

The Arc of Frederick County is in full support of HB1244, on the establishment of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council. It is very critical that there is a member from The Arc Maryland as well as MACS (Maryland Association of Community Services) on the council. The Arc Maryland and MACS are two-fifths of the Developmental Disabilities Coalition, which by including this representation, the voices of provider agencies and their operational issues will be heard. The Arc is an established, trusted partner of individuals, family members, and vested partners who give voice to people with disabilities and have lead systems advocacy and implementation. The Arc has extensive knowledge on individuals with developmental disabilities and can speak on behalf of all viewpoints and perspectives in their services.