



Message from the Executive Director

August 7, 2020

Greetings to The Arc of the South Shore Community!

We are so excited to report on our progress in preparing our day program locations for re-opening. We plan to open the day programs on August 24 and then welcome back individuals into our day habilitation program and Pathways to Possibilities program August 31.

Preparations cover many areas and we must be sure we are in compliance with all state and CDC guidance to ensure a safe environment for our employees and day program participants.

There are many new policies and procedures being written. There are many physical space adaptations necessary to ensure social distancing and allow us to meet the requirement of 113 sq. ft. per person (participants and staff). We have an enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures and schedule. We must ensure safe transportation for all participants. The week of August 24 will provide a week of training for all staff on health and safety protocols. Program staff will be ready for program participants returning on August 31.



Facility adaptations include plexiglass barriers at the front entrance to the day habilitation program.



Plastic dividers in vans, above, and Pathways to Possibilities workstations, below.



This year The Arc's Signature fundraising event *the Summer Soiree* will be an all virtual event.



The virtual event will be held on August 25 at 6:30 PM. Brenda Linden, Director of our Development Department is already busy coordinating this awesome event with our VIP committee and many agency volunteers.

We look forward to having Billy Costa as our Master of Ceremony and tons of fabulous auction items to win.

Be sure to tune in to this event and find out who will be walking the Red Carpet. Register at:

<https://arcsouthshore.givesmart.com>



Above, Paula getting ready to be filmed walking the Red Carpet for our Virtual Summer Soiree August 25.

Below, more of our Red Carpet celebrities.



*Happiness often sneaks in
through a door you didn't know*

A Message from Tanya, Human Resource Director:



All employees working from home have access to their office phone extension voicemail and email. Please feel free to leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Our website is the best place to find the most current information related to The Arc of the South Shore actions in the coming weeks and months.

www.arcsouthshore.org

For the most up to date state information go to www.Mass.gov/2019coronavirus

We are prepared to respond accordingly and navigate through any challenges with our clients, employees and community in the forefront. As this Coronavirus pandemic evolves, we will continue to monitor and communicate information as needed. You are our members, part of our family, ***and together we are getting through this situation.***

Sincerely,

Daryl Cook-Ivan,

Executive Director