

## Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service

THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE USED FOR COMMON CARRIER PASSENGER SERVICE WHEN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION ON A NONEXCLUSIVE, ADVANCE RESERVATION BASIS.

1. **Legal Name of Applicant** (Individual, Partnership or Corporation)

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton  
Counties, Inc.

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- If you are an individual who has not formed any type of corporate entity, you should enter your name **as it will appear on your insurance documents**.
- If you are filing for a partnership, but **not a limited liability partnership**, the names of all partners must be entered on this line. Those names should be entered **as they will appear on your insurance documents**. This includes husbands and wives filing jointly.
- If you are filing for a corporate entity (corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership), **even if you are the sole shareholder member**, you must enter the name **exactly as it appears on the registration papers from the Corporation Bureau of the Pennsylvania Department of State**.

2. **Trade Name** (Attach a copy of fictitious name registration if applicable)

N/A

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This is any name which you will be operating under which differs from the **LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT**. A **TRADE NAME** is considered a **FICTITIOUS NAME** if the identity of the applicant cannot be readily determined. *EXAMPLE: John Doe is the applicant and wants to use the name "Johnboy Vans" as his trade name. People cannot readily determine that John Doe is the actual operator; therefore, the name is fictitious and must be registered as such. Trade names such as "John Doe Vans" or "J. Doe Vans" are not considered fictitious and would not have to be registered.*

3. **Do you currently hold PUC Authority?**  NO **Previous Authority?**  NO

If YES, at PUC No. A- \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Are you a business entity registered with the PA Dept. of State?**  NO

If NO, you must register (see checklist on how to register)

If YES, provide your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number 724578

(See checklist and indicate type of business entity registered)

5. **If either a corporation or limited liability company, please list members (LLC) or shareholders and officers (corporation).**

See Attached

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_____	_____
_____	_____

6. **Mailing Address**

2289 Avenue

Street Address

Bethlehem, PA

18017

City, State and Zip Code

Northampton

County

610-849-80  
76

Telephone Number

sadams@arcoflehighbarnhampton.org

E-mail Address

*This is the e-mail address to which the Commission will send all official documents issued by the Commission until further notice.*

7. **Physical Address** (If different than mailing address. Do not use a post office box.)

Same as  
above

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

County

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The address entered here should reflect the actual location of the business. This is the address the Commission needs in order to dispatch Enforcement Officers to inspect equipment. If left blank, it will be assumed that the **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** is the same as the **MAILING ADDRESS**

8. **Attorney** (if applicable)

N/A

Attorney's Name & Telephone Number for this Filing

Attorney's Address

E-mail Address

An attorney's name should only be entered if an attorney is filing the application for a client and the application is being sent under the attorney's cover letter.

9. **Does applicant have a USDOT Number?**

No  Yes, at No. \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Describe the service area proposed by this application.**  
(Use the space below or attach additional sheet if space provided is not sufficient).

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Transport individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism between points in Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

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*Examples:*

- *To transport people whose personal convictions prevent them from owning or operating motor vehicles from points in Lancaster County to points in PA, and return.*
- *To transport people from the city and county of Philadelphia to correctional facilities in PA, and return.*
- *To transport people in wheelchair and stretcher vans from points in the city of Pittsburgh to points in Allegheny County, and return.*
- *To transport people between points in Northumberland County.*

**11. Certification:**

Applicant certifies that it is not now engaged in unauthorized intrastate transportation for compensation between points in Pennsylvania and will not engage in said transportation unless and until authorization is received from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Applicant further certifies that it understands the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, especially as they relate to safety and insurance and that it may be subject to civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the Certificate for failure to comply with Commission requirements.

Applicant further certifies that it understands that it is subject to an annual assessment based upon its reported gross Pennsylvania intrastate revenues; said assessment to help defray expenses incurred in regulating Motor Common Carriers of Persons in Paratransit Service; and acknowledges that failure to report revenue and pay its annual assessment may result in civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the certificate.


## Verification of Application

I/We hereby state that the statement(s) made in this application is/are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Shane  
Adams

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

4/6/2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

The verification of the application must be completed by the applicant appearing on Line 1 of the application by the named individual, all partners if a partnership, a member (if a limited liability company), or by the President or Secretary (if a corporation).

# VERIFIED STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE APPLICANT'S FITNESS TO OPERATE. STATEMENTS SHOULD BE TYPED OR PRINTED. ILLEGIBLE STATEMENTS WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATION.

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.

