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## The Arc Mid-Hudson Appoints New Directors to their Organization

**Kingston, NY**- Kristen Clark Bielefeldt has been appointed as the new Director of Development and Community Relations at The Arc Mid-Hudson. Following a fourteen-year tenure in the Marketing and Foundation Departments at Columbia Memorial Health, she is currently a member of the Board of Directors for The Mac-Haydn Theatre. Kristen has successfully navigated the realms of fundraising and marketing, often infusing her work with a theatrical flair. An experienced event planner, Kristen has dedicated years to customizing various events to align with organizational needs.

**Cottekill, NY-** Mr. Seth Turner has been appointed as the new Director of Brookside School. Seth comes to our school and agency with a vast array of educational skills and experiences. His goal at Brookside is to support the good work already being done each day while helping to upgrade our communications, playgrounds, safety, security protocols, curriculum and instruction, and other professional development areas that align with the Brookside vision and mission.

**Carmel, NY**- Brandon "Bo" Gilsenan has been appointed as the new Director of Operations in our Putnam Region. Bo has worked for the Arc Mid-Hudson for 15 years, working his way up through supervisory and management positions in Residential services, most recently assuming the Regional Director role in 2016. In addition, he has been a long-standing member of the Human Rights Committee and a co-chair of CQL's Factor Two group.

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**About The Arc Mid-Hudson:**
The Arc Mid-Hudson is a private not-for-profit agency founded in 1956 by families in Ulster, Greene, and Putnam Counties who believed that their children with disabilities should have the same opportunities as their peers. Supporting 1,300 people from preschool through adulthood, our mission is "To empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life." We are guided by the core values of: Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence; The Arc Mid-Hudson believes each person is unique and we provide individualized services each program participant. With over 1,500 employees, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the largest employers in the area. The Arc Mid-Hudson is the Ulster, Greene, and Putnam Counties Chapter of The Arc New York and is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership. For more information about The Arc Mid-Hudson, please visit www.ArcMH.org

**About The Arc of New York:**
The Arc of New York is the largest not-for-profit in New York State serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The 53 Chapters comprising The Arc New York are located in every county in New York State. The organization supports over 60,000 individuals, employs over 30,000 people and has a membership of over 110,000. For more information visit www.NYSARC.org