

## Research Consent

It is the goal of The Arc Gateway Program for Adult Learning and Support (PALS) to prepare students with disabilities to fulfill the following:

- Become lifelong learners connected to their community
- Increase levels of independence
- Prepare for and obtain competitive employment

It will be important, for future funding, that the success of the students upon exiting the program be documented. Therefore, each student is being asked to participate in a longitudinal research study that will be conducted over a five year period following completion of the program. During the period of enrollment in The Arc Gateway PALS, baseline information will be gathered and will continue to be monitored and documented over the course of five years.

By signing this document, the student and/or parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she will be part of an ongoing research project and agrees to participate in the research both during enrollment in The Arc Gateway PALS as well as during the five year period following graduation. All identifying information will be held in accordance with The Arc Gateway's confidentiality policies.

Student Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_