

REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Full Convention Rate

Includes convention bag, access to all convention sessions, exhibit hall and awards luncheon but not President's Reception

\$125.00

☐ Awards Luncheon only\$45.00

☐ President's Reception only at 6pm\$50.00

Total Due \$

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Print Name (First, M.I., Last)

Organization affiliation

Address

CityStateZip Code

Phone

E-mail

Do you have any dietary restrictions?
☐ YES ☐ NO Please specify:

Do you need a sign language interpreter?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Would you like to be added to our enewsletter mailing list?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Is this your first time attending the convention?
☐ YES ☐ NO

AFFILIATION TO THE ARC (Check all that apply):

☐ Self-Advocate☐ The Arc staff (direct support)

☐ Family member☐ Volunteer

☐ The Arc board member☐ Public official

☐ The Arc staff (executive dir.)☐ Professional in DD field

☐ The Arc staff (manager)☐ Other

REGISTRATION AND REFUND POLICY: Registration deadline is April 20, 2015. Refund requests must be received on or before 4/20. Please send your refund requests via e-mail to info@thearcmd.org. A processing fee will apply. No refunds will be given after this date and for no-shows. Direct support staff registration fee will NOT be waived.

8:00 AM — 8:30 AM	Registration, continental breakfast, and exhibit hall (open until 5pm)
9:30 AM — 11 AM	Welcome and Plenary
11:30 AM — 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon
2:00 PM — 3:15 PM	Breakouts (I)
3:30 PM — 4:45 PM	Breakouts (II)
5:00 PM — 6:00 PM	The Arc Maryland Annual Meeting
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM	President's Reception

REGISTER

By Mail
The Arc Maryland
Attn: Convention Registration
P.O. Box 1747
Annapolis, MD 21404-1747

Fax
410-974-6021

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Pay online at www.thearcmd.org

☐ My check or money order is enclosed and made payable to The Arc Maryland.

☐ I authorize The Arc to collect my registration fee through ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date: 3-digit code:

Name as it appears on credit card:

Authorized Signature:

ABOUT THE HOTEL

BWI Airport Marriott Hotel
1743 W Nursery Rd
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
(410) 859-8300

Contact Hotel for Room Reservations



2015 State Convention
Registration Form



Friday, May 1, 2015 | 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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PLENARY SESSION

Mary P. Sowers, Director of Special Projects at NASDDDS



Mary Sowers has extensive experience in Medicaid home and community-based services and supports for individuals with disabilities and individuals who are aging. Mary joined the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) in 2014 and works with states on the HCBS programs. Prior to joining NASDDDS, Ms. Sowers provided consultation to state governments on home and community-based services in her previous role with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting. Prior to joining Mercer, Mary held senior positions with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG). During her more than 6 years at CMS, Mary held various roles including Technical Director for Home and Community-Based Services, Division Director for Community and Institutional Services, and Senior Policy Advisor for DEHPG. Ms. Sowers developed policy, regulations and tools on waivers and demonstrations and provided technical assistance and support to CMS leadership and staff nationally. Before joining CMS, Mary led Maryland's efforts around home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). In that role, she managed two waivers serving more than 10,000 individuals, served as primary legislative contact on ID/DD issues for the department, and led stakeholder input and advisory efforts, with a focus on building partnerships with self-advocates and families.

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EXHIBIT HALL

From databases and assistive technology to funds management and consultants, we'll have exhibitors you will want to meet from 8 am –5 pm. Plan time to consider what they offer that could help you now or in the future.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Arc Maryland President Richard Dean welcomes convention attendees to the Awards Luncheon and ceremony. Awards include recognition of volunteers, advocates, staff, and community partners. *Registration for lunch only is available.*



Special keynote speaker Shaun Bickley is an autistic self-advocate who works for Texas Advocates, a self-advocate organization partnered with The Arc of Texas. He travels around Texas training adults with I/DD in self-advocacy and representing Texas Advocates' public policy positions. He was a plenary speaker at The Arc's 2014 National Convention.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 2:00 PM—3:15 PM**
- (I) Legislative Session 2015 Wrap-Up
 - (II) Children's Issues: Early Childhood Education and Child Care
 - (III) Self-Advocacy: How we get our rights!
 - (IV) Self-Directed Supports by Families and Individuals
- 3:30 PM—4:45 PM**
- (I) Law Enforcement: Disability Response Team Training
 - (II) DDA Waiver: Changes and Opportunities
 - (III) Transitioning Youth: Higher Education
 - (IV) Employment First

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

All members and voting delegates are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to hear about the work of The Arc Maryland and elect officers and members to the board of directors. Delegates **MUST** be credentialed to vote one hour prior to the Annual Meeting. Credentialing takes place at the registration desk.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Local and state chapter volunteers are honored at this reception that follows the convention from 6 pm– 8 pm. A separate registration fee provides you refreshments and heavy hors d'oeuvres.