the person's eligibility for government assistance programs.

The *NYSARC Trust Service* can provide assistance to families that want to make monetary or property gifts to loved ones with developmental disabilities without impairing government benefits eligibility.

The *Community Trusts* are vehicles for an individual with a disability to effectively protect personal funds without the need to count these funds as available assets for Medicaid or SSI. The funds that an individual may seek to protect might have come from an outright inheritance, an award from a lawsuit, or even a lump sum back payment from Social Security.

Regardless of the source of funding, the *Community Trusts* are available to an individual with disabilities.

Due to some federal and State regulatory requirements, an individual without a supplemental needs trust could be forced to "spend down" the majority of his/her unprotected assets to continue receiving governmental assistance. Individuals who are forced to "spend down" often do so by purchasing items that may not meet their actual needs at the moment, but saves them from losing their necessary government support.

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