

Dear Staff:

The upcoming weeks will be difficult. As the federal, state and local governments provide us with guidance on the Coronavirus, The Arc Sullivan-Orange Counties will continue to promote our mission with the safety and well-being of the people we support, the staff and the community as a guiding principle.

As a provider of supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The Arc Sullivan-Orange Counties is not in a position to close and abandon the people we support. The people we support depend on dedicated staff to assist them with a variety of activities of daily living, medical needs and for reassurance at this difficult time.

We know the current challenges impact each and every one of you. Staff are concerned about preventative measures, school closures and childcare, obtaining essentials for your own households and remaining healthy. We get it and we are with you. We had finalized a more aggressive reduction in day hab services but it was not supported by OPWDD directives. We consistently monitor updates by OPWDD and will act accordingly. As soon as these decisions are made, we will communicate them to you using broadcast, our website, or social media.

As we navigate these difficult times, we pledge to keep the lines of communication open and to be as flexible as possible. We ask for your patience and continued dedication to those receiving supports and services.

Sincerely,



J. Richard Schwartz  
Executive Director

*Achieve with us.*