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**RE:** *The Arc of Chemung Receives National Re-Accreditation*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Elmira, NY** – Michael A. Doherty, Ph.D., Executive Director, announces that The Arc of Chemung has been awarded a CQL Re-Accreditation from The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).

The Arc of Chemung was first accredited in 2007 and has to be re-accredited every 4 years. "What this means for The Arc of Chemung is that we are being nationally recognized for the work that we do. In order to be re-accredited, we had to meet national quality standards that go way beyond the regulations," said Dr. Doherty. "We're proud of all the people in our organization – Board of Directors, Committees, staff, people we support, and their families – who contributed to this effort!"



Since 1969, CQL has set the standard for excellence in providing services for people with disabilities. Inspired by a vision of a world of dignity, opportunity, and community inclusion for all people, CQL is an international leader in the definition, measurement, and improvement of quality of life for people with disabilities.

**ABOUT THE ARC OF CHEMUNG**

Founded in 1953, The Arc of Chemung is a person-centered, not for profit organization committed to meeting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the Chemung County area. The agency provides [quality supports](#) and opportunities for individual growth for every person supported by means of education, increased community acceptance and participation.

The Arc of Chemung supports nearly 800 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families annually. Learn more at [www.arcofchemung.org](http://www.arcofchemung.org). *The Arc of Chemung is a chapter of the state agency, NYSARC, Inc. and is nationally accredited by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).*