

About Coarc

Coarc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are the Columbia County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., which is America's largest nonprofit organization supporting people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families since 1949. NYSARC is the New York State Chapter of The Arc.

Our Mission

To expand abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals.

Our Vision

To be an ethical organization that is a part of a society that recognizes people with different degrees of abilities as full contributing members of their community.



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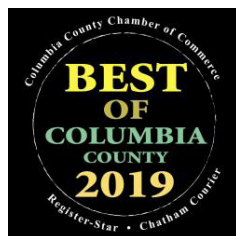


Our Services

Advocacy
Prevocational and Vocational Services
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Clinical Services
Community Habilitation
Self-Direction Services
Employment Services
Guardianship Services
Recreation Opportunities
Residential Services
Respite Services
Supportive Community Services
The Starting Place Preschool
& Day Care
Traumatic Brain Injury Services

Support Our Related Businesses

Tradewinds Gift Shop, 409 Warren St., Hudson
Coarc Contract Manufacturing, 630 Route 217,
Mellenville



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Expanding abilities in Columbia County, NY, since 1965. Supporting over 400 people with disabilities to achieve their individual goals, one person at a time.

A Message from the Chief Executive Officer



If one were to ask the question, “What is important to you?” you’d likely get a wide variety of answers. Sure, there might be some common themes, like Family and Friends. But, what if twenty or thirty percent of the answers you received came from people with disabilities? Would you be able to determine which answers came from people with disabilities? The answer is probably no. That is because what is important to people with disabilities is the same as it is for everyone else. The answer might be “work,” or a place they can call “home,” or being “healthy,” or going to church or out to eat, for example. The challenge for Coarc and what we strive to do, is to listen to the people we support so we know what’s important to them and then help them fill their lives with those things.

This annual report is full of stories of things that are important to people. As you read them, ask yourself how many of them would apply to you or other people you know. The answer might surprise you.

Kenneth R. Stall
Chief Executive Officer

A Message from the President



This year, we celebrate accomplishments. In 2019, people continued to reach their own milestones: dream vacations, progress at school, sharing a life through a Commitment Ceremony, and excelling in the workplace. Others enjoyed the steadiness of routine and experienced happiness and self-fulfillment. What matters most is that each and every person Coarc supports realizes what is important to them. Each person directs their own path, with the support of family, friends and amazing, dedicated Coarc staff.

In 2019, Coarc celebrated many successes. Two I would like to acknowledge are, Coarc’s new, innovative Junior DSP (Direct Support Professional) Program which offers high school students the opportunity to experience the Human Services field. Additionally, Coarc was awarded Blue Shield of Northeastern New York’s highly competitive Blue Fund grant. This grant allows Coarc to enhance workforce trainings and create a career ladder program. I commend all the staff that were a part of the creation and development of both successes.

After 54 years, we hold true to our mission of expanding opportunities one person at a time.

Mary Anne VanDenburgh
President
Coarc Board of Directors



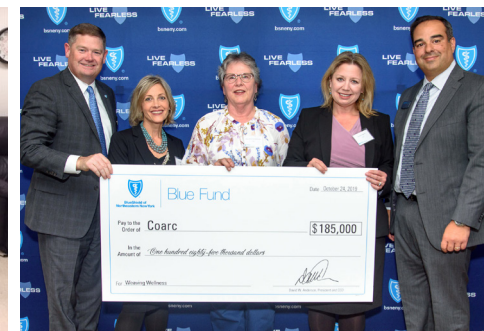
Day Habilitation Without Walls



The Starting Place Day Care



Cardinal Hall Day Habilitation



Blue Fund Grant Recipients



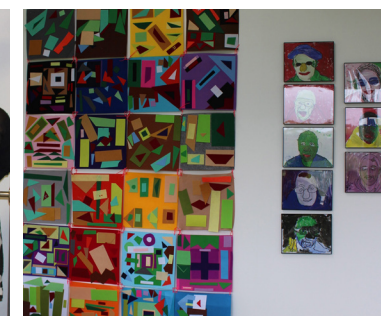
Self-Direction Services



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Fusion Day Habilitation



Art Omi 2019 Art Show

Betty Ann & Tommy

Betty Ann and Tommy have been together for years and dreamed of formalizing their relationship. In February 2019, their dream became a reality. With help from Direct Support Professionals, Nancy Kohler, Shannon Frick and Brigitte VanNess, Betty Ann and Tommy had a commitment ceremony attended by many family and friends at a beautiful venue.



An Elvis impersonator led the ceremony, in nods to the couple's love of Elvis Presley. Staff volunteered time to make the day special; assisting with hair and make-up, crafting invitations, baking a beautiful cake and cooking a homemade spaghetti and meatball dinner.

Betty Ann and Tommy shared their first dance to "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You." Betty Ann said, "it was the most wonderful night of her life." The couple then enjoyed a honeymoon in Niagara Falls. We wish them a lifetime of joy and happiness.



