

## Education-related parent training set for May 6

The Arc in Jefferson County and Jefferson County Public School's Exceptional Student Services are once again partnering together to provide training for parents with students receiving special education services.

Our latest training will be held May 6, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 at The Jefferson County Public Schools Education Center. Pre-registration for this conference is not required.

Attendees at the free training will learn about the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) and Jefferson County School District's new IEP System (ENCORE). Presenters will also share some thoughts

and ideas about the parent role in the IEP process.

The Arc's educational advocacy team believes this joint training opportunity comes at a crucial time as families need to be aware of changes in the federal law and what those changes look like for students in Jefferson County Schools receiving special education services.

This training is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn important information that will help them be *great* advocates for their children!

This will be the third collaborative training between The Arc in Jefferson County and Jefferson County Schools.

In May 2007, PEAK Parent Center, The Arc in Jefferson

County, and Jefferson County Public Schools Exceptional Student Services teamed up for a parent training on the IDEA 2004 reauthorization. This was followed up by a parent training in February 2008, which also focused on IDEA 2004, and the new Encore IEP in Jeffco Schools.

We are also in the planning stages of developing a series of parent trainings for the next school year around different topics. Stay tuned for upcoming information.

For more information on the May 6 training, please download the flyer from our web site, [www.arcjc.org](http://www.arcjc.org), or contact us at (303) 232-1338.

### 2nd Annual Summit of Hope Luncheon just around the corner!

The Arc in Jefferson County's second annual Summit of Hope Community Awareness luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 6 at The Arvada Center.

Last year's luncheon had more than 450 attendees (with more than 200 of the attendees learning about The Arc for the first time!) and raised more than \$100,000 to support our programs.

If you are interested in attending this year's luncheon, please contact Genni Williams at (303) 232-1338 x209 by April 21 to register. Due to space constraints, walk-ins may not be accommodated.

### ArcJC hosting training for parents of students on autism spectrum

The Arc in Jefferson County, in collaboration with Jefferson County Schools and The Autism Society of Colorado, will be hosting a workshop on Tuesday, April 15 for parents of students on the autism spectrum.

Topics to be discussed include helping your student transition from one school to another and discussion about Extended School Year.

The training will be held at The Arc in Jefferson County offices, located at 8725 W. 14th Ave. in Lakewood. Training starts at 6:30 p.m., with check-in starting at 6:15 p.m.

No RSVP is required. Light refreshments will be served. No child care will be provided.

For more information, call (303) 232-1338.

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# Think Different tours are great community resource

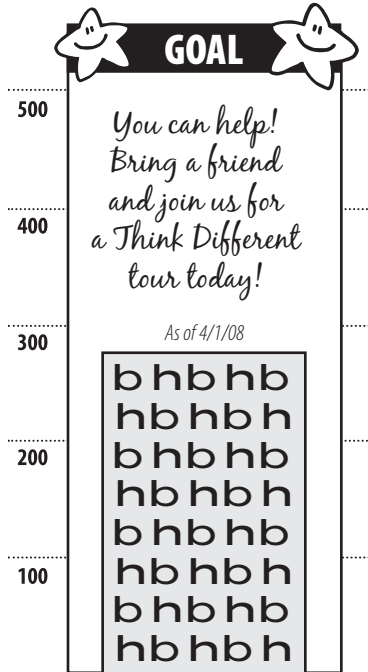
Starting just over a year ago, The Arc in Jefferson County has made a concerted effort to raise awareness in our community about the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

It is our hope that by systematically educating our friends, family, neighbors and coworkers, that we can be a stronger resource for individuals and families, and that we will build a strong core of support if legislative action is needed.

Since we started this effort in July of 2006, more than 275 people have attended *Think Different Tours*, which serve as our primary vehicle for educating the public.

With the momentum we've built in the last year, we've set

a goal of doubling the number of people attending tours by the end of 2008, and we'd



like to ask the help of all of our friends and supporters to help us achieve this goal by attending a *Think Different Tour* yourself or with a friend.

Each tour lasts one-hour, during which presenters will share some of the ongoing issues faced by our community. Attendees will learn precisely what The Arc does and how we are working to ensure that all people with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to be successful and supported in the community.

