



About the Arc

The Arc is a private, not for profit association which has been serving individuals with disabilities and their families for 60 years. Founded in 1947 by parents of children with disabilities, The Arc has been, and continues to be, a consumer and family driven organization. The Arc is multi-service agency dedicated to:

- *promoting and advocating for the rights and welfare of individuals with disabilities and their families*
- *providing early intervention to assist infants and children with developmental delays in developing their full potential*
- *assisting families of individuals with disabilities by providing support and resources to build on their strengths and help them face challenges*
- *assisting individuals with disabilities, through quality programs and services, in realizing the full potential of their personalities and talents*
- *Preventing disabilities through public education, advocacy and support for research*

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SPECIAL QUEST



Recreation Program



*Of Bergen and
Passaic Counties*



What is Special Quest?

Special Quest is an innovative community based recreation program for children with Autism.

The after school program offers a variety of community based recreational activities, such as swimming, gymnastics, art and field trips.

The after school program operates three days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00pm—5:00pm.



Program Design

Special Quest is unique in that it offers a very intensive staff to child ratio. Staff work with children on a one to one and one to two basis.

Staff ensure that the techniques and interventions, including Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), that are effectively utilized in school for each child, are also utilized in the after school program, thereby offering each child the opportunity for success.

Staff follow, or shadow, the children as they participate in each activity, providing training, assistance and intervention as needed.



Staff

The program is supervised by a Program Coordinator who has experience with children with Autism and with ABA techniques. An Assistant Coordinator is available to assume the responsibilities of the coordinator in his/her absence. Many of our community sites provide specific skill instruction related to the designated activity.

Program aides are college students and other individuals interested in learning about Autism and working with children. The program is a wonderful opportunity to develop skills and experience in the field of developmental disabilities.

Staff Training

Aides receive training in Developmental Disabilities, Autism, CPR/First Aide and ABA Techniques. Lectures given by prominent professionals in psychology and special education are offered. Aides are assigned to children on a one to one and one to two basis and receive training in the unique methods and techniques that work best with the individual child.