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The Arc Alliance, Founded December 14, 1951, by eight concerned parents, is a leading proponent of the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

In the early years the agency was known as The Arc of Montgomery County. Since then, The Arc Alliance experienced continued growth and now covers Montgomery, Berks & Bucks Counties as well as parts of other surrounding counties.

During its proud history, The Arc Alliance has added to its community education activities, early intervention services and individual advocacy functions, personal services that offer individual assistance with money Management, social, health and life decisions.

The Arc Alliance's volunteers, members and staff envision a society in which all people have the opportunities to enjoy living in communities, develop meaningful relationships, work, pray and play together with appropriate services and supports.

The Arc Alliance mission is to support individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, other disabilities, and their families, by providing exceptional personal services, support and training; inspiring hope, potential, and well-being; ensuring valued life experiences and treatment expected by all people.

Today The Arc Alliance is comprised of a family of agencies consisting of **The Arc Alliance Children's Services**, **The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services** and **The Arc Alliance Foundation**.



The Arc Alliance Children's Services with 50 full-time staff and over 100 independent contractors' support more than 1,500 children per year and provides family support groups and community events serving over 300 families.

The Arc Alliance Children's Services provide early intervention services for Montgomery, Berks, Bucks as well as parts of Chester county and Philadelphia in the following areas;

- **Education**
- **Speech Language and Communication Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Social Work Services**
- **Various Behavioral Approaches**
- **DIR® Services**
- **Hearing Support Services**



The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services with 8 staff members serves Montgomery, Berks, Bucks counties. The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services works with over 300 families and individuals offering information and support in securing or maintaining individual rights in the following categories:

- **Supports Coordination**
- **Children and adult specialized services**
- **Special Education & Early Intervention plans**
- **Community-based MH/MR services**
- **Waiver Programs and Compliance Issues**
- **Residential Issues and Concerns**
- **Prioritization and Urgency Need for Service Review (PUNS)**
- **Vocational and Employment Issues**
- **Government Benefits & Entitlements**
- **Legal guardianship & Power of Attorney**
- **Money Management**
- **Behavioral Health Issues**
- **Training & Facilitation of Parent Groups**
- **Financial Planning**
- **System-Wide Program & Service Review**



The Arc Alliance Foundation works to generate private and public funding for **The Arc Alliance Children's Services** and **The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services**.

The Foundation's mission is to build a strong, financial base so The Arc Alliance can improve and expand its services as well as provide individual support to families in need.



The Foundation works diligently to secure benefactors to generate financial support through endowment funds, corporate grants, planned giving and other long-term financial commitments which will allow **The Arc Alliance Children's Services** and **The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services** to expand and improve their services beyond what may be available through governmental funding.

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The Arc Alliance Fact Sheet

WHO: [The Arc Alliance](#)

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Paul Stengle, CEO

Bio attached

WHAT: Founded December 14, 1951, by eight concerned parents, The Arc Alliance is a leading proponent of the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The Arc Alliance has been creating life-changing solutions for individuals with disabilities for over 60 years. Whether helping someone improve physical mobility or simply gain greater independence in their everyday lives, The Arc Alliance programs and services gives families the help they need and the hope for a more independent future.

The Arc Alliance mission is to secure for all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities or delays the opportunity to realize their goal and right of self-determination. Providing the common rights of deciding where and how they will learn, live, work and play.

The Arc Alliance is comprised of **The Arc Alliance Children's Services, The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services and The Arc Alliance Foundation.**

Annually, The Arc Alliance provides direct support and services to over 3,100 children and adults with disabilities. In one year, staff spends in excess of 78,083 hours of direct contact with those we serve.



Paul Stengle became involved in the disability movement in 1968 when he began to volunteer at Western Center working in a peer support group where teenagers from the community went to Western Center and participated in a peer support group. In 1969 a member of his church asked Paul Stengle if he wanted to work in developing a group home for children who resided at Western Center. Paul Stengle jumped at the opportunity and in 1970 eight young children from Western Center were placed in the Idlewood Children's Center located in Carnegie, Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh. Paul Stengle continued his volunteer work at Idelwood Children's Center through his high school graduation, and because of his work was offered a full time job as a child care aide shortly after his graduation. Paul took the position and started his professional career of an advocate for persons with disability. In 1975 Paul Stengle was hired as the first case manager for the shelter's mental health/mental retardation center and worked with administration to secure accreditation by the Joint Commission of the Accreditation for Hospitals. Even though Paul secured full time employment he continued to work part time in residential programs for persons with mental retardation through 1980 when he acquired the position of Director of Cumberland-Perry Association for Retarded Citizens Residential Program. In that capacity he took considerable pride in development of community based programs for children with mental retardation. In 1986 he acquired the position as Executive Director of The Arc of Montgomery County which is now The Arc of Montgomery, Berks & Bucks Counties. During his 22 years at this agency he increased the number of children served annually from 100 to over 1300. When he came to The Arc of Montgomery County, all the children were served in a segregated setting. By 1991 all services provided were in natural settings.

During Paul's professional career he has always been extremely active in volunteering his time. Some of his volunteer activities over the last year include: member of the Early Intervention Coalition; President of Parent-to-Parent; member of Representative O'Brien's EI Stakeholders meetings; member of the Pennsylvania Waiting List Campaign; Founding member of Direct Care Partnership; Founding member of the Community Advocacy Coalition; Past Board member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities; past Vice President of the Montgomery County MR Providers Association; past President of The Arc Community Trust of Pennsylvania; past Board member of the Patrician Society; past Board member and Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Rehab Facilities; and past Co-Chairperson of the Transition Team on Human Service Task Force of Montgomery County.

Paul Stengle became a member of the Pennsylvania State Interagency Coordinating Council in 1999 through June 5, 2008. As a member of the Pennsylvania State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) he chaired the Continuous Quality Monitoring Committee of the SICC and served on numerous committees of the SICC. He is presently President of the Pennsylvania Conference of Executives of The Arc. He is presently a member of the Executive Committee of The Arc of Pennsylvania. He was past Board member of DRM, previously the Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy Incorporated.

Paul Stengle not only is involved in leadership roles and numerous non-profits over his 39 years of working on behalf of children with disability, he is also active in direct work with parents. He runs a father group on Saturday mornings; he still attends IEP meetings as an advocate; and he is literally available 24/7 to the parents of children with disabilities who are in crisis.

Paul Stengle's commitment goes well beyond a professional and personal commitment. He also has been willing to be the guardian for two developmentally disabled individuals.

In 1993 Paul Stengle became the proud father of Harrison Stengle who is a child on the PDD spectrum who has dyslexia and auditory processing difficulty, as speech and language difficulties, as well as fine motor difficulties. Paul Stengle advocated for fair inclusion of his son in a regular curriculum, and since third grade he has been fully included in regular education and is presently a high honor student in the Boyertown School District.

Paul Stengle's commitment to early intervention and children with disabilities resulted because of his exposure to state children at Western Center. He also clearly knew as a child that he was different and in college went through a battery of psychological tests that indicated that he had Attention Deficit Disorder, dyslexia, and short term memory problem. He understood what it meant to struggle in the educational system and not have supports to overcome his disabilities. Because of his concern for children being institutionalized and his own personal experience he became an advocate to see that children receive appropriate supports in inclusive settings.