It sounds like a mouthful, but it's truly an exciting presentation designed to share our work with people in our community. There are no tricks, no gimmicks, we simply ask you

to take the time to learn more about our work and mission.

Tours are typically held the first Wednesday of the month from 12 to 1 p.m. at The Arc in Jefferson County offices. A light lunch is served during these tours. In addition, we also offer tours at different times in order to accommodate everyone's schedules.

The next tours are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, April 16 @ 3:30P
- Tuesday, April 22 @ 4P
- Wednesday, April 30 @ 12P

If you would be interested in attending a tour or serving as a host for one of the tours, please contact Genni Williams at 303-232-1338 x209.

## Getting Connected

Below is an abbreviated list of agencies and community resources in the Jefferson County area. For additional resources, please visit our Web page at [www.arcjc.org](http://www.arcjc.org).

**Access-A-Ride** (303) 299-2960: Provides curb-to-curb transportation to passengers who are unable to use RTD buses and qualify for certification under the guidelines established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADD) of 1990.

**Developmental Disabilities Resource Center** (303) 233-3363: Services and resources are provided for people with developmental disabilities in Jefferson, Clear Creek, Gilpin and Summit counties.

**DDRC Early Childhood Connections** (303) 233-3363: To enhance opportunities and support for families of young children with special needs as an integral and valued part of their chosen communities.

**Disability Center for Independent Living** (303) 320-1345: Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are private, nonprofit corporations that provide services to maximize independence of individuals with disabilities.

**Empower Colorado** (866) 213-4631: Support, education and advocacy for families of children with mental or emotional health issues, also referred to as brain disorders.

**Family First** (303) 914-6307: Provides resources to help families obtain respite and child care.

**Family Voices** (303) 973-5780: National grass roots organization composed of families and friends who care for and about children with special health care needs.

**JFK Partners:** (303) 315-2323: An interdisciplinary program to support people with developmental disabilities at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. [www.jfkpartners.org](http://www.jfkpartners.org)

**Jeffco Action Center** (303) 237-7704: Serving homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless.

**Jefferson County Department of Health** (303) 232-6301: Provides a variety of services and supports for people with specialized health care needs including WIC and HCP.

**The Legal Center for Persons with Disabilities and Older People** (303) 722-0300: Protecting the human, civil and legal rights of people with mental and physical disabilities, people with HIV and older people throughout Colorado.

**Mental Health Ombudsman Program of Colorado** (303) 813-1173: Serves residents enrolled in and receiving mental health services through Medicaid managed care.

**Parent to Parent of Colorado** (877) 472-7201: Connecting families of sons and daughters with disabilities or special health care needs in communities across Colorado.

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# Fall 2008 Mobilizing Families training dates scheduled

Twice a year for the last seventeen years, The Arc in Jefferson County offers our *Mobilizing Families* training free to parents of young children with developmental disabilities.

For parents still adjusting to their child's diagnosis, *Mobilizing Families* is a crucial tool

to help parents learn what they didn't know they needed to know.

When a child is diagnosed with a disability, parents must quickly learn how to navigate a new world of services, therapies, and special education, all while they are learning to adjust to the reality of having

a child with a disability. The whole process can be more than overwhelming.

Thankfully, *Mobilizing Families* is a powerful resource designed to teach parents how to successfully advocate for their children in all areas of life. Each session, parents come together and become empow-

ered to make the best decisions for their children.

In addition to in-depth discussion of critical topics, each session also features a mini-resource fair of related agencies as well as panel presentations by people with disabilities and their families.

The next session of *Mobilizing Families* starts September 18, 2008, and registration for this session is already underway. Sessions are conducted over eight Thursday nights from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Arc in Jefferson County.

Training, child care and meals are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of the McDonnell Family Foundation.

To learn more about this program or to register, please contact Jo Lynn Osborne at (303) 232-1338 x206.

## Advanced sessions now under way; June 5 session to focus on legislation

New in 2008, The Arc in Jefferson County has been able to offer advanced trainings to all *Mobilizing Families* graduates thanks to the generous expansion of funding from The McDonnell Family Foundation.

The first two advanced topics were held in January, with approximately 20 graduates (and 28 kids!) attending each session. The January sessions focused on education and Medicaid.

