

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Data

Marilyn S. Arons
Date of Birth: January 29, 1939
Birthplace: Pontiac, Michigan
U.S. Citizen

Academic Training

Post-doctoral Neuroscience Basic Skills Review Course, Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons, 2000-2001

Bank Street Graduate School of Education, M.S., 2001 Special Education; Early Childhood Education

Infancy and Early Childhood, Stanley Greenspan, M.D., April 23-26, Washington, D.C., 1999

Learning and the Brain Conference, Harvard/MIT, May 7-8, 1999

Infant-Toddler Institute Neurodevelopmental and Audiologic Assessment and Intervention, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, August 15-20, 1999

Project Assist, Level 1 Certificate, Delaware 1997

Teachers College, Neuroscience and Education, 1980-1985

City College of New York. Non-matriculated Graduate Studies: Special Education, English, School Administration, 1972-1974

Alma College, B.M.E., Bachelor of Music Education w/ Major in English, 1961

Certification/Licensure

Public School Special Education, Permanent, #098457011

Professional Organizations

Society For Neuroscience, Affiliate, # 100035905
New York Zero-3 Network, 2000-Present
Council for Exceptional Children, Division for Early Childhood, Division for Research, Division for Learning Disabilities, 2001 to present
Council for Exceptional Children, New Jersey Chapter, 2002 to present

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The American Public Health Association, 2004 to present

Awards

1998, 1999, 2001 Nomination, The Russ Berrie Prize for Making a Difference, Ramapo College of New Jersey

1996 Honorary Committee for “Special Education Week in New Jersey”, New Jersey School Boards Association

1995 Humanitarian of the Year, Association of School and Agencies for the Handicapped (ASAH)

Teaching Experience

2008- Present- Diagnostic teaching consultation, ages 5-21

2005- Department of Pediatrics, Harlem Hospital, Consultant on Early Intervention

2001-Present- Diagnostic Teaching/ Play-Based Assessment, ages 1-5, Melody Arons Center

2000-2001, Saddle River Board of Education, Development of first Greenspan Sensory Integration Program in a public school

2002-Lead Teacher, Mt. Sinai Therapeutic Nursery; member of transdisciplinary hospital team, New York City

1999-Present, Private Music Practice, ages 2-7, Neuroscience and Music focus on memory, language development, social engagement

1996-1999, Mentor/Tutor, Gifted Students with Learning Disabilities

1996- Director, Master Teacher, Delaware Blue Ribbon Project

1961-1992- Private Practice, Music and Theater Arts, Specializing in students with disabilities

1965-1975- Project Director: Humanities Grant, Special Education, JHS 52, New York City; Curriculum Specialist, English/Theater Arts Teacher, New York City Board of Education

1963- ARC School for Retarded Children, Binghamton, New York

1961-1962- 9th Grade English, West Junior High School, Binghamton, New York

1960-1961- 9th Grade Music, Alma Public Schools, Alma, Michigan

Employment

2001-Present- President & CEO, Melody Arons Center for Applied Preschool Research & Education, Inc. Responsibilities include direction and supervision of all staff, programs and research for children ages 0-5 who are deemed to be at risk for or diagnosed with disabilities. Duties include administration of all programs, master teaching, curriculum

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development, and principal investigator of MAC sponsored neuroscience studies.

1993-2005 - Director of Advocacy Training, The Parent Information Center of New Jersey, Inc. Responsible for development/ implementation of state advocacy and parent training programs in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New York, and principle nonlawyer litigator for organization.

1977-1993- Executive Director, Founder, The Parent Information Center of New Jersey, Inc. Responsible for functioning of nonprofit organization with 100 volunteers networked across five states and over 100,000 square miles. Duties included grant writing, working with parents of disabled children, public presentations, training nonlawyers, and serving as primary nonlawyer representative in administrative hearings.