Legal Name of Applicant			
Trade Name, if any			
2289 Avenue A	Bethlehem	PA	18017
Street Address (principal place of business)	City or Municipality	State	Zip Code

The Verified Statement of the Applicant factual details about your proposed transportation service. Your Verified Statement must answer all of the items listed below and on the following pages. Provide as much information as possible to prevent delay in processing your application. If you need more space to provide your answer, please attach additional pages identifying the appropriate item number.

1. Identify the person making the Verified Statement on behalf of the applicant. If an employee/officer of applicant is making the statement, give name, title, business address and telephone number.

Shane Adans  
 Director of Compliance and Quality Improvement  
 2289 Avenue A Bethlehem, PA 18017  
 610-849-8076 ext 315

2. List the applicant's affiliation (owner, manager, controls) with any other carrier, with the description of affiliation.

N/A

3. Describe the applicant's business experience, particularly any experience relating to the operation of a transportation service. If practical experience is lacking, please provide an explanation and description of any education or training that you believe may be relevant.

Currently transporting individuals in the community for activities and volunteer opportunities.

4. Describe your facilities, record maintenance plan and your communication network. Please include a description of your physical location, to including office machines that will be utilized, and the facility to house vehicles. As a carrier of household goods in use, applicant should include a description of storage facilities, if applicable. Please include an explanation of your plan to maintain records required by the PUC, as well as normal business records. In regard to your communication network, please explain how you will receive customer requests for transportation, how you will dispatch the vehicles to fulfill the request, and how you will maintain continuous communication with your drivers.

See attachment Q4

5. Please state the number of drivers you intend to use or hire in your business and explain why that number of drivers is appropriate for the size of the territory you will be serving. In addition, please explain:
- a. Your hiring standards for drivers;
  - b. Your system for conducting criminal background checks;
  - c. Your driver training program;
  - d. Your system for conducting driver license checks;
  - e. Your policies regarding alcohol and drug use by your drivers.

See attachment Q5

6. Please state the number of vehicles you plan to use in your business and why that number is appropriate to provide reasonable and efficient service to the territory you will be serving. If you have already obtained vehicles for your business, please list them in the chart below.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MAKE</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>SEATING CAPACITY*</b>	<b>VEHICLE ID #</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>
2024	Ford	Transit 350	6	1FDU4xG6PK83593	2183
2019	Ford	Transit 350	6	1FBVU4XM5KKB88214	10,220
2015	Ford	Transit 250	6	1FTNR2CM0FKB29598	62,628

\*Vehicles with seating capacity of more than 15 passengers, including driver, can't be used in paratransit service.

7. Describe your vehicle safety program. Please include the following in your explanation:
- a. Your periodic vehicle maintenance plan
  - b. Your system for ensuring your vehicles will continuously comply with applicable Pennsylvania vehicle equipment standards (67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175).

See  
attachment Q7

8. Please explain what steps you have taken to determine if you can obtain insurance and pay the required insurance premiums.

Please see insurance  
document.

9. State whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. If applicant is partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, or limited liability company this question applies to all members, officers, and/or shareholders. If "YES", explain.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES        X   NO

10. Financial Data. Complete the "Statement of Financial Position", which follows this page. Please feel free to also provide additional information explaining why you believe you have sufficient funds to ensure your transportation business can provide reliable service to the public in a safe manner.

### Verification of Statement

The undersigned deposes and says that he/she is authorized to and does make this verification and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief. The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C. S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Shane  
Adams

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Shane Adams, Director of Compliance and Quality

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(Name and Title, printed or typed)

04/06/2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)**  
**As of (date) 02/28/2026**  
**(Must be less than 6 months old)**

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash	\$18,814,879	
Other Current Assets (specify)	\$3,322,017	
Total Current Assets		\$22,136,896
Tangible Assets		
Motor Vehicle Equipment	\$219,456	
Property (buildings, land, etc.)	\$2,324,768	
Office Equipment		(\$395,726)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$24,285,393

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Due within one year of date)		
Loans	0	
Credit cards/revolving credit	0	
Other Liabilities (Attach schedule)	\$561,664	
Total Current Liabilities		\$561,664
Long Term Liabilities (Due after one year of date)		
Mortgage		
Long term commercial loan		
Other Liabilities (Attach Schedule)	\$48,990	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		\$48,990
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$610,654



# CORPORATE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.

**Legal Name of Applicant:**

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.

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## Corporate Officers

The following individual serves as a corporate officer of the Applicant:

- **Lisa Musselman** — *Chief Executive Officer*

The Applicant is a Pennsylvania domestic non-profit corporation. Officer positions such as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are exercised by the Board of Directors in accordance with the organization's bylaws.

