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Liberty ARC employee appointed Director of Operations

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, recently announced the appointment and promotion of Ashley Walton as their new Director of Operations.

In this role, Walton will oversee Liberty ARC's Residential Services in the mid and up county areas of Montgomery County, including Fonda, Fultonville, Canajoharie, Fort Plain, and Palatine Bridge. Walton will ensure all regulatory requirements are met, implement the agency's Strategic plan, report fiscal performance, provide oversight to billing procedures, support teams to be collaborative and effective, and focus on person-centered supports.

Walton comes into her new position with more than 14 years of experience in the Intellectual/Developmental disability (I/DD) field. She began working at Liberty ARC in 2015 as the Associate Director of

Operations in the mid and up county regions. Most recently, Walton served as the Assistant Director of Employment Services for three years and as Recruitment Supervisor from 2018 to 2020.

"It has been a goal of mine since I began my career at Liberty ARC to take my leadership role to the next level by becoming a Director," Walton said in a news release. "Having an opportunity to achieve that milestone by leading the mid and up county area is especially meaningful because it's where I started my career at Liberty ARC. I have established relationships with people supported, families, managers, and staff in the area, and am looking forward to returning in a new capacity. I have been so fortunate in my time with Liberty ARC to work with the Residential, Day Program, Human Resources and Employment Services teams. These

opportunities have given me a broad scope of knowledge of the agency as a whole which I am confident will be beneficial in returning to Residential services."

"We are excited about the energy and support Ashley will provide to the homes in the up and mid county areas of Montgomery County," said Candace Opalka, Chief Operating Officer of Liberty ARC, in the release. "Ashley has been a key leader at Liberty ARC for nine years and has worked in various capacities. Ashley is known for her positive and energetic approach, the support to her teams and her organization and focus on quality. We look forward to working with Ashley in this new capacity."

Walton also received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the State University of New York at Oneonta in 2003 and minored in Educational Psychology.



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