The AŌer I’m Gone Program
2017-2018 Schedule

The AŌer 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.

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.

NEW LOCATION FOR 2018 SESSIONS!
10218 Arthur St.
Livonia, MI 48150

For more information and to RSVP for sessions, please contact:
The Arc Western Wayne County
2257 South Wayne Road in Westland, MI
734-729-9100 or christy@thearcww.org

or

The Arc Northwest Wayne County
26049 Five Mile Road in Redford, MI
313-532-7915 or mdriscoll@thearcnw.org

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10218 Arthur St. in Livonia
(formerly Garfield Elementary School)
After I’m Gone Program Information Sessions for 2017/2018

2017 Training Location
8075 Ritz in Westland, Michigan

Trainings to be held at The Western Wayne Skill Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Space is limited, please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915

2018 Training Location
10218 Arthur St. in Livonia, Michigan

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 14, 2017 and January 11, 2018

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 28, 2017 and January 25, 2018

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 12, 2017 and February 1, 2018

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 26, 2017 and February 15, 2018

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 2, 2017 and March 1, 2018

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.

November 16, 2017

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.

November 30, 2017

Financial Planning and Advanced Funeral Planning
Speaker Jill Gleba of Gleba & Associates will discuss financial planning and ways to provide for your loved one while preserving government benefits.

March 15, 2018

Alzheimer’s Disease and People with Intellectual Disabilities
A speaker from the Alzheimer’s Association will talk about the unique signs and symptoms of people with Developmental Disabilities and Dementia and how to best support people.

March 29, 2018

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 12, 2018

Getting the Most out of Mental Health Services
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.

April 26, 2018

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