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## **Liberty ARC Receives CQL's Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation** **Montgomery County Agency Awarded Four-Year Accreditation for Excellence in Services**

**AMSTERDAM** – Liberty ARC announced today that the agency and its subsidiary in Delaware, Choices for Community Living (CCL), has been awarded the four-year *Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation* from the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL), an organization that provides human service agencies and systems a proven framework for quality monitoring and enhancement. The award confirms that Liberty ARC and CCL shares CQL's vision for person-centered solutions to improve the quality of life for people receiving supports and services.

Liberty has previously received CQL accreditation; four-year awards in 2018, 2014, and 2009, and two-year awards in 2007 and 2005. CCL received the four-year accreditation in 2018, 2014, and 2009 as well.

"We are honored to have been awarded this accreditation from CQL and to continue our long and valuable relationship with the Council on Quality and Leadership," said Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders. "Our success year after year shows we have an outstanding team at Liberty ARC, who work hard on a daily basis to ensure that every aspect of Liberty ARC's services are built around the hopes, dreams, and preferences of the people we support. Thank you to CQL for this recognition."

During the partnership with CQL to pursue accreditation, Liberty ARC and CCL undertook a rigorous process to review services and supports. Their efforts were focused on empowering the people who receive support from their organization to make choices in how they live their lives, including where they work, where they live, and how they create a community. As part of the recent review, Liberty ARC and CCL have demonstrated an organizational commitment to continued enhancement of systems directly related to person-centered services.

"This is a great achievement and we're honored to partner with Liberty ARC and CCL on their accreditation!" says Mary Kay Rizzolo, President And Chief Executive Officer of CQL | The Council on

Quality and Leadership. “They’re showing people supported, families, employees, and others, that they’re committed to quality services that help people’s dreams come true.”

### **About Liberty ARC**

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community. While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years. Our mission- *Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values* - together with our *Values* make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a stand-out in our field.

### **About CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership**

Since 1969, CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership has been a leader in working with human service organizations and systems to continuously define, measure, and improve quality of life and quality of services for youth, adults, and older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and psychiatric disabilities. CQL offers accreditation, training, certification, research, and consultation services to agencies that share our vision of dignity, opportunity, and community for all people.

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