Voter Registration Day

The For Ourselves Self-Advocate group and President Mark Harris hosted a non-partisan voter registration drive in July as part of Disability Rights New York Voter Registration Week. Register! Educate! Vote! Use Your Power! The registration drive was a success with over 30 new voters set to go for the election in the fall.

Paul

Paul set a goal to save and budget his money to be able to afford a two-week vacation at his favorite place, Stony Creek Ranch Resort. Throughout the year, Paul worked very hard to accomplish this goal, saving his money, putting extra hours in at work, and his dream came true. When asked what he liked most about his trip, he stated, "I liked to help feed and brush the horses, and I just liked being with all of the people at the ranch." Paul enjoyed his fall vacation so much that he has begun to save for his next trip.



Peter

Peter was chosen as the recipient of the 2019 NYSID Joslin Outstanding Performance Award. Peter has worked as an Assembler and Packer at Coarc's manufacturing facility for 19 years. Peter's co-workers say he is always willing to try new things and help others. He is a very dedicated employee. Peter has an amazing work ethic. He works at Coarc Monday through Friday and then works at the local Price Chopper on weekends. When asked how it felt to win this award, Peter said, "I was very excited. I was very happy. I am very proud." NYSID employment opportunities have provided Peter with a sense of independence and accomplishment. Congratulations, Peter, on a job well done! ,



Jr. DSP Program

In 2019, Coarc developed an innovative new program offering High School students the opportunity to learn about the field of Human Services and future career opportunities. Jr. DSPs work in Coarc's Residential and Day Habilitation programs, helping individuals engage in their communities. Samantha works at Coarc's Taghkanic residence and will be continuing her education in the Nursing field. When asked about her experiences at Coarc, Samantha said, "if you are interested in going into the medical field or human services, you can learn so much. I have enjoyed helping people, I have learned that people have differences, and I love being at the house."



Reagan

Reagan is a very sweet and happy little girl. When she began at The Starting Place, she was unable to use verbal language and had difficulties following a classroom routine, interacting and engaging in play activities. In Miss Allison's classroom, Reagan received speech therapy, occupational therapy and academic support. Reagan now speaks in full sentences, writes her name, follows directions and interacts with her peers. She has a great sense of humor and enjoys being silly with her friends. She is also a great helper in the classroom. Everyone at The Starting Place is grateful to have the opportunity to work with Reagan and will wish her well on her journey to the big school.

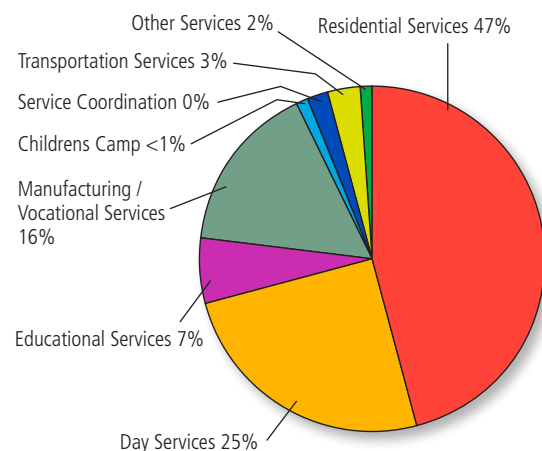




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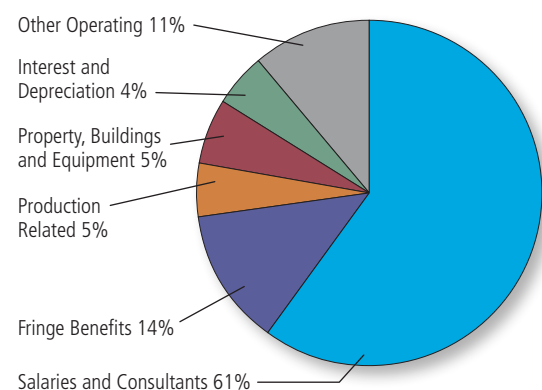
2019 Coarc Financials

Income by Program Services



	Amount	%
Residential Services	10,736,516	47%
Day Services	5,650,473	25%
Educational Services	1,541,932	7%
Manufacturing/Vocational Services	3,565,253	16%
Childrens Camp	73,644	<1%
Service Coordination	-	0%
Transportation Services	758,931	3%
Other Services	441,371	2%
Total	22,768,120	100%

Expenses by Category



	Amount	%
Salaries and Consultants	13,667,613	61%
Fringe Benefits	3,184,450	14%
Production Related	996,658	5%
Property, Buildings and Equipment	1,209,230	5%
Interest and Depreciation	966,884	4%
Other Operating	2,465,065	11%
Total	22,489,900	100%

Coarc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the Columbia County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. We are supported through state and federal funding and by our members, donors, and foundations.

New Event Dates

Join Us for Our Annual Membership Meeting
on Monday, August 17th at 6:00PM

Cardinal Hall, 350 Fairview Avenue, Hudson NY



2019 Coarc Scholarship Winners



Save the New Date

The Gerald J. Dieffenbach Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Copake Country Club

44 Golf Course Road, Copake Lake, New York

Enjoy a round of golf and support Coarc programs and services.