

Welcome!

Thank you for engaging with The Arc Chemung-Schuyler, we are glad you are here. Welcome to the inaugural issue of our newsletter. In this publication, we plan to share stories of joy and success from our programs, highlight members of our community that contribute to our mission, and share ways that you can get involved to improve the lives of those we support!

Whether you are a family member, board member, person currently engaged with services, someone interested in how The Arc can support you or your loved one, a donor, a community member or any combination- [we want to hear from you!](#)

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Upcoming Arc Events

- Membership Kickoff Event at the LECOM Event Center, **March 14th**
 - [FLX Fest sponsored by The Arc Chemung-Schuyler](#), **March 22nd**

 - Golf Tournament presented by Alera Group, **June 27th**
 - Annual Meeting, **June**
 - [Grand Prix Run/Walk](#), **Nov. 1st**
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YOU CAN HELP ADVOCATE

**For increased
Medicaid rates**

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**

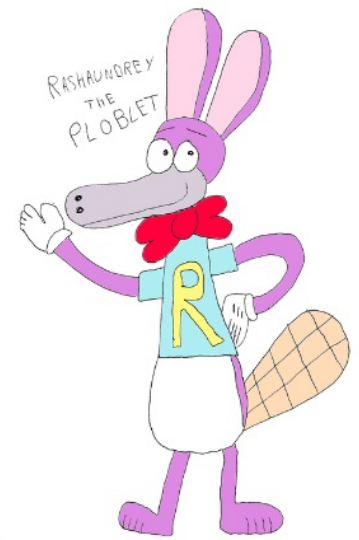


Keeping the Pressure on the Governor

Governor Hochul recently released her executive budget. Our work advocating for people with disabilities continues and we encourage you to add your voice [here](#). By participating, you will quickly send a letter to the governor, telling her to support New Yorkers with I/DD.

Program Spotlight

MEET THE ARTIST



Rashaan is a part of The Arc Chemung-Schuyler [Pre-Vocational program](#) where he shared his cartoons and enthusiasm for creating his artwork. Through the support of staff, Rashaan submitted his artwork to the weekly internal staff newsletter at The Arc, *Talk It Up*. Staff set up an experience akin to submitting work to an outside publication.

Rashaan has published many comics over a few months, periodically revisiting his contract and deciding to continue publishing his work. The staff put together a digital comic book containing his work to share with the public!

Rashaan was able to meet his goal of being a published artist and building a portfolio of his work. His excitement for sharing his art work prompted staff to create an other opportunity for this artist-- Rashaan taught an art class to others in his program, inspiring others to do something they love!

Rashaan is an artist, animator, and cartoonist. He gets his inspiration for his comics from movies, TV, and video games. "I've made so many different comics." He made his first comic around 10 years-old. The now 26 year-old says the next step is animation. "The Rashaundrey Show" comics center around Rashaundrey, a purple ploblet who is a looney and wacky character.

Rashaan is eager to share his artwork in many different forms!

[Learn more about our Community Supports and Day Hab Programs](#)

**Check out
Rashaan's
comic
book!**




LGBTQ+ Self-Advocacy Group

For Adults with Developmental and/or Intellectual Disabilities

Last Wednesday of the Month: 6-7pm at 711 Sullivan St. Elmira

SUPPORT PEOPLE ARE WELCOME

This group aims to create a welcoming and inclusive community, connect folks with necessary resources, and participate in local LGBTQ events together.

 In association with Prideability

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler provides supports and services to nearly 1,100 people, and their families, with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism, in Chemung and Schuyler Counties, and beyond.

Support from community members, like YOU, directly impacts programs, enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism to maximize their abilities and find ways to overcome their challenges.

Sadly, we are still in an era when government at every level seems determined to slash funding for services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism, so your donation today is crucial!

We are grateful for your support, and so are the people we support!

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