



## **Nancy Mercer**

Nancy Mercer is the Executive Director for The Arc of Northern Virginia, an organization committed to building “A life like yours” for families and citizens living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” In this capacity Ms. Mercer oversees advocacy, resource development, support services, long term planning, a guardianship program and one of two pooled trusts in the commonwealth of Virginia. A small team of staff members provide services to primarily the Northern Virginia area, but have also become a valuable resource to individuals seeking advice and support nationwide. The Arc of Northern Virginia was chosen as the Community Trustee—Non-Profit award by Leadership Fairfax, Inc. in November 2004 and The Chapter Award from The Arc of Virginia in 2006.

Nancy is a licensed clinical social worker with twenty-three years of experience working with children, adults and families living with lifelong disabilities, in both the private non-profit residential/case management arena and the public school system. Nancy’s love and passion in the human service field has been educating the community about the important role direct care workers play in building A Life Like Yours for individuals who need long term care—and for individuals with lifelong disabilities...longest term care.

In addition to her role with The Arc of Northern Virginia, Ms. Mercer is also a member of The Arc of Virginia and the President of the Virginia Guardianship Association. Most importantly, Ms. Mercer is the proud mother of two young men ages 19 and 8 and the daughter of two wonderful parents –who have all reminded Nancy, on a daily basis, about how important it is to create and maintain caring, nurturing environments for living, laughing, and learning.