

# 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.

## Sessions held at The Western Wayne Skill Center Garfield Community School

10218 Arthur St. in Livonia

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

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[www.thearcww.org](http://www.thearcww.org)

# 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 and funding provided by The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.



# After I'm Gone Program Information Sessions for 2018/2019

Trainings to be held at The Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School  
10218 Arthur St., Livonia, MI 48150  
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Space is limited, please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915 X204 or online at [www.thearcww.org](http://www.thearcww.org)

## How to Get What You Want Out Of Life

Speaker will discuss how to use Person Centered Planning and Self Determination to live the life you want to live in your community.

September 13, 2018 and January 31, 2019

## Social Security & The Department of Health and Human Services

Speaker 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 27, 2018 and February 14, 2019

## Beyond Group Homes

Speaker will discuss the various community living options available to people beyond group homes with support from the Mental Health System.

October 4, 2018 and March 21, 2019

## 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 25, 2018 and February 28, 2019

## 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 1, 2018 and March 28, 2019

## 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 will discuss how to use Medicaid services to be more productive, to be more independent, and to lead a meaningful life in the community.

November 15, 2018

## Getting the Most out of Mental Health Services

Speaker will discuss how to use Medicaid services to be more productive, more independent and lead a meaningful life in the community, and what to do if services are denied.

November 29, 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.

January 10, 2019



## Opportunities for Life After School

Speaker 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.

January 17, 2019

## Financial Planning and Advanced Funeral Planning

Speaker Jill Gleba of Gleba & Associates will discuss general financial planning strategies including life insurance, and how it is used with families who have a loved one with a disability, cash flow success, debt, risk, investments and letters of intent.

Speaker 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.

April 11, 2019

## Preventing and Responding to Behaviors in People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Dementia

A speaker from the Alzheimer's Association will discuss behavior changes that are a common symptom of dementia and may require different interventions than responding to behaviors caused by developmental disabilities. Information on deciphering the root cause of the behavior and how to prevent and respond to common behavior changes will be provided.

April 25, 2019

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