The After I'm Gone Program
Technical Support Services

Trustee

A Trustee is a person or entity responsible for watching over a trust and following its instructions on when and how to distribute the assets. This Program will provide you with information on Special Needs Trusts and the role of the Trustee.

Alternatives to Guardianship

There are many alternatives to guardianship. If someone can get the supports and services they need and want with the help of family and friends who are involved in their life, there is no need for guardianship. Other alternatives include durable powers of attorney, advance directives for health care, financial powers of attorney, trusts, family consent policies, and other surrogate arrangements.

Advisor to the Trust

The Advisor to the Trust assists the trustee of your child's Special Needs Trust by providing information about public benefits, special education services, Community Mental Health services and other programs, laws and regulations that the Trustee may not be familiar with.

Personal Agent

The Personal Agent provides intensive advocacy on behalf of your son or daughter. That advocacy might involve periodic visits, phone calls, contact with support circle members or attending meetings.

The Letter of Intent

The letter of intent is a document that communicates important information and guidelines to people who may become responsible for the care of your son or daughter. The Arc can provide you with a template from which you can develop your own letter of intent for your son or daughter.

For more information and to RSVP for sessions, please contact:

The Arc of Western Wayne County
2257 South Wayne Road in Westland, MI
734-729-9100 or
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The Arc of Northwest Wayne County
26049 Five Mile Road in Redford, MI
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2016-2017 Schedule

The After I'm Gone Program

The After I'm Gone Program assists families who have a child or an adult with a disability in planning for their future when they are no longer able to provide care.

This program is offered free of charge by The Arc Western Wayne County and The Arc Northwest Wayne County, with space sponsored by The Western Wayne Skill Center.

The Arc
Western Wayne County

The Arc
Northwest Wayne County

After I'm Gone Program Information Sessions for 2016/2017

Trainings to be held at The Western Wayne Skill Center
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
8075 Ritz in Westland, Michigan, 734-744-2810
Space is limited, please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915

How to Get What You Want Out Of Life

Speakers Michelle Driscoll and Christy Courtney will discuss how to use Person Centered Planning and Self Determination to live the life you want to live in your community.

September 8, 2016 and February 9, 2017

Social Security & The Department of Health and Human Services

Speakers will discuss the programs and services available to your son or daughter with a disability, including SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Food Assistance and Adult Home Help.

September 29, 2016 and February 23, 2017

Supporting People in Decision Making

Attorney Roxanne Chang will discuss the various options for supporting people in making important decisions, such as Power of Attorney, Representative Payee, and Trusts.

October 20, 2016 and March 9, 2017

Beyond Group Homes

Speakers Michelle Driscoll and Christy Courtney will discuss the various community living options available to people beyond group homes with support from the Mental Health System.

October 27, 2016 and March 23, 2017

Estate Planning for your Future

Attorney Roxanne Chang will discuss the importance of establishing an estate plan to handle the future needs of your child with a disability. Topics include Special Needs Trusts, ABLE Accounts, Power of Attorney and Patient Advocate designations, Wills and Letter of Intent.

November 10, 2016 and April 13, 2017

Here's How I Did It

A panel of people will discuss how they used Mental Health services to access their communities, live independent lives, and achieve their dreams.

November 17, 2016

Transition Planning

Speaker will discuss the legal requirements of IEPs regarding transition planning, career and interest assessments, student, family and school responsibilities, community resources, and how to make a smooth transition from school to post school life.

December 1, 2016

Opportunities for Life After School

Speakers Michelle Driscoll and Christy Courtney will discuss the different options for services after graduation including skill building, supported employment, community inclusion, and volunteering as well as getting the support that you need from the Mental Health System to create a meaningful day.

December 15, 2016

Financial Planning and Advanced Funeral Planning

Speaker Elinor Ho will discuss financial planning and ways to provide for your loved one while preserving government benefits.

Speaker Tony Arini will discuss the importance of pre-planning your loved one's funeral arrangements including protecting your assets, Medicaid spenddowns, and using funeral planning to reduce assets.

January 12, 2017

Developmental Disabilities and Dementia

A speaker from the Alzheimer's Association will talk about the unique signs and symptoms of people with Developmental Disabilties and Dementia and how to best support people.

January 26, 2017

Home and Community Based Services

Speaker Angela Martin will discuss the Home and Community Based Waiver's final rule that aims to improve the experiences of people receiving Mental Health services by helping them access a more integrated community. Speaker Christy Jane Courtney will discuss how to use Medicaid services to be more productive, to be more independent, and to lead a meaningful life in the community.

April 27, 2017