For the current grant year, The Arc is offering one additional advanced session on Thursday, June 5 at The Arc in Jefferson County offices from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This session will focus on legislative advocacy. As with our traditional *Mobilizing Families* classes, all training, meals, and child care will be provided free of charge.

For more information or to register, please contact Jo Lynn Osborne at (303) 232-1338 x206.



## Scrapbook lets graduates share their Mobilizing story

Last year, The Arc in Jefferson County started a scrapbook for graduates of *Mobilizing Families* to share their experience going through the training. This scrapbook is shared with our guests and our funder. Periodically we will feature excerpts from the scrapbook pages in *The Arc Independent*. The following piece was written by a current attendee.

*Grant truly is One of a Kind. He has a rare chromosome disorder. So rare, there is no name. Just a karyotype: 46XY del 10q(26.3). He was diagnosed at 5 months. He has low muscle tone, aspirates, and is globally delayed. Without a doubt, getting Grant's diagnosis was initially devastating for our family. Life has been full of challenges, but also much joy and celebration.*

*In just 21 short months, Grant has taught us so much. We have learned to: appreciate the gifts we have been given; be an advocate with insurance, therapists, doctors & the government; and to be the "expert" on del10q(26.3); expect the best from ourselves, Grant and all those that influence his life; ig-*

*nore what all the "typical kids" are doing (still hard for mommy); jump for joy at even the smallest of achievements; and love Grant and each other with all our hearts.*

*I have a quote by Maya Angelou hanging in my craft room – "I CAN be changed by what happens to me. I REFUSE to be reduced by it." Watch out world – here we come!*

*Special thanks to Mobilizing Families for connecting us with other families on this special journey and for giving us the tools & resources necessary to give our One of a Kind little boy the best that life has to offer!!*

*~ by Natalie Abbott, Spring 2008*

## ArcJC welcomes new staff members

The Arc in Jefferson County welcomed two new members to our staff in January.

Tonya Kelly will provide part-time administrative and financial support to the organization. Tonya and her husband, Pat, are the parents of a 16-month-old girl with Down syndrome, Marley. Tonya and her family are recent graduates of The Arc's *Mobilizing Families* training. She and her husband live in Arvada.

Also joining us is Mike Young, who will also provide part-time clerical support. Mike is retired from the US Geological Survey. He and his wife, Barb, are the parents of two children, Owen, 12, and Cooper, 7. Their older son was diagnosed with autism as a toddler. Mike and his family live in Lakewood.

Mike and Tonya have been wonderful additions to our staff so far, and we're excited to have them on our team. Next time you're in the office, please be sure to stop by and welcome them!

## ArcJC, JTS hosting movie night May 18

In cooperation with Jeffco Transition Services, The Arc in Jefferson County is now hosting monthly movie nights for transition-aged students and their friends and family.

The next movie night will be held Sunday, May 18th and will feature the movie "Secondhand Lions." The movie will start at 6:30 p.m. at The Arc in Jefferson County's offices in Lakewood.

For more information, call (303) 232-1338 x209.

# Position statements illuminate and unify values of all affiliated chapters of The Arc

by **Todd Lowther**  
Executive Director

*Just what do you believe?*

That's an important question, not just in matters of faith and life, but in what it means as an organization to be a chapter of The Arc. The Arc in Jefferson County does not exist in a vacuum – we are part of a state-wide and national network that publishes

the principles to which we ascribe, like a creed or series of binding points-of-view.

The Arc's position statements address critical issues related to rights, treatment, services and programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

For your information and convenience, these position

statements are included below.

If you would like more information on the position statements adopted by The Arc of the United States and The American Association on Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, visit [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org), click on "About Us" and select "Position Statements" from the drop down menu.

## • Position Statements of The Arc and AAIDD •

**I. Quality of Life.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities must be able to live the lives they choose and have a good quality of life.

**II. Rights.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities have the same basic legal, civil and human rights as other citizens. They may need accommodation, protection and support to enable them to exercise these rights. Their rights should never be limited or restricted without due process.

**Advocacy.** Advocacy is essential in maintaining or improving the quality of life for people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities.

