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Dear ACCS Customers and Families,

In celebration of the 30-year anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), we have enclosed a timeline of events from the beginning of the Act to date.

The anniversary of the ADA comes during a time when those in the disability community are experiencing hardship related to work and homelife. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many aspects of daily lives for everyone, but its impacts are especially acute for people living with disabilities, who may struggle with challenges like finding reliable and safe in-home care or physically adapting to mask wearing and frequent hand washing upon returning to work.

Advocacy for the rights of individuals with disabilities is especially crucial during this time. The Arc ([thearc.org](http://thearc.org)) is a national community based organization advocating for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and serving them and their families. On **October 7, 2020** at 2PM eastern time (**11 a.m. Pacific Time**), The Arc is hosting a virtual town hall to plan for the future and the challenges ahead in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the website to register and add your voice to the millions of individuals who advocate for equity in the work force, at home, and in the community.

Stay safe. We are waiting with open arms (socially distanced of course) for your return to work.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Tierney, Director