



The Arc of Colorado 2017-2018 Legislative Session Scorecard

The Arc of Colorado- Achieve With Us!

A Letter from the Executive Director

I am pleased to announce that The Arc of Colorado enjoyed a productive legislative session. During the 2017-2018 legislative session, all five of our prioritized bills (see page 2) were signed into law. Each of these bills adds additional resources in terms of dollars, services, and standards.

While we suffered a defeat with Conflict-free Case Management (HB18-1256) and Regulate Residential Services and Supports Providers (HB18-1376), we look forward to the opportunity to take part in seeing these bills transition into laws next year. We will continue our work with CEARC, HCPF, other departments, and stakeholders to explore additional paths in our continued endeavors to support these bills, which we see as necessary to ensuring the rights for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

I am happy to announce that the bills we strongly opposed this legislative session, Declare Autism Epidemic in Colorado (HB18-1223), Competency to Proceed Evaluations and Services (SB18-252) and Request Self-sufficiency Medicaid Waiver Program (SB18-214), did die. We are grateful for the opportunity to have participated in ensuring that this harmful legislation did not become law.

The Arc of Colorado was privileged to have multiple self-advocates testify on behalf of the organization. Both Connor Long and Vikki Wray provided crucial testimony to our state legislators. It was an honor to hear these two remarkable people advocate for themselves and make their voices heard in our state legislature. Further, we enjoyed the testimony of many Executive Directors of our chapters, Board Members, and advocates. Thank you Darla Stuart, Carol Meredith, Marilee Boylan, Cari Brown, Linda Skafien, Jeanne Weiss, Danielle Angotti, Jill Pidcock, Cori Robinson, and any others I may have missed.

I hope that in the coming months, you may all use this scorecard to reach out to your representatives and engage in meaningful discourse about the future of legislation impacting adults and children with disabilities, and their caregivers. I encourage each of you to contact your representatives with issues that truly matter to you and invite you to express your concerns and gratitude with your representatives. It is my most sincere hope that this scorecard will serve as a useful tool.

The success of this year motivates myself and The Arc of Colorado Staff in readying ourselves for a productive 2018-2019 legislative session. I feel that with your support, The Arc of Colorado can continue its work in making a positive impact in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,



Christiano Sosa
Executive Director

A Note on Process

This legislative session, the Arc had a total of 14 bills that it strongly supported. However, best practices dictate that in making a legislative scorecard, only bills that were voted on by the House of Representatives and the Senate should be included. Therefore, any bills that did not meet these requirements were removed.

From there, we chose bills we felt most accurately represented the state of intellectual and developmental disability related legislation with regards to our policy agenda. The resulting 5 bills allow constituents to see how their legislators voted. From there, we calculated the percentage of votes that coincided with our position of support for each of the legislatures. If a legislator was absent, this did not count against their percentage score. Each legislator was then given an A-F rating, scoring them on how often they voted in accordance with the position of the Arc of Colorado.

A Note on the Intended Use of this Scorecard

This scorecard is not intended to manipulate votes or to provide a complete history of the work of these legislators. It is our intention that constituents be able to look to this scorecard to see how their legislators voted this session. With this information, constituents may contact their representatives and express their interests and needs.

Bills We Scored: Out of all of the bills that we supported strongly during this legislative session, we chose to include the following: HB18-1094, HB18-1407, HB18-1328, SB18-145, and SB18-174. It is our mission to ensure that all people have moral and civil rights providing them with opportunities to love, work, play, learn and worship in communities where they choose to live. All people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have inherent value with individual strengths and abilities, are equal before the law and must be treated with dignity and respect. The following bills most strongly supported our mission and policy agenda for the 2017-2018 Colorado Legislative Session. Bill descriptions are not exhaustive. For full descriptions of each bill, please visit: <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills>

- **HB18-1094:** This bill, "Children and Youth Mental Health Treatment Act." had four prime sponsors, Representative Leslie Herod, Representative Cole Wist, Senator Beth Martinez Humenik, and Senator Dominick Moreno. The bill indefinitely extended the "Child Mental Health Treatment Act" and renamed the Act as well. Most notably, the bill increases access for parents of non-Medicaid eligible children to receive mental health services without undue interference from child welfare, necessitates the use of the standard risk stratification tool during evaluations and creates a new definition of what it is to be a mental health agency in order to broaden the scope of providers under this net.
- **HB18-1407:** This bill, "Access to Disability Services and Stable Workforce" bill had four prime sponsors, Representative Dave Young, Representative Bob Rankin, Senator Kent Lambert, and Senator Dominick Moreno. The bill increases access for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to services provided through work. The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing to find federal approval for a 6.5% increase in reimbursement rate for at-home and community-based services

as specified in the bill. This increased funding must be used in full, to go towards compensation for direct support professionals.