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## Board of Directors

The following individuals serve on the Board of Directors of The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.:

- **George Lewis** — *President*
- **Carry Gerber** — *Vice President*
- **Lisa Luciano** — *Treasurer*
- **Diana Tirendi** — *Secretary*
- **Matt McConnell** — *Immediate Past President*
- **Margaret Chase** — *Director*
- **Ed Easterly, Esq.** — *Director*
- **Mustafa Jaffer** — *Director*
- **Stephanie Makar** — *Director-at-Large*

- **Scott Mittl** — *Director*
- **Ian Tauber** — *Director*
- **Katie Weber** — *Director*
- **JoAnne Destefon** — *Director*
- **Jennifer Kennedy** — *Director*
- **Nick Dorian** — *Director*
- **Jill Pittenger** — *Director*
- **Tanya Alvarado, Esq.** — *Director*



## Q4

# Facilities, Record Maintenance Plan, and Communication Network

### Facilities and Physical Location

The applicant, **The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.**, maintains its principal place of business at:

**2289 Avenue A  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017  
Northampton County**

This facility serves as the administrative headquarters for all agency operations, including transportation oversight. The facility is a secure, professional office environment and is utilized for scheduling, dispatch, billing, compliance, and record retention activities.

Office equipment located at the facility includes computers with secure network access, printers/scanners/copiers, telephones, and agency-issued mobile devices. All technology is used to support transportation operations, administrative oversight, customer communication, and regulatory compliance.

The applicant does **not** transport or store household goods in use. No storage facilities for household goods are owned, leased, or operated by the applicant.

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### Vehicle Housing and Maintenance

Vehicles used for passenger transportation, including vans seating six (6) passengers plus driver, are owned or leased by the applicant and are parked at secured agency locations or other approved parking facilities.

The applicant maintains written policies and procedures governing:

- Vehicle safety inspections
- Preventive maintenance
- Repairs and servicing
- Cleaning and daily readiness checks

Maintenance records are retained and reviewed to ensure vehicles are operated in a safe and reliable condition.

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## **Record Maintenance Plan**

The applicant maintains all records required by governing authorities in a secure and organized manner.

Records maintained include, but are not limited to:

- Transportation schedules and trip documentation
- Mileage and route records
- Billing and rate documentation
- Insurance policies and endorsements
- Vehicle inspection and maintenance records
- Driver qualification, training, and authorization records
- Incident and accident reports
- Standard business and financial records

Records are maintained in electronic and/or secured physical formats at the principal place of business. Access to records is restricted to authorized administrative personnel. Records are retained in accordance with applicable regulatory and internal retention policies and are made available to the Commission upon request.

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## **Communication Network**

The applicant utilizes a centralized communication and dispatch system to coordinate transportation services.

## **Receipt of Transportation Requests**

Transportation requests are received through scheduled service arrangements and advance trip requests authorized by program participants, families, or designated representatives. Transportation is provided only to authorized individuals and is not offered indiscriminately to the general public.

## **Dispatch Procedures**

Designated administrative staff are responsible for scheduling and dispatching vehicles. Drivers receive route assignments, passenger information, and schedules prior to the start of service.

## **Driver Communication**

The applicant maintains continuous communication with drivers through:

- Agency-issued mobile phones or approved communication devices
- Direct contact between drivers and administrative staff during service hours

Drivers are required to maintain availability for communication at all times while operating. Procedures are in place for reporting delays, service changes, vehicle issues, or emergencies.

Emergency response protocols ensure immediate communication with supervisors and, when necessary, emergency services.

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## **Compliance Statement**

The applicant's facilities, record-keeping systems, and communication network are designed to ensure safe, reliable, and compliant passenger transportation services. All operations are conducted in accordance with applicable Pennsylvania laws and regulations and are subject to ongoing oversight and review.



## Q5

# Drivers, Hiring Standards, and Driver Oversight Plan

## Number of Drivers and Service Territory

The applicant intends to utilize a **sufficient pool of trained drivers**, consisting of **both full-time and part-time staff**, to meet current and anticipated transportation needs within its service area.

Transportation services will be provided primarily within **Lehigh and Northampton Counties**, with occasional service to adjacent counties as authorized. The number of drivers utilized is determined by:

- The number of agency-owned vehicles in operation
- Daily and scheduled transportation demand
- The need to maintain continuity of service, coverage during staff absences, and operational flexibility

This staffing model ensures that the applicant can provide safe, timely, and reliable transportation while maintaining compliance with applicable regulatory and safety requirements.

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## a. Hiring Standards for Drivers

All drivers are employees of The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc. and must meet agency hiring standards prior to operating any vehicle.

