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The Arc Invited to the White House for High Level Briefings & To Advocate for People with Disabilities



[Aberdeen] On February 10, 2012, Shawn Kros, Executive Director at The Arc and Nancy Brugh, Board President, joined 150 leaders of The Arc from across the country to attend a White House Community Leaders Briefing. Over the course of the day, leaders of chapters of The Arc, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), were briefed by high level White House and Administrative officials on topics ranging from Medicaid to education to community living and employment for people with I/DD. Leaders also had the chance to engage with and ask questions of these officials, as well as verse them about how government policies affect the lives of people with I/DD and impact their ability to live full and independent lives.

Shawn Kros adds, *“This event was a unique face-to-face opportunity for us to speak directly to people in key positions to make change and advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

We also appreciate this day-long event just weeks before Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, which is in March.”

Caption: (Left to Right): Shawn Kros, Arc Executive Director and Nancy Brugh, Board President, advocate for people with disabilities at the White House).

The Arc offers a wide variety of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, both children and adults, in Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, to make informed choices with their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends.