

## 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 / Supports Coordinator

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.

## Calendar of 2011-2012 General Trainings

**At The Arc of Western Wayne County**  
2257 South Wayne Road in Westland, MI  
Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or  
[christy@thearcww.org](mailto:christy@thearcww.org)

**September 22, 2011 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

**At The Arc of Northwest Wayne County**  
26049 Five Mile Road in Redford, MI  
Please RSVP: 313-532-7915 or  
[mdriscoll@thearcnw.org](mailto:mdriscoll@thearcnw.org)

**January 12, 2012 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

## The After I'm Gone Program



The After I'm Gone Program assists parents of children and adults with disabilities in planning for their son or daughter's future when they are no longer able to provide care.

This program is offered free of charge by The Arc of Western Wayne County and The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, funded by The Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, with space sponsored by The Western Wayne Skill Center.

# Special Workshops for 2011/2012

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

## Supporting People in Decision Making

September 29, 2011 & February 9, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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

## Beyond Group Homes

October 13, 2011 & March 1, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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.

## How to Get What You Want Out Of Life

October 27, 2011  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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.

## Estate Planning for your Future

November 10, 2011 & May 3, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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, Power of Attorney and Patient Advocate designations, Wills and Letter of Intent.



*Can I leave money and property to my son or daughter with a disability?*



*Who will help my son or daughter manage their inheritance so that they don't lose Medicaid?*

## Social Security & The Department of Human Services

November 17, 2011 & March 15, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Representatives from Social Security and DHS will discuss the programs and services available to your son or daughter with a disability, including SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Food Stamps and Adult Home Help.

## Planning for Life After School

January 19, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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.

## Services Available after Graduation

February 2, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Information fair featuring representatives from Michigan Rehabilitation Services, job placement agencies, and the Community Participation Initiative who will discuss the services they offer to individuals seeking employment or leisure time activities after graduation.

## Getting the Most out of Mental Health Services

April 19, 2012  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Speaker Debra Ziegler from The Michigan Department of Community Health will discuss the services that are available to persons with disabilities, how to access those services, and what to do if you are denied the services you need.

For more information and to RSVP, contact

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The Arc of Northwest Wayne County at 313-532-7915, or [mrdiscoll819@thearcnw.org](mailto:mrdiscoll819@thearcnw.org)