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SCHENECTADY ARC RECEIVES GRANT TO CREATE FIRE SAFETY VIDEO TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SCHENECTADY, NY -- MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2011 -- Schenectady ARC was awarded the Mary Frawley Memorial Grant from the NYS Association of Day Service Providers. The grant will be used to produce a 10-minute fire safety training video to assist with fire safety training for individuals who attend Schenectady ARC's four day habilitation programs.

Due to the scarcity of fire safety training material adapted for people with developmental disabilities, Schenectady ARC's day habilitation program staff, in collaboration with Rotterdam Pine Grove # 5 and Carmen Fire Departments, recently developed a comprehensive fire safety curriculum. The curriculum consists of over 25 multi-sensory activities, photographs and exercises that have been carefully adapted to accommodate the unique learning

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styles and functioning levels of the individuals served by Schenectady ARC.

The video will serve as an essential supplement to the newly created curriculum. The video provides a multi-sensory interpretation of key fire safety practices for individuals with varying levels of intellectual functioning, communication skills and learning styles. Individuals will be able to complete the curriculum at their own pace, with their progress tracked in a "Fire Safety Preparedness Assessment," which rates and documents their skill acquisition.

Schenectady ARC staff believes that this program is unique, as they were unable to purchase or find any comparable set of fire safety training materials. The video will be an important element of helping Schenectady ARC consumers learn and maintain critical fire safety skills.

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About Schenectady ARC -

Schenectady ARC is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by providing a wide variety of custom tailored services to meet each individual's needs. We believe partnerships in our community create the power for people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play as fulfilled members of society. Schenectady ARC is a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., and a member of The Arc of the United States.