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## A Message from the Executive Director

By Mary Sautter, MSOL, BARC Developmental Services Executive Director



BARC Developmental Services is celebrating over 73 years of supports and service to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism. 2024 was another busy year for the agency. Much of the year was spent advocating for increased funding from the state and we were encouraged when the PA State Budget was passed with additional investments in the ID/A system that led to rate increases. We will continue our advocacy efforts in 2025.

BARC Developmental Services continues to offer supports to children and adults in the three service departments-Early Intervention, Residential and Vocational. Our Early Intervention Department offers therapies for over 450 children living in Bucks and Montgomery County aged birth to 3 years old in their natural environments. During all the interactions, those involved in the child's life are each at their own point in the journey of their family. Our teams meet the family where they are at that moment and provide support for them to then best support their child. You will read more about Early Intervention supports later in this newsletter.

Our adult services provide supports in residential and vocational departments. The Residential Department supports 100 individuals in several forms of living options in Bucks and Montgomery County. The Vocational Department increased roster and attendance in 2024 to support more people for more days in two vocational workshop facilities. The department is committed to expanding Competitive Integrated Employment opportunities in 2025.

The agency's Development team oversees all fundraising activities and community engagement. We were able to hold several successful events over the spring, summer and fall months and also increase our community presence. Our 2025 Capital Campaign will support purchasing sensory items for the Adult Training Facility (ATF) in our Quakertown vocational facility. I encourage you all to follow our social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) to stay connected with BARC.

We continue to be proud of the quality of supports we provide to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism. Thank you to all our stakeholders and constituents for your support, it is very much appreciated. I wish you all a happy and healthy upcoming holiday season.

*Mary Sautter*



## Early Intervention: The Coaching Model

By Noreen Coleman, Director of Early Intervention



Our Early Intervention program supports Pennsylvania's Office of Child Development and Early Learning's (OCDEL) goal on creating opportunities for the commonwealth's youngest children to develop and learn to their fullest potential. We are proud to support the Infants & Toddlers having special needs in Bucks & Montgomery counties.



In 2024, each of our Interventionists are on the path to being endorsed, initial training has been completed and all continue their trainings. We have 5 Interventionists that have been endorsed by OCDEL. The Certificate of Endorsement acknowledges they have reached the fidelity standard and have demonstrated the knowledge and skills essential to engage families and apply Family Guided Routines Based Interventions (FGRBI) principles and practices in their sessions.

Coaching is designed to promote sustainable growth in knowledge, skills and behaviors for an interventionist. The focus when coaching a parent is observation, instruction and reflection so professionals, families and caregivers can use evidence-based practices for the development of young children in everyday activities and routines. Early Intervention Services should not complicate your family's life they should complement your family's life.



Families know their child best and they are essential members of their child's team, in the Infant & Toddler program we are family focused and listening to the family's priorities is our focus. Natural learning opportunities give your child more occasions for learning than one-to-one activities with a provider during a weekly visit. Coaching within everyday, familiar routines increases your child's opportunities for engagement, independence, and participation with family and friends.

We look forward to additional Interventionists reaching endorsement in the coming year and to continue to support families in their child's growth and development.



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# Membership Is An Opportunity To Make A Difference

## 2025 Membership Campaign



Participation sustains the mission of our agency and financial support enhances the quality of programs and services. Members are invited to our annual Membership Meeting and Reception in May and take an active part in an election that directly impacts the future of the organization by casting votes for the volunteer Board of Directors.

As a member:

- You are invited to attend the annual Membership Meeting held in May and participate in the election of the volunteer Board of Directors;
- Your vote directly impacts the future of the organization;
- Your tax deductible gift contributes to the support of the men, women, and children receiving services through our early intervention, residential, and vocational programs;
- You will receive this bi-annual newsletter, PROGRESS, which keeps you up to date on the agency's goals and accomplishments, as well as informing you of upcoming events.

**Receive a BARC Tote Bag with your 2025 Membership!\***

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**If you sign up before 12/31/24 you will also receive a 2025 BARC Wall Calendar!\***



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## Advocacy In Action

### Governor Shapiro Hosts Ceremonial Bill Signing

By: Melissa Bradford, Development Manager

In July, Governor Shapiro hosted a ceremonial bill signing highlighting budget investments to support the Pennsylvania ID/A Community and Bocce Tournament with Special Olympics at the Governor's residence. Governor Shapiro has traveled the commonwealth meeting with the ID/A community, advocates and families to hear firsthand about the support they need. Governor Shapiro made a stop at BARC Developmental Services in April of 2024 and hosted a round table with supported individuals, family members and caretakers regarding the all-important budget. He secured \$354.8 million in the 2024-2025 budget to expand home and community-based services and address the shortage of direct support professionals.

