



June 14, 2022

The Board of The Arc of Howard County is pleased to announce that after a nationwide search, Howard County's own Katie Collins-Ihrke will be the new Executive Director of The Arc of Howard County. Ms Collins-Ihrke will succeed The Arc of Howard County's current Executive Director, Cindy Parr, and will assume responsibilities on August 1, 2022.

Ms Collins-Ihrke earned her Master of Science in Management with a specialization in nonprofits and associations, as well as her Master of Business Administration. She comes to The Arc of Howard County with experience in direct support of people with disabilities, marketing and fundraising, as well as systems advocacy within local, state, and federal governments. Katie Collins-Ihrke has sought to make lasting changes in the disability movement for the past 15 years and she has worked in a variety of roles for several chapters of The Arc in the state of Maryland. For the last 8 years, she has served in the capacity of Executive Director for Accessible Resources for Independence, a Center for Independent Living.

As a passionate advocate of disability issues, Ms Collins-Ihrke has expertise on issues such as self-determination, self-advocacy, and the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life. Please join us in welcoming Katie Collins-Ihrke as the new Executive Director of The Arc of Howard County!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cathy M. Cope'.

Cathy Cope

The Arc of Howard County, Board President