



## The Arc of Larimer County's Film Festival

At The Holiday Twin Drive-in

We hope that you will join us at our Annual Film Festival, which is being held for the first time ever at the Holiday Twin Drive-In theater.

The evening will feature a variety of short films, including some made locally. Each film works to dispel stereotypes about people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Some of the films are humorous, some are serious, but all work to spread awareness.

Please note - ticket sales are by the car load and are limited to allow for social distancing. We will have more details on social distancing protocols available before the event. Ticket sales end May 20th at 4pm.

**Date:** May 20th, 2021

**Location:** Holiday Twin Drive-In Theatre, 2206 S Overland Trail, Fort Collins, CO 80526

**Time:** 8:30pm – 10pm

**Cost:** \$20 per car\*

\*Members receive \$10 Off - email [info@arclc.org](mailto:info@arclc.org) for details.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Arc of Larimer County's Film Festival

*Thursday, May 20th*

*Program: 8:30pm - 10pm*

*Holiday Twin Drive-In,*

*2206 S Overland Trail, Fort Collins*

*Tickets are very limited and must be purchased in advance*

*[www.arclc.org/Film](http://www.arclc.org/Film)*

### Virtual Parent Hour

*For Parents of Young Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

*Thursday, May 27th, 7pm - 8pm*

*Learn more at [arclc.org/events](http://arclc.org/events)*

### Staff Off for Memorial Day

*Monday, May 31st*

### Free Workshop: Guardianship and Less Restrictive Options

*Tuesday, June 22nd, 6pm - 8pm*

*We are monitoring COVID-19 in our community. As a result, the location of this workshop is to be decided.*

*[www.arclc.org/events](http://www.arclc.org/events)*

### Weekly Zoom Chat

*For Adults Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

*Every Thursday, 10am - 11am*

*Learn more at [arclc.org/events](http://arclc.org/events)*

### Virtual Walk-in Hours

*Call 970-204-6991 x20 to be connected with the advocate on call.*

*Every Wednesday, 9am - 10am*

*Learn more at [arclc.org/events](http://arclc.org/events)*

# Top IEP Tips for Fall

Don't wait until the last minute - start now for success next school year.

## 1. Start with a review of the IEP

Start by re-reading your child's IEP. As the document may be long, give yourself time to really dive in. Make sure to also look at test results and grades from the last year. These might be included in the "Present Levels Section" of the current IEP.

## 2. Reach out to the team early

Reach out to the team early to make sure that there's enough time to address questions. The IEP should be a collaborative document. Some teams will put in draft goals for parents to review ahead of time or share with private providers/advocates. Other teams may wait to generate goals in the IEP meeting. Talk to the team about which approach feels best for you.

## 3. Write questions down

While reviewing the IEP and test results, write down any questions you have. If you don't understand what something means - add it to the list. Feel free to ask the rest of the IEP team your questions - either at the meeting or in advance.

## 4. Invite your child to the IEP meeting

It's important that your child learns self-advocacy skills. Even if it's not appropriate they stay for the whole meeting, consider having them attend at least part of the meeting.

## 5. Don't be afraid to ask for help

Don't be afraid to reach out to an advocate for support. It's much easier for our team to help before things become contentious or your child's progress goes off track.

# Virtual Parent Hour

Connections and support matter. There is value in speaking with someone going through similar experiences. That's why we've launched our Virtual Parent Hour. The group is for parents raising young children with an intellectual or developmental disability.

Each meeting will be facilitated by a staff member of The Arc of Larimer County, but the group will be parent-led.

Due to COVID-19, the group is currently meeting virtually. However, in-person meetings may start when appropriate, depending on what the group decides.

Please visit [arclc.org/parenthour](https://arclc.org/parenthour) to learn more.







## Guardianship:

A less restrictive option may be more appropriate

Frequently, our advocates are asked to help a parent obtain guardianship over their child with an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD).

Guardianship requires a court order to deem the individual unable to make key decisions. A guardian is then appointed to make those decisions for them.

While guardianship may be appropriate for some people, it is a restriction on rights. Additionally, having a guardian can impact eligibility for higher education programs for people with I/DD. That's why at The Arc of Larimer County, we support the least restrictive option possible.

Less restrictive options may include:

- Powers of Attorney
- Limited/ Restricted Guardianship
- Representative Payee
- Supported Decision Making

Early in 2021, SB21-075 (*Supported Decision-making Agreement*) was introduced in the Colorado General Assembly. If passed, this bill would provide another less restrictive option than guardianship.

When working with our advocates, parents express that they want their child to be safe - and they want to prevent exploitation. It's important to note that guardianship may not protect against some of these safety concerns.

Additionally, it's important to remember that adults with I/DD, just like adults without I/DD, have the right to make mistakes and make bad choices.

Feel free to reach out to our advocacy team with your concerns and questions. They can help you explore options and identify solutions.

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