



Cultural Brokers in Maryland

The Arc Prince George's County

Location: Prince George's County

Funding: \$50,000 | \$16,666 match

GOAL

To expand services provided in Spanish, help more people with developmental disabilities and their families, and create more partnerships so Spanish-speaking families in Prince George's County get more resources.

SUMMARY

The Arc Prince George's County will recruit and train cultural brokers and provide resources for them to share with the Spanish-speaking community. They will work with community organizations across the county to make sure their work reflects the needs of the communities they are serving. They will also implement a training for their staff on how to best support and be responsive to the Spanish-speaking community.

Cultural brokers are members of the community they work with. They understand and share the values, beliefs, and practices of the community. Cultural brokers help build trust and connections between community members and the services and supports that they need.

ACTIVITIES

- Train 5 cultural brokers in the Prince George's County Spanish-speaking community. Include the Charting the Life Course program as part of the training.
- Recruit 10 volunteers and 6 partner organizations to understand the role of cultural brokers.
- Provide cultural training to organizational staff so they better connect with the Spanish-speaking community.
- Provide resources to 150 people with developmental disabilities and their families in Spanish-speaking communities across Prince George's County.



OUTCOMES

- 150 people with developmental disabilities in Spanish-speaking communities increase their knowledge and awareness of issues that matter to them.
- 150 people with developmental disabilities and their families in Spanish-speaking communities are better able to advocate for their needs because they worked with the cultural brokers.
- Staff of different organizations are better able to respond to the needs of the Spanish-speaking community.