**Criminal Justice.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities, like other residents of the United

States, have the right to justice and fair treatment in the criminal justice system, including reasonable accommodations as necessary.

**Guardianship.** The majority of people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities can manage their own affairs with informal assistance and guidance from others, such as family and friends. If guardianship is necessary, it should be tailored to the person's needs. It must be adequately monitored to ensure that the best interests of the individual are protected.

**Human and Civil Rights.** The human and civil rights of all people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities must be honored, protected, and enforced.

**Inclusion.** All Americans gain when people with intellectual and related developmental dis-

abilities are fully included in their communities.

**Protection.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities must be protected from harm and injury and must have the tools and supports so that they can protect themselves.

**Self Determination.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities have the same right to self-determination as all people. They must have opportunities and experiences that enable them to exert control in their lives and to advocate on their own behalf.

**III. Life in the Community.** All people, regardless of disability, deserve the opportunity for a full life in their community where they can live, learn, work, and play alongside each other through all stages

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of life. People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities need varying degrees of support to reach personal goals and establish a sense of satisfaction with their lives.

**Aging.** Many people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities who are aging deserve the same opportunities to enjoy full lives in their communities as other older people. They are entitled to community support, including help from those agencies that serve the needs of all senior citizens.

**Behavioral Supports.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities should have access to behavioral supports that are individually designed, positive, help them learn new skills, provide alternatives to challenging behaviors, offer opportunities for choice and social integration, and allow for environmental modifications.

**Early Intervention.** All quality early intervention supports and services must be available, affordable, appropriate, accountable, and accessible for all children with developmental delays as well as those with already-identified intellectual and related developmental disabilities to maximize their social, physical, emotional, and intellectual development.

**Education.** A Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) must be provided in inclusive settings with peers of the same age and include indi-

vidualized supports to all students with intellectual and related developmental disabilities to prepare them to participate in our democratic society.

**Employment.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities can be competitively employed in their communities. They should be supported to make informed choices about their work and careers and have the resources to seek, obtain, and be successful in integrated community employment.

**Family Support.** Most people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities need the support of their families, communities, and government to develop to their fullest potential. Family support must be expanded to strengthen the capacity of family members to support each other at home.

**Healthcare.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities must have dependable, high quality health care in the community and affordable, comprehensive health insurance.

**Housing.** All people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities have a right to live in communities of their choosing and be fully included with people who do not have disabilities. Children belong with their families. Adults should control where and with whom they live, with increasing opportunities to rent or buy their own homes.

**Individual Supports.** Individual supports, such as assistive

technology and personal assistance, make it possible for all people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities to function in daily life.

**Sexuality.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities, like all people, have inherent sexual rights and basic human needs. These rights and needs must be affirmed, defended, and respected.

**Spirituality.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities have the right to choose their own expressions of spirituality, to practice those beliefs and expressions, and to participate in the religious community of their choice or other spiritual activities. The person also has a right to choose not to participate in religious or spiritual activity.

**Transportation.** People with intellectual and related developmental disabilities must have access to both public and private transportation to lead full, independent lives.

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**IV. Systems.** Systems are necessary to support people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families to enable them to live their lives like other people. These support systems must be of high quality and focused on the people and their families, not the staff.

**Direct Support Professionals.** Policy makers and provider organizations must estab-

lish and support a stable, competent, adequately compensated workforce of Direct Support Professionals. Doing so ensures the quality and continuity of the community services that support people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities.

**Prevention.** The nation must continue to investigate the causes, reduce the incidence, and limit the consequences of intellectual and related developmental disabilities through education, research, advocacy, technical assistance, and support.

**Research.** Basic and applied research on the causes, consequences, and treatment of intellectual and related developmental disabilities must be adequately financed, well designed, focused on important topics, conducted with the highest ethical standards, and presented in formats accessible to multiple audiences.

**Service Coordination.** Children and adults with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families must have readily available assistance that is affordable and appropriate to find use, evaluate, and coordinate services, supports, and resources in their communities.

**Waiting Lists.** State agencies and service providers must deliver appropriate services and supports when requested and when needed by people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families.

