

Subject: The Arc Is Taking Legal Action to Protect Students with Disabilities

We have important news to share.

The Arc of the United States is joining a big lawsuit to stop the government from changing the U.S. Department of Education in a way that could hurt students with disabilities. This department helps protect their rights and make sure they get a fair education.

If the Department of Education is broken apart, students with disabilities might lose their right to go to school and learn. That right comes from a law called IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). Families could also lose a place to turn when schools don't follow the law.

The Arc is joining this lawsuit because education has always been one of our top priorities. For 75 years, we've worked to make sure students with disabilities can go to school, be part of their communities, and reach their goals. We helped win the first court case that made education a right for children with disabilities—and we're still fighting for that right today.

The Department of Education supports students with disabilities by:

- Making sure schools follow the law and treat students fairly
- Helping teachers learn how to support students with disabilities
- Giving families information so they know their rights

If the department can't do its job, students may lose support, be treated unfairly, and miss out on learning.

This is a big moment for The Arc and for people with disabilities. We're standing up for students, families, and self-advocates across the country.

Together, we can make sure every person with a disability has the chance to learn, grow, and feel included.

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