

ARC of NJ – Hudson County - Jersey City, NJ

\$60,089.-

**Hudson County Family Advocacy/Assistance Program**

One Year Project

The project will focus on Latino families in Hudson County who have a family member with a developmental disability. The Arc is looking primarily at the Latino population of Northern Hudson County as it has been the experience that this population faces the greatest cultural, language and access barriers to services.

The Program has the following goals:

- engage in a variety of community outreach activities;
- identify individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Hudson County who are primarily Spanish-speaking;
- educate individuals and families about the myriad of support and service systems; teach individuals and families how to access services and supports;
- train individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be advocates and mentors on individual and systems levels;
- and, establish an Advocates' Network to ensure long term continuation of an information, referral and advocacy system in Hudson County for Latino families.

The Program will be administered and supervised by The Arc of New Jersey. Program services will be provided by bilingual staff at The Arc of Hudson County, located in Union City. *A model strategy for this type of outreach will be generated at the end of the project.*