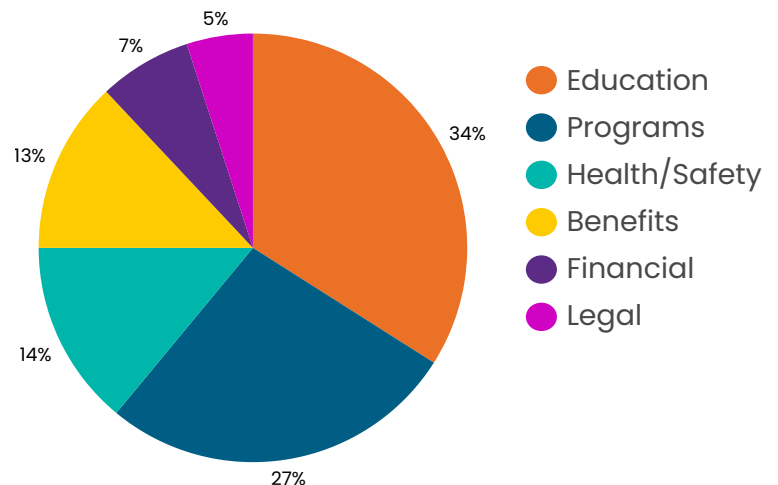


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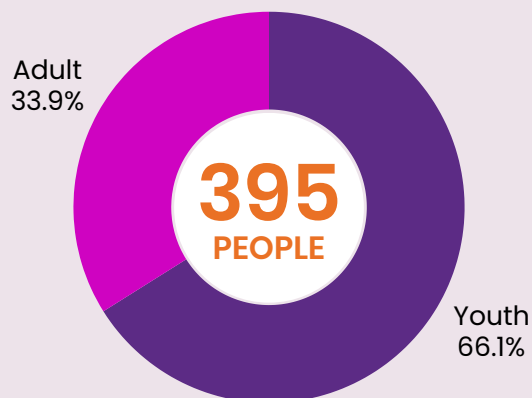
The Arc of Adams County is committed to advancing the rights, dignity, and inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We advocate for a future where every person can thrive, participate fully in their community, and live a fulfilling life to their fullest potential.



Types of Support Provided

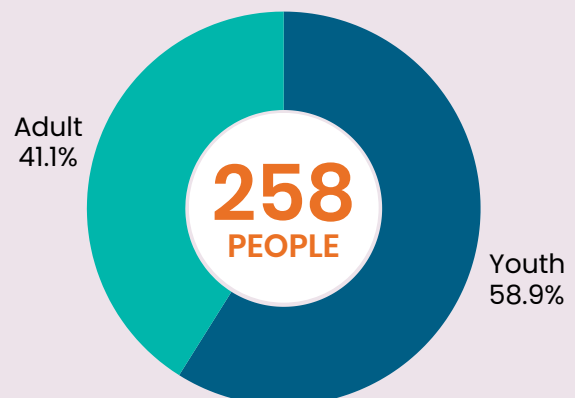


Referrals & Support Requests



17% Spanish Speaking

Direct Advocacy Provided



11% Spanish Speaking

By The Numbers

2,288

Hours of
Systemic
Advocacy

64

Years of
Serving Adams
County

30+

Community
Events &
Support Groups
Hosted

20+

Community
Trainings
Facilitated

6

Testimonies
Provided

Impact in Action

*Get a glimpse into what makes
The Arc of Adams County Special*

At Commerce City's Cops for Inclusion event, about 35 families and 10 officers came together to connect with community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. The Arc of Adams County hosted an information table and spent the afternoon answering questions, sharing resources, and helping build positive, low-pressure interactions with law enforcement.



One moment captured the purpose of the event: a parent helped their 8-year-old son, an autistic child, climb onto a police motorcycle. When the officer switched on the lights and siren, the child initially looked unsure—then the officer calmly explained each control, let him “drive,” and the child’s face opened into a big smile. Experiences like this help replace fear with familiarity and reinforce a clear message: officers are there to help. That trust can make a critical difference later, reducing the risk that disability-related responses to stress—like sensory overload—are misunderstood as aggression.

That relationship-building quickly translated into practical change. A Commerce City school resource officer approached The Arc of Adams County’s executive director with questions about how to recognize the difference between an autistic student experiencing sensory overload and a student experiencing a behavioral or mental health crisis. The executive director shared indicators to look for and strategies that support safety, communication, and de-escalation. As a direct result of that conversation, the officer invited The Arc of Adams County to provide training for all Commerce City school resource officers, thereby expanding the impact from one event to an ongoing partnership that strengthens disability-informed responses across the school community.