

Revised Constitution and By-Laws

May 1994

CONSTITUTION

THE Arc OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC.

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be ~~The Arc of Sedgwick County, Inc.~~

The term "retarded citizens" as used herein shall include all persons with mental retardation regardless of age, degree, or type of retardation and regardless of whether or not they attend public, private, or religious schools, residential or day, or whether they reside at home or in an institution.

Article II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes of this Association are:

- a. To promote the general welfare of persons with mental retardation wherever they may be.
- b. To foster the development of programs in their behalf.
- c. To encourage research related to mental retardation.
- d. To advise and aid parents in the solution of their problems and to coordinate their efforts and activities.
- e. To develop a better understanding of the problems of mental retardation by the public.
- f. To cooperate with all public, private, religious agencies, and professional groups in the furtherance of these ends.
- g. To associate with and support financially the State and National Associations to promote the common cause.
- h. To serve locally as a clearing house for gathering and giving out information regarding persons with mental retardation.
- i. To solicit and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Section 2.

- a. This Association is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization. No part of any net earning shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual, and no officer or director of the Association shall receive any compensation for his services as an officer or director.

Article III. INCORPORATION

Section 1. This Association shall be incorporated "not for pecuniary profit" under Article 17-1701 of the Laws of the State of Kansas.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all parents, relatives, and guardians, including foster parents of children and adults with mental retardation and to other concerned individuals interested in the purposes of the Association.

Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, first vice-president, second vice-president secretary, treasurer, immediate past president and nine directors.

Directors of the Association shall be elected for three years. No director may serve more than two full consecutive terms.

No compensation shall be paid to any officer or director for any services rendered to the Association.

Section 2. The president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors shall be elected by the membership present at the annual meeting.

Article VI. AREA OF ACTIVITY

Section 1. The area which the Association intends to serve is Sedgwick County in the State of Kansas.

Article VII. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event The Arc of Sedgwick County, Inc. is dissolved as a corporation within the State of Kansas, and ceases to exist for the stated purposes, such certificate of dissolution shall be filed with the Secretary of State, according to the statutes of the state for the dissolving of non-profit corporation, and such assets as remain shall be transferred to an organization, which itself is exempt from Federal Income Tax as an organization, as described in section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or amendments thereto, as directed by the last elected Board of Directors of The Arc of Sedgwick County, Inc.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any proposed amendment, along with the date it is to be voted upon, shall be presented in writing to the entire general membership at least three weeks prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon and a two-thirds vote of members present is required for ratification.

This Constitution revised, approved and adopted by the membership on May 3, 1994.

Signed

Bruce D. Kay
President

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Allen W. Wimberly
Secretary