



## CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF PROGRESS

### 70 Years of Progress: Advocacy, Empowerment, and The Arc of Massachusetts

Thursday, May 23, 2024 | 2:30pm

The VERVE | 1360 Worcester Street | Natick, Massachusetts

For 70 years, The Arc of Massachusetts has banded together with advocates, families, public officials, human service agencies, and friends to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and autism. During that time so much has changed and improved, as we have moved from institutions and segregation to inclusion and opportunities. Today, the 200,000 Massachusetts residents living with IDD have more opportunities to lead full lives in the community than ever before. Thousands have worked tirelessly to reach this milestone, but progress was not fast nor easy.

Join us for *70 Years of Progress: Advocacy, Empowerment, and The Arc of Massachusetts* as we examine the history of disability policy and advocacy. See how life has changed through the personal experiences of a panel representing members of the disability community and be inspired to continue on the journey.

#### Panelists

**Robert DeLeo**, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, 2009-2020

**Cynthia Haddad**, Sibling and former Board Member of The Arc of Massachusetts

**Roger Walsh**, Self-Advocate and former Board Member of The Arc of Massachusetts

#### Moderator

**Leo Sarkissian**, Executive Director of The Arc of Massachusetts

The program will be followed by a reception and The Arc of Massachusetts Annual Meeting and Dinner.

#### Schedule

2:30 – 3:00 pm Registration and welcome  
3:00 – 4:45 pm 70 Years of Progress Program  
4:45 – 6:15 pm Reception  
6:30 – 8:30 pm Annual Meeting and Dinner

#### Tickets

70 Years of Progress	\$70 per person
Dinner and Annual Meeting	\$75 per person
Both the program and dinner	\$125 per person

Order your tickets, learn more about The Arc, the disability movement, and milestones for people with IDD and access two webinars about the evolutions of services and supports at [www.arcmass.org/70Years](http://www.arcmass.org/70Years).

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