
Governmental Affairs Update

The Arc of New Jersey is happy to report that the full Assembly recently passed two pieces of legislation supported by our organization. This includes, A4482 which establishes a "Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Persons with Developmental Disabilities" and A4547 which requires collection and reporting of information concerning crimes against the elderly and people with disabilities. These bills will now head to the Senate where they will need to be voted on in Committee and then by the full body before they can move to the Governor's Desk for his signature or veto. The Arc of New Jersey worked closely on language with the sponsor of A4482 and should the bill be signed into law, our organization will serve as a member of the Task Force.

Additionally, the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project met with Department of Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson and senior level members of her team about the FY20 Budget and other issues impacting their lives. This was a great opportunity for Self-Advocates to use their voices with decision-makers at the Department and discuss their priorities for life in the community. In addition to the budget, Self-Advocates spoke about a number of topics including transportation and housing.