Publications

Arons, M (2014) *Nonlawyer Lady, A Life In Special Education*, Amazon

Arons, M (2014) *The Last IEP Book: Laws, Process & Samples*. In Progress

Arons, M (2010) *The Parent's and Practitioner's Manual for Special Education, Book 1*, Ebook, *Take Off the Gloves*, marilynsuearons.com, Publications

Arons, M (2010) *A Gifted Handicapped Case Study*, Ebook, *Take Off the Gloves*, marilynsuearns.com, Publications

Arons, M (2010) *The Parent's and Practitioner's Manual for Special Education, Surviving the Due Process Hearing, Book 3*, In Progress

Rhode, D. & Luban, D (2006) *Legal Ethics: Law Stories*. In *Re Arons: The Plight of the "Unrich" in Obtaining Legal Services*. Vladeck, D., Foundation Press. pp. 255-286

Arons, M (2001) *The Busy Box, a handbook for parents and providers about children with disabilities ages 0-5*. Melody Arons Center

Arons, M.(1999) *Autism, a parallel universe*. Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1996) *History and evolution of attention deficit disorder*. *Channels*, ASAH. Vol. 11

Arons, M. (1996) *Report to congress reauthorizing the I.D.E.A.*, Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1996) Handi Network News, Delaware

Arons, M. (1996) ADD handbook history, case law & case study, Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1978-1996) ED-PAC Newsletter Editor, Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1994-1995) A nation at risk: Goals 2,000 monograph, Parent Information Center

Arons, M.(1992) Issues in preschool handicapped: case studies. Parent Information Center

Arons, M.(1990) The IEP, a nation's overview- 1975-1989. Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1990) New Jersey law on the IEP. Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1989) The plan to revise special education in New Jersey and proposed changes in N.J.A.C. 6:28. Parent Information Center

Arons, M.(1989) Dysgraphia: a component of dyslexia. Parent Information Center

Arons, M.(1988) Advocates' handbook. Parent Information Center

Arons, M. (1986) The Gifted-Handicapped. Parent Information Center

Arons, M.(1985) Handbook for autistic and atypical children. Parent Information Center

Curriculum Development

Introduction to Bees, 2014

Twice Exceptional Preschool Social Skills Program, Age 4, (2010)

Dinner Date with Friends Social Skills Program, ages 3-5 (2009)

Alphabet Song Neuroscience Study, Parent/Child curriculum (2006- 2010) Melody Arons Center

Parent/Child Early Intervention Survival in Part C, IDEA (2006) Melody Arons Center

Consultant Training Program Cohort Study (2005-2006), Parent Information Center

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NCLB/IDEA Parent Support Group Program (2005-2006) Parent Information Center

The Nonlawyer Model of Special Education, Licensure & Certification program (2004).
Parent Information Center

No Child Left Behind and Special Education (2002-2003) Internal Training program.
Parent Information Center

MAC Early Intervention programs (1999), Music & Learning, 0-2; Preschool Age 4,
Bank Street and Melody Arons Center

Advanced Foundations of Advocacy (1997-1998) Parent Information Center

IDEA Reauthorization/Commissioner's Part 200 Regulations (1997-1998) New York
Chapter, Parent Information Center

Foundations II: Piaget and Child Development (1996-1997). Parent Information Center

Foundations II: Parent Training Program, Connecting Education with IDEA (1995-1996)

New York State Training Program, IDEA & Commissioner's Part 200 Regulations
(1994-1995). New York Chapter, Parent Information Center

Delaware State Training Program, IDEA & the Delaware Administrative Manual (1994-
1995) Delaware Chapter, Parent Information Center

New Jersey Senior Advocate Practicum Program (1994-1995) Parent Information Center

Tri-State Training Program, Comparison of New Jersey, New York and Delaware
systems of special education (1993-1994). Parent Information Center

Sophomore Training Program (1992-1993) Parent Information Center

Freshman Training Program (1991-1992) Parent Information Center

Play/Say Music Therapy Reading Program for the Retarded Child (1986) Private Practice

Parents' School Curriculum (1983) Teachers College, Columbia University

New Jersey School for Science and the Performing Arts (1982) Teachers College,
Columbia University

English Curriculum, Grades 9-12, (1982) The Barnard School, New York, New York

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Home School Curriculum for Melody Arons (1977-1978)

English Literature component, Humanities Program (1970-1975), JHS 52, District 6,
New York City Board of Education

DROWEGASU language Arts Curriculum (1968), JHS 52, District 6, New York City
Board of Education

Introduction to Musical Concepts through Puppetry (1966) Private Practice

Jazz Improvisation Made Easy (1965) Private Practice

Presentations

Pre-Reading Research & Case Study, Teaneck Library, 6/3/15

The ABC Neuroscience Study, Case Study 2, Teaneck Public Library. 5/4/13

The ABC Neuroscience Study, Phase 2, First Presbyterian Church, August 16, 2009

The ABC Neuroscience Study, Phase 1, First Presbyterian Church, 2008

The ABC Neuroscience Study, Introduction and Overview, Invitational Neuroscience and
Music Conference, Boston, Mass, February 2, 2008

