

## The Mon-Arc of Monroe Welcomes New Executive Director



The Mon-Arc of Monroe is proud to announce the appointment of Terey DeLisle as its new Executive Director, effective Monday, October 6, 2025. Terey brings more than 30 years of dedicated experience working with and advocating for people with disabilities. Her career spans various leadership roles in Residential and Vocational/Employment services, where she has demonstrated a strong commitment to breaking down barriers to full inclusion and empowering individuals to live with choice, responsibility, and dignity.

Throughout her career, Terey has served on numerous boards of directors for social services and businesses, including the Arc Downriver, where she contributed to fundraisers, Special

Olympics, advocacy efforts, and recreational activities. Most recently, she held the position of Superintendent of the Fairview County Home, a shelter and transitional residence in Monroe County for individuals with disabilities facing homelessness.

Terey's passion for the Arc's work began in high school, after volunteering at an Arc Christmas dance. This pivotal experience inspired her lifelong dedication to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Terey grew up in Trenton, and has lived in Monroe County for 20 years with her husband, Joshua. She is beyond excited to begin working alongside the staff and families of Mon-Arc of Monroe and see what we can accomplish together!

Please join us in welcoming Terey DeLisle as she leads Mon-Arc of Monroe into a new chapter of advocacy, inclusion, and community engagement.

## Senior Advocacy Specialist Position



We are fortunate that Michelle Parrish, the former Executive Director, who recently relocated, remains with us, now serving as the Senior Advocacy Specialist, with a focus on educational advocacy in Monroe County. For the last two years, Michelle served as our Executive Director, reestablishing our strong presence in Monroe County, prior to that she spent four years on our Board. As an expert in educational advocacy, she has been a lifelong educator dedicated to helping individuals acquire the knowledge to reach their full potential. She has actively participated in team meetings related to special education compliance, including discipline, notices, state complaints, compliant IEPs, FAPE, and LRE. She also keeps up with current special education trends by attending webinars and conferences. We are grateful to have Michelle still with us in this new role and are excited to see how she will strengthen our educational advocacy services for Monroe County.

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