## Jeffco Resource Fair coming June 10

The 3rd annual Jefferson County Community Resource Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 from 2-6 p.m. at Jefferson High School, located at 2305 Pierce Street in Edgewater. The Community Resource Fair is free for everyone!

The Community Resource Fair is an opportunity for residents, professionals and businesses in Jefferson County to provide and receive information about a variety of resources available in the community. More than 100 community agencies from the Jefferson County area will be present to provide information and answer questions regarding their services. Participating agencies

will be from the following areas: Child & Family Services, Adult Services, Cultural Services, Basic Needs Services and Health & Wellness.

In addition to agency information, there will be a variety of cultural performances provided throughout the day as well as door prizes, giveaways and refreshments. Again this year there will be a Kids Corner that will provide story time, face painting and activities for parents to do with their children.

For more information about the Jefferson County Community Resource Fair, please contact Ashleigh Sedbrook at 303-271-4825.

## CSDB to host Family Learning Retreat June 6-8

The Family Learning Retreat will be returning to the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB). The weekend retreat will be held June 6-8, 2008 at CSDB in Colorado Springs, and is open to any family with a child who is deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, Deafblind, or has multiple disabilities. This is an opportunity for families to meet other families while

networking, learning, and having fun together.

Parents and adults will attend workshops during the day while children participate in supervised recreational activities or daycare, depending on their ages.

For more information or to register, contact Diane Covington at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind at (719) 578-2225.

## Thank your elected officials for support of DVR bill!

SB 08-005 creates a pilot program in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Department of Human Services to implement an outcome-based employment model for persons with developmental disabilities and to recommend a payment system for supported employment services for

persons with developmental disabilities.

Please write your Colorado Congress elected officials for their support. Especially thank sponsors Senators Boyd, Keller, and Williams and Representatives Pommer and Soper. The state is awaiting the Governor's signature.

## SOFT to host parent conference July 23-27

Denver will be the site for the 22nd annual SOFT International Conference, which will be held July 23-27 at the Doubletree Hotel on Quebec Street.

SOFT is a national organization (Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13, and Other Related Disorders) that offers support for parents of children

with chromosomal disorders.

This summer's conference will include a board meeting, a welcome dinner and farewell breakfast, medical clinics, workshops, and a symposium for professionals.

For more information visit [www.trisomy.org](http://www.trisomy.org) or call (800) 716-SOFT(7638).

## Important info about tax rebate for seniors

If you are a full-year Colorado resident, 65 years of age or older, disabled, or a surviving spouse 58 years of age or older, you may qualify for the Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate.

Qualified applicants can receive a rebate of up to \$600 of the property tax and \$192 of their heating expenses paid during the year, either directly or as part of their rent pay-

ments, by filing the Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Application Form 104PTC.

To claim this rebate, you must meet specific age, income, citizenship and residency requirements. For more information on the rebates, please visit the CDOR's Taxpayer Service Division online at [www.taxcolorado.com](http://www.taxcolorado.com).

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# ArcJC Members: Read this!

As reported in previous editions, The Arc in Jefferson County has made changes to our membership program effective January 1, 2008.

All existing members were moved to one of two membership cycles, based on the expiration of their existing membership. Existing members with expiration dates before July 1, 2008 will receive a renewal later this month. Members with expiration dates on or after July 1, 2008 will have their memberships extended through December 31, 2008 and will receive a renewal letter in November 2008.

In addition to the changes to the membership periods, membership rates have also changed. The new rates are \$20.00 for an individual, which includes one vote; \$30.00 for a household, which includes two votes; and \$50.00 for a business, which includes one vote. People with developmental disabilities are eligible for a 75% discount off their membership dues.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Genni Williams at (303) 232-1338 x209.

## Organization helps children with disabilities experience joys of cycling

**By Bob Matter**  
*Assisted Cycling Tours*

When most children are growing up, they typically hear how there is not anything they cannot do if they set their mind to it.

After my son was born and we figured out he had a disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, it seems that his world has been full of people focusing on what he cannot do. From his first physical therapist telling me, "He'll never be a world-class athlete" to "Why does he need to go, he can't do anything" from a teacher at his school, it seems that my son's life has been more about what he cannot do than what he can do.