Rosa, Case Study 1, ABC Neuroscience Study, Teaneck Public Library, October 25,
2007

Wading in the Funding Streams of Part C/ Early Intervention in New Jersey, 26th Annual
ASAH Conference, Atlantic City Convention Center, November 15, 2002

Outcome Driven Goals, 8th Annual Family Support Awareness Day, Edison, New Jersey,
October 22, 2002

Early Head Start and the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, Part C, Poster
Session, Head Start's 6th National Research Conference, Washington, D.C. June 26-29,
2002

The Funding Braid of Part C, Early Intervention in New Jersey, Council of Exceptional
Children Workshop, New Jersey Chapter, May 17, 2002

Beauty Is More Than In The Eye Of The Beholder, Keynote, Art Therapy Conference of New Jersey, April 27, 2002

Nonlawyer Representation, Practicing Law Institute, New York City, January 8, 2002

Problems in Part C Programs, IDEA Testimony, San Antonio, Texas, December 19, 2001

Nonlawyer Representation in Due Process Hearings, IDEA Testimony, Washington, D.C., December 6, 2001

Neuroscience and Education- The Time Is Now, Art Education Conference of New Jersey, October 3, 2001

The Frame and Faces of Dyslexia, International Dyslexia Association, New York Branch, March 24, 2000

Nonlawyer Practice in the United States, HALT/Americans for Legal Reform, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, California, November 5, 1999

Autism Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, Parent Information Center, March 26-27, 1999

Reauthorization and Basic Rights, Jefferson Township Special Education Parents Association, April 27, 1998

Reauthorization Workshop, The Bancroft School, Haddonfield, New Jersey, April 4, 1998

Reauthorization IEP Workshop, The Teaneck Library, New Jersey, February 2, 1998

Welcome to the Special Education Village: A Great IDEA, New Jersey Bar Association, November 6, 1997

Forming a Parent Group in Special Education, Ridgefield Park PTA, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, September 25, 1997

IEP Workshop, New Paltz, New York, April 5, 1997

Reauthorization and non-public schools, Special Education Parents Meeting, Felician College, Lodi, New Jersey, March 19, 1997

Town Meeting: Parents Rights, Poughkeepsie, New York, November 11, 1996

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Testimony, New Jersey State Board of Education, October 16, 1996

N.J. Special Education Funding Reform, ARC of New Jersey, March 12, 1996

PIC Report to Congress: Reauthoring the IDEA, Teaneck Library, September 30, 1996

PIC Report to Congress: Reauthoring the IDEA, Washington, D.C., September 26, 1996

Knowledge is Power- Each One-Teach One, Philadelphia Town Meeting, September 21, 1996

Delaware Blue Ribbon Project, Milford, Delaware, July 26, 1996

Evening on Charter Schools, Greenwood, Delaware, July 20, 1996

PIC in Delaware, Citizens for Fair Taxes, Wilmington, Delaware, May 16, 1996

Sending Receiving Schools- Special Education Requirements, Montague, New Jersey Town Meeting, May 2, 1996

IDEA update, ASAH State Conference, New Jersey, November 16, 1995

IDEA OSEP/Congress Presentation, Washington, D.C., April 4, 1995

PIC as New Jersey's P&A System, State House, Trenton, New Jersey, June 24, 1994

The Wheel Of Fortune- PIC's Model of Advocacy, Keynote, National Advocacy Roundtable, Heartspring School, Wichita, Kansas, May 20-21, 1994

Connecting Special Education to T&E, Somerset County Basic Rights Workshop, Manville, New Jersey, February 2, 1994

Deregulation of Special Education Testimony, New Jersey State Board of Education, January 4, 1994

Nonlawyer Practice- Protection and Advocacy in America Testimony, American Bar Association, Phoenix, Arizona, October, 1993

Privilege and Nonlawyer Practice Testimony, American Bar Association, New York, New York, August 5-6, 1993

Education Is The Issue, 1993 Gubernatorial Campaign Independent Candidate, June-November, 1993

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ADD Advocacy Pilot Training Program, CHADD Conference, East Brunswick, New Jersey, April 26, 1993

