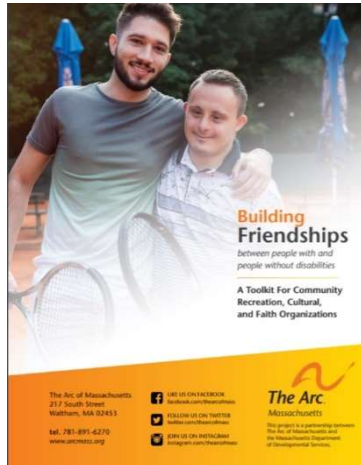


Widening the Circle/PATHWAYS to Friendship

The Arc of Massachusetts

“Building Friendships Between People With and Without Disabilities: A toolkit for Community Recreation, Cultural and Faith Organizations”



Widening the Circle, under The Arc of Massachusetts, has concentrated on developing resources to help human service organizations, teachers, parents and people with disabilities themselves figure out how to connect people with and without disabilities in deep and meaningful ways.

More recently we began putting some energy into how we could help community organizations—those places where so much of our “good lives” happen (including friendships!). You can download, free of charge, our toolkit “*Building Friendships Between People With and Without Disabilities: A Toolkit for Community Recreation, Cultural and Faith Organizations*” from <https://thearcofmass.org/friendship>. The intended audience for this toolkit is staff from community organizations, including municipal Park & Recreation Programs, summer camps, YMCA’s, sports groups, museum programs, Faith organizations and many, many more.

Those community organizations who are interested in having a staff training or consultation on this subject can contact the following for more information:

-The Arc of MA at arcmass@arcmass.org

-Lisa Drennan, MERGE Diverse Abilities Inclusion Consulting at <https://www.mergeconsulting.org/>

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-Specifically for Faith Organizations: You may want to contact:

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