

## Special Workshops for 2009/2010

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

2009-2010 Schedule

## *The After I'm Gone Program*

### **Alternatives to Guardianship**

September 22, 2009  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Speakers: Roxanne Chang & Ellen Sugrue-Hyman

### **Special Needs Trusts**

October 8, 2009  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: Lisa Lepine, Esq.

### **Transition and Michigan Rehabilitation Services**

October 29, 2009  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: To be determined

### **Person Centered Planning & Self-Determination**

November 12, 2009  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Speakers: Christy Courtney & Michelle Driscoll

### **Social Security and The Department of Human Services**

November 19, 2009  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speakers: SSA & DHS Reps

### **Financial Planning**

January 7, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Speaker: Jill Gleba, Gleba & Associates

### **Creative Housing Options**

January 21, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: Lisa Lepine, Esq.

### **Employment and Community Participation**

February 11, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: Various Agency Representatives

### **Funeral Planning**

February 25, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: William Gramzow

### **Alternatives to Guardianship**

March 11, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speakers: Roxanne Chang & Ellen Sugrue-Hyman

### **Special Needs Trusts**

March 25, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: Lisa Lepine, Esq.

### **Creative Housing Options**

April 15, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: Lisa Lepine, Esq.

### **Mental Health & Waiver Services**

April 29, 2010  
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Speaker: Deb Ziegler, Department of Community Health



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.

For more information and to RSVP, contact

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or  
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# The After I'm Gone Program Technical Support Services

## 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. This Program will provide you with a template from which you can develop your own letter of intent for your son or daughter.



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

## 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.

## 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.



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

## 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.

## 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.

## Calendar of 2009/2010 General Trainings

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

October 8, 2009      1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
April 13, 2010      6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

At **The Arc of Northwest Wayne County**  
26049 Five Mile Road in Redford, MI  
Please RSVP: 313-532-7915 or [mdriscoll819@aol.com](mailto:mdriscoll819@aol.com)

December 3, 2009      6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
June 3, 2010      6:30 pm to 8:30 pm