



*Achieve with us.*

**For Immediate Release**

**September 5, 2014**

**Contact: Andrea Lynn, Events & Marketing Manager**

[alynn@arcncr.org](mailto:alynn@arcncr.org), (410) 836-7177

***Thank you, Direct Support Professionals!***

**[Aberdeen, MD]** September 5, 2014 – The week of September 7 – 13 is a time of celebration at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region (The Arc NCR): it is Direct Support Professional Recognition Week, and a chance to thank hard-working staff. The week includes an appreciation cookout where directors will cook a meal for their employees.

“We have an amazing team of dedicated Direct Support staff,” says Shawn Kros, Executive Director at The Arc NCR. “They work tirelessly 365 days a year to better the lives of the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities we support – we are grateful for the sacrifices they make to help others.”

Direct Support Professional Recognition Week is part of the American Network of Community Options and Resources’ (ANCOR) National Advocacy Campaign, whose mission it is to enhance the lives of all people with disabilities who rely on long-term supports and services by obtaining the resources to recruit, train and retain a highly qualified and sustainable workforce. This is the seventh consecutive year the U.S. Senate has approved a resolution designating the week, which begins this year on September 7, as National Direct Support Recognition Week.

####

About [The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region](http://www.arcncr.org): For sixty-one years, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has helped people with intellectual and developmental disabilities build better lives by providing support services and advocacy to adults and children and their families in Harford and Cecil Counties. For more information, call 410-836-7177 or visit [www.arcncr.org](http://www.arcncr.org).