I learned how to ride my bike when I was four years old; for my son it was a tricycle at twelve. Once I learned how to ride, it started me on the path of independence and freedom. The world was opened for me to experi-

ence. For my son, his disability and changes in the world we live in have made some of the things that made me love cycling unavailable to him. But even if it was on a tricycle or together on a tandem bike, my son could still learn how to ride and hopefully feel at least partially liberated.

My desire to get my son involved with cycling led me to found Assisted Cycling Tours (ACT), a nonprofit organization created to open up the world of cycling to those with disabilities, whether developmental or physical, and their families. We want people, regardless of their abilities, to get that same feeling when out on a bike. To learn more, visit our website at [www.AssistedCycling-Tours.org](http://www.AssistedCycling-Tours.org) or contact me directly at 303.945.6205

## Support The Arc by becoming a member!

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**Annual membership rates:** Individual \$20, Household \$30, Business \$50. Individuals with developmental disabilities are eligible for a 75% discount.

Yes! I want to become a member of The Arc. My dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_ are enclosed.

Yes! I want to make a tax-deductible contribution:

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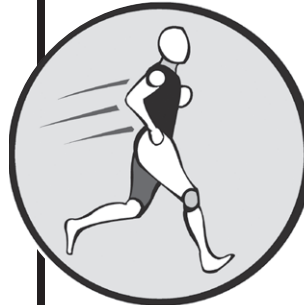
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# Calendar

## April 2008

**Tuesday, April 15**

*Training for Parents of Students on the Autism Spectrum.* ArcJC offices, 6:30 pm. See page 1 for more information.

**Wednesday, April 16**

**CANCELLED:** Rocky Mountain Partners Aktion Club not meeting. Will meet April 23 instead.

*Board of Directors Meeting.* 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

*Think Different Tour.* 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17**

*Mobilizing Families, Week 8.* 6:30 to 8 p.m.

*People First Coffee House.* 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Atlanta Bread Company, Alameda & Wadsworth.

**Tuesday, April 22**

*Think Different Tour.* 4 to 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 23**

**SPECIAL TIM:** Rocky Mountain Partners Aktion Club. ArcJC offices, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Thursday, April 24**

*Mobilizing Families, Week 9.* 6:30 to 8 p.m.

*People First.* ArcJC offices, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 30**

*Think Different Tour.* 12 to 1 p.m.

## May 2008

**Saturday, May 3**

*Speaking For Ourselves - Statewide Meeting.*

DDRC, 11 to 3 p.m. - RSVP to Louise x207

**Tuesday, May 6**

*Summit of Hope Community Awareness Luncheon.*

Contact Genni (303) 232-1338 for more information.

*IEP, Encore, and Education-related training.*

6-8 pm. JCSD Education Center. See pg. 1

**Wednesday, May 7**

*Think Different Tour.* 12 to 1 p.m.

*Rocky Mountain Partners Aktion Club.*

ArcJC offices, 4 to 5 p.m.

*People First.* ArcJC offices, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Thursday, May 15**

*People First Coffee House.* 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Atlanta Bread Company, Alameda & Wadsworth.

**Wednesday, May 21**

*Rocky Mountain Partners Aktion Club.*

ArcJC offices, 4 to 5 p.m.

*Board of Directors Meeting.* 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 26**

*ArcJC Offices Closed for Memorial Day.*

## June 2008

**Wednesday, June 4**

*Think Different Tour.* 12 to 1 p.m.

*Rocky Mountain Partners Aktion Club.*

ArcJC offices, 4 to 5 p.m.

*People First.* ArcJC offices, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Thursday, June 5**

*Mobilizing Families Advanced Session 3:*

Legislative Advocacy. ArcJC offices, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

RSVP required. See page 3 for more info.

**Wednesday, June 18**

*Rocky Mountain Partners Aktion Club.*

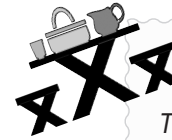
ArcJC offices, 4 to 5 p.m.

*Board of Directors Meeting.* 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 19**

*People First Coffee House.* 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Atlanta Bread Company, Alameda & Wadsworth.



### Save the date!

The Arc in Jefferson County's annual picnic will be held **July 16** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Don't miss out on the fun— mark your calendars now!



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