Effective Advocacy for Learning Disabled and Gifted Students, Hilltop Preparatory School Conference, Rosemont, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1993

IEPs and Deaf Children, IEP Workshop, New York School for the Deaf, White Plains, New York, March 13, 1993

Special Education in New Jersey Testimony, Federal Monitoring, New Brunswick, New Jersey, February 13, 1993

Nonlawyer Practice in Special Education, American Bar Association, Orlando, Florida, December 12, 1993

ADD Advocacy, Bergen County CHADD, Paramus, New Jersey, December 7, 1992

Advocacy in Arkansas, Keynote, LDA Dyslexia Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 16-18, 1992

Gifted Handicapped Legal Issue, Gifted Handicapped Conference, Spring Lake, New Jersey, May 26, 1992

Empowering Parents by Knowing Their Rights, Willingboro, New Jersey, May 20, 1992

The Need For Parent Training, Ulster County, New York, May 11, 1992

Inclusion: Point-Counter Point, Moderator, PIC State Meeting, Teaneck, New Jersey, March 10, 1992

The Legal Rights of the Hearing Impaired, Parents Association, New York School for the Deaf, White Plains, New York, March 4, 1992

Your Rights As Parent, CHADD, East Brunswick, New Jersey, February 24, 1992

Historical & Legal Framework of IEPs, IEP Workshop Conference, Bernardsville, New Jersey, February 15, 1992

Proposed Amendments to N.J.A.C. 6:28: Thorough and Efficient System of free Public Schools in New Jersey, N.J. State Board of Education, Trenton, New Jersey, January 22, 1992

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Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), IDEA Conference, Spring Lake, New Jersey, November 11, 1991

Preschool Handicapped Issues, Ho-Ho-Kus Special Services PTA, November 13, 1991

Discovery, Trial Preparation and Procedural Aspects of Due Process, Due Process Workshop, Spring Lake, New Jersey, June 8, 1991

Twin Rainbows, Commencement Address, The Kildonan School, Amenia, New York, June 1, 1991

Federal and State regulations regarding Due Process, Due Process Workshop, Spring Lake, New Jersey, May 4, 1991

Legal, Educational, and Testing Aspects of Autism, Parents of Autistic Children, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, April 15, 1991

IEPs in Action, PIC IEP Workshop, Spring Lake, New Jersey, February 2, 1991

Due Process, IEPs, Budget Cuts and Neuroscience, Region VI Council for Special Education, Fort Lee, New Jersey, December 7, 1990

Attention Deficit Disorders, CHADD, East Brunswick, New Jersey, November 26, 1990

History of National and State Changes in Special Education Laws as They Impact Upon the Classroom, West Long Branch, New Jersey, October 24, 1990

PIC: Past, Present and Future, PIC State Meeting, Teaneck, New Jersey, September 1990

History and Evolution of Attention Deficit Disorders, CHADD, East Brunswick, New Jersey, April 23, 1990

A Report Card on Special Education- Harris Poll Survey, Moderator, Teaneck Library, Teaneck, New Jersey, April 3, 1990

Testimony, Naples Bill, New Jersey Assembly Education Committee, Teaneck, New Jersey, March 13, 1990

Citizen Involvement in Public School Education, Hampton, New Jersey, February 22, 1990

Case Law Created

Arlington Board of Education v. Pearl and Theodore Murphy, U.S. 2005

Murphy v. Arlington Board of Education, 00-7358, 297 F.3d 195; (2d Cir. 2002), 37 IDELR 62...First award of costs in the Second Circuit

In the Matter of Arons, 440, 1999; (Del. 2000), 32 IDELR 253...First case law barring nonlawyer representation

Borough of Palmyra Board of Education v. R.C., 97-6119; (D.N.J. 1999), 31 IDELR 3
First award of costs to nonlawyer consultant

Arons v. Donovan et al., 88 F. Supp. 377 (D.N.J. 1995)... First case law to require public broadcasting to cover all gubernatorial candidates prior to election

T.W., Woods ex rel., v. New Jersey Dept. of Educ., 823 F, Supp. 254; (D.N.J. 1993)
Granting of Privilege to nonlawyer representative

Arons, 16 EHLR 1028...First federal recognition of a continuum of placement options for students with dyslexia

Arons v. New Jersey Board of Education, 84 2F. 2d 58, (3rd Cir. 1988)... First decision to permit payment to nonlawyers as consultants