



To: The Arc's Chapter Representatives
From: Elise Mc Millan, President
Date: September 12, 2018
Re: Board Recommendations Regarding Position Statements

Over the past year, The Arc Board revised two position statements that had been reviewed and determined in need of revision. The Policy and Positions Committee is chaired by Board Member Fred Misilo from Massachusetts. The Committee worked through work groups and as a full committee on the two position statements. The Committee worked diligently to review the existing position statements; prepared revised drafts; requested input from various advisory bodies within The Arc; distributed proposed revisions to chapters for input, comments, and suggestions; reviewed and considered the comments; and made final recommendations to the Board of Directors for revisions to the two position statements: Education and Self-Determination.

During The Arc Board of Directors' meeting on April 22, 2018, the Board reviewed the proposed changes to the position statements to be presented to chapter representatives for action during the Annual Business Meeting. The Board, after careful and thorough review of the proposed changes by the Committee, supports passage of the proposed revisions to the position statements on:

- Education
- Self-Determination

During The Arc's 2018 National Convention on Friday, November 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., there will be a listening session, ***Position Statement Listening Session***, which will provide an opportunity for discussion of the position statements to be voted on at the business meeting (starting at 1:30 p.m.). The session will also provide an opportunity for initial recommendations to the Committee on issues to consider in the next round (2019-20) of position statement review.

Please join me in commending the outstanding work of the Policy and Positions Committee and The Arc staff.

In the event you have any questions about The Arc's position statement process, or the content of these statements, feel free to contact me at elise.d.mcmillan@gmail.com. Or you may contact Policy and Positions Committee Chair, Fred Misilo at fmisilo@fletchertilton.com, or staff, Marty Ford at ford@thearc.org.