- [HB18-1328](#): This bill, "Redesign Residential Child Health Care Waiver" had three prime sponsors, Representative Dave Young, Senator Kent Lambert, and Senator Dominick Moreno. The bill requires the department of policy and healthcare financing to include stakeholders in the drafting newly designed children's habilitation residential program waiver. The new waiver will allow for at-home and community-based services. The intention of the bill is to allow parents to retain parental rights over children receiving this waiver.
- [SB18-145](#): This bill, "Implement Employment First Recommendations" bill had two prime sponsors, Senator John Kefalas and Representative Joann Ginal. The bill implements employment first advisory partnership recommendations to further along competitive employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The department of labor and employment and the state medical services board are required to implement rules requiring providers of supported employment services for persons with disabilities to obtain certification.
- [SB18-174](#): This bill, "Service Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" had two prime sponsors, Senator Bob Gardner and Representative Lang Sias. The bill creates a definition for a "case management agency" and requires providers and service agencies to operate in accordance with the rules of the department of health care policy and financing. The bill allows individuals with developmental disabilities to be considered tenants in their residential settings and allows them accrue property rights as tenants. Further, the bill ensures that before removing a person from their facility, person-centered planning must take place.

Senate

The Arc of Colorado Position: Strongly Support							
✗ = vote against, ✓ = vote for	Vote on HB 1094	Vote on SB 145	Vote on SB 174	Vote on HB 1407	Vote on HB 1328	% in Accordance	
State Senate Results (* indicates end of term)							
Aguilar, Irene (D)*	✓	✓	Absent	✓	Absent		100%
Baumgardner, Randy (R)	✗	✗	✓	Absent	✓		50%
Cook, John (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Coram, Don (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Court, Lois (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Crowder, Larry (R)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		80%
Donovan, Kerry (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Fenberg, Stephen (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Fields, Rhonda (D)	✓	✓	Absent	✓	✓		100%
Leroy Garcia (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Gardner, Bob (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Grantham, Kevin (R) *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Guzman, Lucia (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Hill, Owen (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Holbert, Chris (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Jahn, Cheri (U)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Jones, Matt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Kagan, Daniel (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Kefalas, John (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Kerr, Andy (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Lambert, Kent (R)*	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		80%
Lundberg, Kevin (R)*	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		80%
Marble, Vicki (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Martinez Humenik, Beth (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Merrifield, Michael (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Moreno, Dominick (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Neville, Tim (R)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		80%
Priola, Kevin (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Scott, Ray (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Smallwood, Jim (R)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		80%
Sonnenberg, Jerry (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Tate, Jack (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Todd, Nancy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Williams, Angela (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Zenzinger, Rachel (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%

*Terms coming to an end

House of Representatives

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Colorado State House of Representatives Results (* indicates end of term)							
Arndt, Jeni James (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Becker, Jon (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗		60%
Becker, KC (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Beckman, Susan (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Benavidez, Adrienne (D)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Bridges, Jeff (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Buck, Perry (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Buckner, Janet (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Carver, Terri (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Caitlin, Marc (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Coleman, James (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Covarrubias, Phil (R)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Danielson, Jessie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Duran, Crisanta (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Esgar, Daneya (D)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Everett, Justin (R)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		80%
Exum, Tony (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Foote, Mike (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Garnett, Alec (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Ginal, Joann (D)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Gray, Matt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Hamner, Millie (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Hansen, Chris (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Herod, Leslie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Hooton, Edie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Humphrey, Stephen (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Jackson, Dominique (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Kennedy, Chris (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Kraft-Tharp, Tracy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Landgraf, Lois (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Lawrence, Polly (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Lee, Pete (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Leonard, Timothy (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Lewis, Kimmi (R)	✗	✗	✓	Absent	Absent		33%
Liston, Larry (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Lontine, Susan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Lundeen, Paul (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
McKean, Hugh (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
McLachlan, Barbara (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Melton, Jovan (D)	✓	✓	Absent	✓	✓		100%
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna (D)	✓	✓	✓	Absent	✓		100%
Neville, Patrick (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Pabon, Dan (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Petterson, Brittany (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Rankin, Bob (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Ransom, Kim (R)	✓	✗	Absent	✓	✓		75%
Reyher, Judy (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Roberts, Dylan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Rosenthal, Paul (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Saine, Lori (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Salazar Joseph (D)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Sandridge, Shane (R)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		40%
Sias, Lang (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	Absent		75%
Singer, Jonathan (D)	✓	✓	✓	Absent	✓		100%
Thurlow, Dan (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Valdez, Donald (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Van Winkle, Kevin (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Weissman, Mike (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Willet, Yeulin (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Williams, Dave (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Wilson, James (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Winkler, Alexander "Skinny" (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		60%
Winter, Faith (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Wist, Cole (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%
Young, Dave (D)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%