Matt Beckman and Jerome Williams, supported individuals at BARC Developmental Services traveled with associates Jonathan Bunduka, Sean Krugar, Jennifer Fritz and BARC Executive Director, Mary Sautter, to attend the ceremonial bill signing event.

"We are grateful for the passing of the PA state budget for fiscal year 2024-25, which includes over \$350 million in federal and state funding to provide more resources for home and community-based service providers. This investment will allow agencies like BARC Developmental Services, who provide critical supports to individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism (ID/A), to receive a much-needed increase in rates," said Mary Sautter, Executive Director of BARC Development Services.

Matt Beckman, a BARC employee who is also part of their vocational program said, "First, I wanted to say thank you for inviting me to this event. I am very happy that, with this going through, we will be able to get more money to people who need it. Especially to my staff that support me. This money will help me and my friends go to work more since before I wasn't able to attend the full week, and it can help pay for the bus and give me an opportunity to earn more money!"



From Top: Matt Beckman holds a sign from the Ceremony, Governor Shapiro Signs the Ceremonial Bill with advocates onlooking, Mary Sautter, BARC Executive Director, speaks at the Governor's residence.

For more information about the Governor's Round Table Discussion scan the QR code:



To view the video scan below:



or visit [barcprograms.org/blog](http://barcprograms.org/blog)

### A Visit From Representative Brian Munroe



Representative Brian Munroe tours BARC Production Services Warminster

In August, Representative Brian Munroe visited BARC Production Services Warminster. Representative Munroe toured the workshop floor and met with many of our supported individuals. Rep. Munroe represents the 144th District in Bucks County.

We appreciate the support from our local representatives. We encourage all supporters of BARC Developmental Services to continue advocacy efforts by contacting your local representatives. You can find your local representatives at [www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us).



## Community Engagement: BARC Around Town

Have you seen BARC Developmental Services at your local events lately?

This year, our team has been participating at many events to increase engagement, support our community and to ensure that those who may require our services know we are here for them! Our participation in community events also allows for great engagement for those who are interested in starting an exciting career or need assistance with job placement through our J.O.B.S. program.



## Need Help with Production?

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## Your dollars at work!

### 2024 Capital Campaign Update

With your generous support we have been able to complete the construction for both of the target properties for this year's campaign. Our supported individual's safety is a top priority and upgrading and installing the proper ramps and sidewalks for difficult terrain navigation allows for best practice in safety and efficacy for our folks. Thank you!!



## 2025 Spring Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you own a local business and are looking for a new way to give back to your community? Consider sponsoring one of our upcoming events!

### Sports Raffle

Sponsor one of the prizes of the Baseball Raffle

### Spring Bingo Games

Sponsor a prize for our bingo games

### Membership Meeting

Sponsor refreshments for our Annual Membership meeting

### Duck Derby

Level sponsorships support the event overall

### Annual Golf Outing

Sponsor breakfast, welcome bags, green side signs & more

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information!**  
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4369.





# 2025 Capital Campaign

## New Sensory Room

For the past few years, our Capital Campaign has focused on the improvement of overall safety and efficacy in our residential homes and vocational sites with upgraded fire egress additions and new railings.

While those initiatives are still a priority, another need has been identified in late 2024 to upgrade the Sensory Spaces within our Adult Training Facilities (ATF) beginning with our Quakertown Location. A sensory room is a place designed to engage, relax or stimulate the senses. It's a special environment filled with materials that heighten senses through lights, colors, sounds, and tactile objects. These rooms are tailored to provide sensory experiences that can be controlled to suit individual needs making them a haven for therapeutic, educational and behavioral purposes. With your contribution, the ATF can be outfitted with all new, updated sensory equipment of a variety of sizes and purposes to benefit many individuals served.



Concept Room & Equipment only-Final results may vary.



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2025 Capital Campaign

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## ..... Throughout the Agency .....