Minimum hiring qualifications include:

- A valid Pennsylvania driver's license appropriate for the vehicle operated
- Demonstrated safe driving history
- Ability to meet physical and cognitive requirements necessary to safely transport passengers
- Successful completion of all required background clearances
- Compliance with ODP employment eligibility requirements

Drivers are hired in accordance with the agency's written personnel policies, which emphasize safety, professionalism, accountability, and respect for individuals served.

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## **b. Criminal Background Checks**

The applicant conducts criminal background checks in accordance with **ODP regulatory requirements** prior to permitting any individual to operate a vehicle.

Required background clearances include:

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Check
- FBI Criminal History Check
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance

Clearances are reviewed and verified prior to hire and maintained in the driver's personnel file. Periodic re-checks are conducted as required by regulation or agency policy. Any disqualifying offenses result in ineligibility to operate agency vehicles.

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## **c. Driver Training Program**

The applicant maintains a structured driver training program that all drivers must complete prior to transporting passengers independently.

Training includes, but is not limited to:

- Defensive driving and safe vehicle operation
- Passenger safety and securement procedures
- Emergency response and accident reporting
- Agency transportation policies and procedures
- Understanding and supporting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Incident management and mandated reporting requirements
- Confidentiality and professionalism

Training is documented and refreshed on an ongoing basis. Additional training is provided as required by changes in regulations, agency policy, or identified performance needs.

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## d. Driver License Checks

The applicant verifies the validity of each driver's Pennsylvania driver's license prior to hire and monitors licensure status on an ongoing basis.

License verification includes:

- Confirmation of license class and expiration date
- Review of driving history where applicable
- Immediate review and action if the agency becomes aware of any suspension, revocation, or restriction

Drivers are required to notify supervisory staff immediately of any change in driving status. Drivers with invalid or restricted licenses are removed from driving duties until compliance is restored.

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## e. Alcohol and Drug Use Policy

The applicant enforces a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding alcohol and illegal drug use by drivers.

Key policy provisions include:

- Drivers are prohibited from operating vehicles while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any substance that may impair safe operation
- Drivers are prohibited from consuming alcohol or illegal drugs during work hours or prior to operating a vehicle
- Prescription medications must be taken as directed, and drivers are required to disclose any medication that may impair driving ability

The agency reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including termination, for any violation of this policy. All policies are communicated to drivers during orientation and reinforced through training and supervision.

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## Compliance Statement

The applicant's driver staffing model, hiring standards, training program, and oversight systems are designed to ensure safe, compliant, and reliable passenger transportation services. All driver-related

practices are implemented in accordance with **Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission requirements, ODP regulations**, and agency policies, and are subject to ongoing monitoring and review.



## Q7

# Vehicle Safety Program

### Overview

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc. maintains a comprehensive Vehicle Safety Program designed to ensure that all vehicles used for passenger transportation are safe, reliable, and compliant with applicable state regulations. The program supports the safety of passengers, drivers, and the public and aligns with **PUC requirements**, **ODP standards**, and **Pennsylvania vehicle equipment regulations**.

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### a. Periodic Vehicle Maintenance Plan

The applicant maintains a written preventive maintenance program for all agency-owned or agency-operated vehicles.

Key components of the maintenance plan include:

- **Daily visual checks** conducted by drivers prior to vehicle use, including tires, lights, mirrors, brakes, windshield wipers, and fluid levels
- **Scheduled preventive maintenance**, such as oil changes, brake servicing, tire rotation, and other manufacturer-recommended services
- **Timely repairs** for any identified mechanical or safety issues
- **Immediate removal from service** of any vehicle deemed unsafe for operation

Maintenance and repair services are performed by qualified service providers. All maintenance activities are documented and retained as part of the vehicle's permanent record.

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## **b. Compliance with Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment Standards**

*(67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175)*

The applicant maintains procedures to ensure that all vehicles continuously comply with **Pennsylvania vehicle inspection and equipment standards**, including those set forth in **67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175**.

Compliance measures include:

- **Annual Pennsylvania safety inspections** performed by an authorized inspection station
- Verification that vehicles meet required equipment standards, including:
  - Brakes and steering systems
  - Tires and wheels
  - Lighting and signaling devices
  - Mirrors and windows
  - Exhaust systems
  - Seat belts and passenger safety equipment
- Prompt correction of any inspection deficiencies prior to continued operation

Inspection certificates and related documentation are maintained on file and available for review.

