

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

A webinar for Children and Adults with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

9:00 - 10:45 am - “Special Needs Estate & Future Planning”

presented by Brian Rubin, JD & Benjamin Rubin, JD, LLM, Rubin Law

This session will cover the who, what, where, when, why and how of Government Benefits, including SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, and Medicare. Brian and Benji breakdown what’s needed with Future Planning for you and your family with topics including: types of and appropriate uses of Special Needs Trusts; necessary provisions in other estate planning documents, such as Wills, Lining Trusts and Powers of Attorney; Gifting by grandparents and extended family members; the impact of divorce and child support on government benefits; the impact of litigation settlements on government benefits; determining the appropriate amount to leave; ABLA Accounts pros and cons; Guardianship and the Alternatives including Supported Decision Making and Powers of Attorney; selecting and providing guidance, education, and information for the “Future Team”, the future Trustees, Guardians, Care Provides; among many other topics.

10:45 - 11:00 am - Break

11:00 am - 12:15 pm - “Planning for the future of your child/young adult living with a disability!”

Presented by Shirley Perez and Ruth Aguilar, The Arc of Illinois Ligas Family Advocate Program

When planning for the needs of your child with a disability, it is important to think carefully about their life goals as well as their ongoing health needs before putting a plan in place. Just like you and I, their needs change! Learn about some things that you should consider:

- PUNS
- Children Support Waiver

12:15 - 1:15 pm - “Facilitating Student Engagement in Transition and IEP Development”

presented by Megan Mutti, Family Matters Parent Training Center

Fully including students in the transition process starts long before transition officially begins! Join us to discuss strategies to improve student engagement and leadership in the IEP process. The presentation will focus on tools to increase student involvement, community resources focused on self-advocacy and leadership, and ensuring IEP team support for student-led meetings.

About the Presenters

Ruth Aguilar, QIDP has over fifteen years of combined experience advocating for people with disabilities. She holds a B.S Psychology from the Illinois Institute of Technology and Professional Graduate Studies in Non-Profit from Harvard University. Ruth's professional experience stems from working previously in an ISC Agency and then as a Self-Directed Assistant serving the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Moreover, with her personal expertise as a mother of a teen girl with Rett Syndrome and Seizure Disorder, Ruth brings a wealth of knowledge to the families by assisting them in how to obtain services and understanding their options by being assertive, yet professional. Ruth is inspired by her husband and her daughter to be a servant leader who helps those around her without hesitation.

Megan Mutti is the Executive Director of Family Matters Parent Training Center, where she onboarded in August of 2023. She was most recently a member of the Ligas Family Advocate Team at the Arc of Illinois. Megan is a 2023 graduate of the Illinois Partners in Policymaking Program. Megan attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she completed both her BS and MA in Human Development and Family Studies. She spent many years as a member of the Pediatric Supportive Care Team at Children's Hospital of Illinois, where she focused on patient and family-centered care. In 2020, she completed a LEND Family Fellowship at UIC, focused on Neurodevelopmental Education and Advocacy. Megan, who resides in Germantown Hills, IL, is the mom to two daughters, one of whom is a young adult with autism and an intellectual disability. Megan has a strong interest in person-centered planning, developmental disability advocacy, transitioning from school to adult services systems, family-centered communication, and community-based inclusion.

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COST & REGISTRATION

February 15, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

This Conference will be held VIRTUALLY using Zoom Webinar.

Registration Fees for Participants are:

Consumer/Family Member.....\$ 40.00
Professional.....\$ 55.00

Please complete the attached registration form and return it along with the appropriate fee to:

The Arc of Illinois
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or you can register online at
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If financial restrictions prevent you from paying full registration, consumer stipends are available through The Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832 or thearcofil.org. The Consumer Involvement Fund Program is funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.

This is a Virtual Event using Zoom. You will be emailed a link before the event!

CEUs

Nursing Home Administrators, Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and QIDPs are entitled to 4 CEUs. They will be required to log in individually to receive their certificate.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Participants canceling their registration at least 72 hours in advance will be entitled to a refund, less a \$25.00 administrative cost.

No refund or credit will be given for cancellations of less than 72 hours before the workshop or for notification of non-attendance after the workshop.

REGISTRATION FORM

Planning for the Future Seminar
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Notice of any special accommodations is required two weeks prior to the event. Contact The Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832.

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August 22, 2022

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Topics Include:

- ◆ **Government benefits & programs in Illinois for children & adults with IDD... and how to navigate the “maze”**
- ◆ **Appropriate special needs estate planning, necessary to qualify for, & in order not to lose, government benefits**
- ◆ **Guardianship and alternatives**
- ◆ **Guidance on preparing instructions & thoughts for future care providers**
- ◆ **PUNS and Home Based Services**
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