



The Arc of the Capital Area is proud to announce and congratulate Dr. Mary Van Haneghan on her national award for Program Innovation. Each year The Arc of the United States selects leaders across the country to receive recognition through their National Conference of Executives (NCE) Distinguished Professional Awards. This year we were thrilled to learn that our very own Executive

Director is among the winners. Dr. Van Haneghan has been given the Program Innovation award for her collaboration with Austin Community College (ACC). Through this partnership we are now offering art education classes at our office that are recognized through the college and allows students to earn continuing education units. In addition, for the first time our classes are open to everyone in the community, not just people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. This new approach allows us to have an accredited and truly inclusive approach to art education. She has created something that has never before existed in the Austin area. Her efforts have had a significant impact on our individuals that we serve throughout Central Texas in paving the way for innovation! Dr. Van Haneghan will be honored at the The Arc of the United States' national conference at the NCE Awards luncheon in San Diego, California November 2, 2017. Join us in congratulating Dr. Van Haneghan on her recognition.