



WHAT IS ARC ?

Advocacy Resource Center Marion, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that has been helping people develop their abilities since 1959. Advocacy Resource Center Marion, Inc. is a multi-service agency that provides a full range of support programs to hundreds of persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities throughout Marion County, Florida.

The following are services that the Advocacy Resource Center Marion, Inc. provides.

Life Skills Development/Adult Day Training: Our ADT program provides a meaningful day program including employment through contracted work with manufacturers in the community, training in the activities of daily living, adaptive skills and social skills. All activities stress independence and self-advocacy in settings that are age and culturally appropriate.

Residential Habilitation/Group Homes: Group homes provide supervision and specific training activities that assist the recipient to acquire, maintain, or improve skills related to activities of daily living. The service focuses on personal hygiene skills, homemaking skills, and social and adaptive skills that enable the recipient to reside in the community.

Early Intervention Program: The EIP offers play-based pre-school curriculum, physical, speech and occupational therapies and other support for youngsters' birth to three years of age who have been identified as developmentally delayed. The goal is prepare these toddlers to be mainstreamed into public school classrooms.

THE FOUR LETTERS OF SUCCESS

By Anna V.

Matthew is a blue eyed charmer. He can light up any room with his dashing smile. He loves to socialize with staff and his peers. Matthew has many friends here at ADT. Matthew has a small vocabulary that consists of: mama, marry me, Matt, yep and "A".

One day I was running Matthew's program to go for a daily walk. I asked him "Matt are you ready to go for a walk?". He looked at me with those big blue eyes, and threw his right arm in the air and yelled "Walk!!!" several times. Matthew only has one volume and it's usually pretty loud, especially when he is excited. We were so excited that he said "walk". All of the staff in the room clapped and told him what a great job he did. He beamed ear to ear with that dashing smile of his. He was so proud and really enjoyed the extra praise.



SAVE THE DATE

1st Annual

Corn Hole Competition

October 13th, 2018

Florida Feast

October 18th, 2018

Corks & Canvas

January 24th, 2019

Marion Motor Fest

February 9th, 2019



Matthew



Mrs. Lurie and her son Josh, who is enjoying the new computers

COMPUTER CONSUMER

Josh is one of our many clients here at ARC Marion that enjoys utilizing the computer lab in our ADT program here on campus. Over the past several years, clients like Josh, have successfully used the computer lab to open up worlds far beyond their own imaginations. Some of our nonverbal clients have discovered ways to get their words out on paper by being able to type and print out their thoughts. This provides them with such a feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment! In order for our clients to keep up with the demanding world of technology, Mrs. Lurie graciously gifted the computer lab with 5 brand new, additional computers along with new printers and software!!! We can't thank you enough, our clients can continue to grow and let their abilities flourish in the technological realm!



Lori using the computers

Robert explores new opportunities



HEALING HEART

By Yvonne Z

On July 6, 2018 ARC clients attended a gallery opening as part of the Healing Heart exhibit. Sebrena A., Kevin L., Roberto V. and Rhonda B. created paintings that were displayed at the Brick City Center for the Arts. This exhibit is an annual event that highlights art from organizations that have a therapeutic art program in the Ocala area. Each painting had a short explanation from the artist that described their painting or how art positively impacted their lives. At the gallery opening celebration, artists had snacks and "mock tails" while interacting with fellow artists and art patrons.

Special thanks to Ms. Lois Letourneau, ARC art teacher, for encouraging and supporting the artists.



Kevin explains to an art collector what his art means to him.

