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## Dime Bank Foundation Awards Training Equipment to The Arc Eastern Connecticut

The Arc Eastern Connecticut was honored to receive a \$1,003 grant from the Dime Bank Foundation in order to purchase CPR and first aid training materials for staff members working directly with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in eastern Connecticut. With the July 2019 merger of The Arc New Lonodn County and The Arc Quinebaug Valley, the agency now employs over 450 full and part-time staff, all of whom are trained in CPR and emergency first aid. The grant will allow The Arc Eastern Connecticut's northeast offices to replace its outdated equipment, allowing staff to receive the most up-to-date and comprehensive emergency training, keeping participants as safe as possible.

The Arc ECT provides supports and services to over 800 people with IDD and their families throughout eastern Connecticut. To learn more about The Arc ECT's programs throughout the region, please visit *thearcect.org* or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.