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Email the Development Department at [melissa.bradford@barcprograms.net](mailto:melissa.bradford@barcprograms.net)

### Length of Service Awards

Held annually, the 2024 Length of Service Awards took place on Friday, October 4th at Peace Valley Park. The ceremony honored associates for their length of service to the agency from 5 to 40 years! Congratulations to those who have devoted their careers to individuals with intellectual disabilities! Joseph Boyle, Site Manager, was also recognized as the recipient of the 2024 Justin T. Schram Memorial Award. The BARC Developmental Services Foundation created the award in 2016 as a means to recognize exceptional contributions by an associate to the agency.



### Justin T. Schram Award



Congratulations to Joe Boyle, Site Manager at BARC Production Services Quakertown, as the 2024 recipient of the Justin T. Schram Memorial Award. According to his nominator, Elaine Witman, Production Manager, "there isn't anything Joe won't do! You can go to Joe for advice on how to solve problems; filling in to aide in covering a 1:1 individual when short staffed; providing lunch and/or front desk coverage; or, just providing coverage wherever he is needed. He maintains the garden and flowers (which he pays for himself) in order to enhance the appearance of BPS-Q..." Please visit [www.barcprograms.org/blog](http://www.barcprograms.org/blog) to read more.

### Direct Support Professionals Week



The week of September 8th through September 14th was Direct Support Professionals Week! From waffles and ice cream to billboards, one week is not long enough to celebrate all of the compassionate and dedicated DSP's at BARC Developmental Services! We are so grateful for you!

### MAX Excellence Award

Congratulations to Tiffany Hinkel, recipient of the MAX Association Service Excellence Award! These awards recognize Direct Support Staff who standout with their heroic and inspirational impact on those around them. Tiffany was recognized for her outstanding front-line work with the individuals we support. Thank you for your continued excellent service to those with intellectual disabilities and autism!





## Our Programs

The recent months have been busy for our service departments at BARC Developmental Services. Check out what we've been up to!

### Residential Services



Our Residential team stays busy with many fun outings! In June, the department held a family picnic at Benner Hall in Quakertown, which was a great way to kick off the summer. Supported folks also took several trips from eating and dancing the day away on the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise, to catching an Iron Pigs ball game, to spending time with friends at Halloween parties and to many more!

### Vocational Services



In addition to the many daily activities that take place in our vocational day programs, our folks have also enjoyed many trips to local farms, lakes, parks and zoos. They even participated in the BARC Summer Olympics and witnessed a butterfly release!

### Early Intervention

Our Early Intervention team including interventionists and administrative staff along with local families enjoyed spending time at the brand new Playpad located in Langhorne, PA. Everyone had a great time!



### Support Services

A special thanks to our Staff Appreciation Committee who helped plan and organize Glad We Work Together parties for associates. These events celebrate teamwork at the agency and serve as a gesture for staff appreciation.





# Events

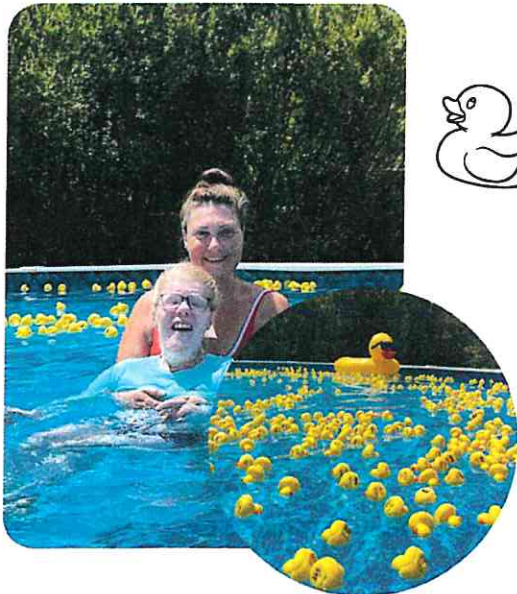
## 25th Ivyland Open Golf Outing

For 25 years BARC Developmental Services has been partnering with members of the community to put on the Annual Ivyland Open Fundraising Golf Outing. This year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the partnership with special giveaways and awards given to Fred DiChiara and Phil Stein for their ongoing efforts and partnership with BARC. Golfers enjoyed 18 holes of golf with friends and business associates, skills contests, raffles, and lunch. Special thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, Corporate Synergies and many other corporate sponsors along with the many volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. All money raised from this event will directly benefit the men, women and children with intellectual disabilities and autism supported by the agency.