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## **Additional Safety Measures**

To further support vehicle safety, the applicant implements the following practices:

- Vehicles are cleaned regularly to maintain a safe and sanitary environment
  - Drivers are trained to recognize and report safety concerns immediately
  - Supervisory staff review maintenance and inspection records periodically to ensure compliance
  - Vehicles are equipped and operated in a manner consistent with the needs of individuals with disabilities, supporting safe ingress, egress, and securement as applicable
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## **Compliance Statement**

The applicant's Vehicle Safety Program is designed to ensure continuous compliance with applicable Pennsylvania laws and regulations, including vehicle equipment standards, and to promote safe and dependable passenger transportation. The program is reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect regulatory changes, manufacturer recommendations, and agency best practices.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
CORPORATION BUREAU**

**Articles of Amendment-Domestic Corporation**

(15 Pa.C.S.)

Entity Number

Business Corporation (§ 1915)

Nonprofit Corporation (§ 5915)

Name  
Deborah D. Spinney c/o Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C.

Address  
4001 Schoolhouse Lane, PO Box 219

City State Zip Code  
Center Valley PA 18034-0219

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT-NONPROFIT 6 Page(s)



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In compliance with the requirements of the applicable provisions (relating to articles of amendment), the undersigned, desiring to amend its articles, hereby states that:

1. The name of the corporation is:  
The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.

2. The (a) address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth or (b) name of its commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is (the Department is hereby authorized to correct the following information to conform to the records of the Department):

(a) Number and Street	City	State	Zip	County
2289 Avenue A	Bethlehem	PA	18017	Lehigh

(b) Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider	County
c/o N/A	

3. The statute by or under which it was incorporated: PA Nonprofit Corporation Law, as amended

4. The date of its incorporation: January 6, 1975

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5. Check, and if appropriate complete, one of the following:

The amendment shall be effective upon filing these Articles of Amendment in the Department of State.

The amendment shall be effective on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Hour

DSC

6. Check one of the following:

The amendment was adopted by the shareholders or members pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1914(a) and (b) or § 5914(a).

The amendment was adopted by the board of directors pursuant to 15 Pa. C.S. § 1914(c) or § 5914(b).

7. Check, and if appropriate, complete one of the following:

The amendment adopted by the corporation, set forth in full, is as follows

The amendment adopted by the corporation is set forth in full in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

8. Check if the amendment restates the Articles:

The restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original articles and all amendments thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this

8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.  
Name of Corporation

[Signature]  
Signature

President

Title

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
THE ARC OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of 15 Pa. C.S. §5911 (relating to restated articles of incorporation), the undersigned, desiring to set forth the Restated Articles of Incorporation hereby state that:

1. The name of the corporation is The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.
2. The address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth is 2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania 18017.
3. The corporation is incorporated under the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law, as amended, for the following purpose: see attached Exhibit A.
4. The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise.
5. The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.
6. The corporation shall have no members.
7. The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**THE ARC OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES, INC.**

**PURPOSE**

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc. (the "Corporation") is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

(a) To promote the general welfare of mentally retarded citizens of all ages; to foster the development of programs on behalf of mentally retarded citizens; to develop a better understanding by the public of the problem of mental retardation; to further the advancement of research and therapy in the field of mental retardation; to advise and aid parents in the solution of their problems with regard to mental retardation; to cooperate with all public, private and religious agencies and professional groups in the furtherance of these purposes; and to solicit, receive, invest and expend funds for the accomplishment of these purposes.

(b) To carry on only such other activities as are permitted a corporation formed exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes and which are exempt from the Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding or related section of any future federal tax code, and an organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding or related section of any future federal tax code.

(c) To engage in such other activities as may be necessary or desirable for the above purposes.

In its operation the Corporation shall not:

1. Intervene in or participate in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office;

2. Permit any part of the net earnings of this Corporation to inure to the benefit of any private individual except that the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments in the furtherance of its exempt purposes.

In addition a substantial part of the Corporation's activities shall not consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

**DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution or other termination of the Corporation, no part of the property of the

Corporation or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, but all such property and proceeds, subject to the discharge of valid obligations of the Corporation, and to the applicable provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended, shall be distributed as directed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation to and among, in the following order of preference: any organization or organizations providing services within the geographical region served by the Corporation which are organized and operated for exempt purposes similar to those of the Corporation; provided, however, that such solvent or recipients shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding future provision of the Internal Revenue Code, and an organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding or related section of any future federal tax code. However, if none of the foregoing are in existence, or are not then qualified distributees, or are unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the property and proceeds shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purposes. Any such property and proceeds not disposed of in the foregoing manner shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes.