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Sue Rattman Awarded
Comcast Parent Involvement Award for Harford County

[ABERDEEN, MD] – Sue Rattman, a Family Support Services Specialist at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, was one of six semi-finalists for the Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award and has been selected to be the Harford County winner. Sue was honored at a dinner in Annapolis along with the winners from each county.



The award program is the first of its kind in the nation. A collaboration between the Maryland State Department of Education and Comcast resulted in an awards program that recognizes parents, guardians and parent groups for their exceptional work in support of Maryland public education. Parents from across the state were nominated for demonstrating significant, positive impact on public education in their communities.

Sue has been tireless in her efforts to create partnerships and opportunities to achieve full inclusion for students and families in Harford County. Sue created the Educational Partnership Initiative (EPI) for parents of students receiving special education services. Through a series of training sessions and events, parents gain knowledge, practice skills, and build self-confidence that will help them become equal partners with the school system and an effective advocate for their children. The program has been so successful in Harford County that it is being replicated in Cecil County.

"Sue has been an inspiration to many families in advocating for their child's needs. The partnership she has fostered with HCPS is commendable. Sue works diligently to balance the needs of the students and their families within public education and never loses sight of the individual student in her advocacy," says Ann-Marie P. Spakowski Director of Special Education, Harford County Public Schools.

For more than fifty years, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has helped people with developmental disabilities build better lives one person at a time. The Arc offers a wide variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, both children and adults, to make informed choices in their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends. Sketch by permission of Martha Perske.

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