Save the date! Next year's event will be held on Monday, June 23rd, 2025, at Five Ponds Golf Course in Warminster, PA. We hope to see you all there!



## 4th Annual Duck Derby



On Saturday, July 13th, BARC Developmental Services hosted its 4th annual Duck Derby event virtually. Supporters were invited to "adopt" a duck (or ducks), and all adopted ducks were tossed into a private pool where Mary Sautter, Executive Director, chose five at random for cash prize winners. The event, which was sponsored by Big Quackers such as Indian Valley Appraisal Company and Dina DiFabio, along and many others, quickly became a success selling over 1,200 ducks! The event was conducted LIVE on the agency's Facebook page with several of our supported individuals in attendance as well as a few agency volunteers. Congratulations to our five winners: Miranda Vogt, \$1,000, Tim Barth, \$500, Rich Schneider \$250, Trimline Windows, \$100, Melissa Guerriero, \$50. A very special thank you goes to Amanda Selkow, Program Director, who kindly donated her pool for the event.

## Summer Soccer Raffle

This year, soccer fans were treated to a special visit from two Football Clubs, Arsenal and Liverpool when the teams were scheduled in a game taking place at Lincoln Financial Field over the summer. BARC Developmental Services was able to raffle off two tickets to the Rivals in Red, with first level seating back in July! Congratulations to Helen Kenny of Levittown, PA who won the grand prize and enjoyed the sharing the tickets with grandkids. 2nd Place, won by Alyce Cunningham of Newtown, PA, was two tickets to a Union game in August 2024 and 3rd place winner, Michael Aivazian, of Furlong PA, enjoyed a \$100 gift card to the MLS store.





## Designer Handbag & Giftcard Bingo



Our Fall Designer Handbag & Gift Card Bingo took place on September 20th, 2024 at St. Cyril Social Hall in Jamison, PA. Over 150 supporters came out to test their luck at twelve games of bingo with alternating prizes of either designer hand bags or \$150 gift cards to their favorite retailers! There were additional raffles, vendors and home baked goods for sale as well! We look forward to seeing everyone for our Upper Bucks event in the Spring of 2025 at Benner Hall in Quakertown, PA. *Save the date for March 21, 2025!*

## Autumn Fundraising Luncheon

On November 3rd, 2024, almost 200 supporters of BARC Developmental Services gathered at Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland, PA, to enjoy a delicious lunch and a chance to win over 90 raffle baskets! For over 45 years BARC has hosted an Annual Autumn Luncheon that began with the parents in our Early Intervention Department. We want to say thank you to the supporters who do so much each and every year, canvassing local businesses for donations and putting together many, many baskets and door prizes!



## Car Show & Trunk or Treat

On October 12, 2024 over 60 classic cars joined us at Warminster Community Park for the 2nd Annual Cars for a Cause Car Show and Trunk or Treat event. DJ Rita spun tunes while hundreds of spectators enjoyed almost 30 vendors, dozens of classic cars, delicious food from The Comfort Kitchen Food Truck, trunk or treating, yard games and demonstrations by the vintage dancers from Magnolia Sadies and Action Karate of Jamison.



## 2024 Vacation Raffle

For 2024 we launched a brand-new **Vacation raffle!**

Generously sponsored by U.S. Medical Staffing Inc. and with travel partner BarMar Travel of Quakertown. The grand prize includes \$1,000 spending cash, Park & Stay (a \$250 value) and a trip of your choice up to \$7,000!

**Congratulations to Steve Mensch of Levittown, PA as this year's winner!**



# Thank you to our 2024 Business Sponsors



Eric J. LePine, D.M.D PC

## GIVING TUESDAY December 3rd, 2024 2024/2025 Wish List Sensory Room

In coordination with our 2025 Capital Campaign, here is a Wishlist of items our staff and individuals at the Quakertown and Warminster Adult Training Facilities could use!

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## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March:** **Sports Raffle**  
*LIVE on our Facebook Page*
- March 21:** **Spring Bingo**  
*Benner Hall, Richlandtown, PA*
- April:** **Spring Apparel Fundraiser**
- May 1:** **Annual Membership Meeting**  
*BARC Production Services, Warminster, PA*
- June 23:** **Ivyland Open: Golf Tournament**  
*Five Ponds Golf Club, Warminster, PA*
- July:** **5th Annual Duck Derby**  
*LIVE on our Facebook Page*

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