



## Mission Statement

The Arc of Somerset supports persons with developmental disabilities, and their families\* in realizing their dreams by providing life-long advocacy and quality services. We further support efforts towards the prevention of developmental disabilities.

\* Families includes family members, as well as friends, caregivers, guardians, advocates, etc.

## Who We Are

The Arc of Somerset County is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving people with disabilities and to assisting them in becoming self-sufficient, independent members of the community in which they live.

The Arc of Somerset County provides advocacy activities, early intervention programs, recreational services, employment programs and transition services.

## Additional Arc Services

Education Advocacy	Camp Jotoni
Family Support	Childhood Services
Residential Services	PACT
Employment Services	Transition Services



## How S.E.E.D.S RUNS?

- Student S.E.E.D.S Program runs on Tuesdays and/or by appointment only.
- Presentations last for approximately one hour each.
- One presentation can accommodate ten to fifty students.
- Minimal fees are charged for teacher/parent groups depending on group size.

**First come, first serve**

## For More Information

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# S.E.E.D.S

Student Education & Experience  
for Disability Sensitivity



planting an idea  
growing understanding

Presented by





The Arc of Somerset County is proud to offer, **S.E.E.D.S**, a free student initiative to increase disability awareness and sensitivity in our community.

**S.E.E.D.S** provides students with a unique opportunity to learn about the disabled population through an informative in-class lecture, dynamic student activities, and group discussion.

**S.E.E.D.S** reaches fifth and sixth grade Somerset County students, introducing disabilities and touching on topics such as the challenges and opportunities facing the disabled population.

Students will learn the impact harassment has on the disabled population and increase their acceptance of diversity and social responsibility.

Through education and interactive learning, **S.E.E.D.S** hopes *to plant an idea and grow understanding.*



*“Our fifth and sixth grade students’ ability to participate in an experimental series of lessons about increasing their awareness of the wide range of challenges people face certainly allowed them to develop greater sensitivity in a meaningful way.*

*Many lessons are learned in school, but some of the longest lasting and most important ones are those that children learn about themselves. You helped each of them to learn that personal lesson.”*

*I. Wechling, Principal  
Aphsawa School  
West Milford, NJ*



Program time runs approximately forty-five minutes in individual classrooms.

Program includes:

- Presentation on three types of disabilities; Physical, Developmental, and Cognitive/Learning
- Five interactive student challenges simulating physical impairments, visual impairments, developmental impairments, cognitive impairments, and learning impairments
- Group question and discussion sessions
- Teachers will be encouraged to follow-up with class discussions, journaling, etc.

All materials are provided

