

The After I'm Gone Program Technical Support Services

Advocacy Services

The Arc can act as an advocate for your family member with a disability. Advocacy services include assistance in obtaining appropriate services in education, housing, government benefits, employment, family support, prevention and health care, mental health services and supports coordination.

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 Trust

The Advisor to the Trust assists the trustee of your family member'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.

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.

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 family member with a disability. The Arc can provide you with a template from which you can develop your own letter of intent for your family member.



For more information and to
RSVP for sessions, please visit
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THE AFTER I'M GONE PROGRAM

The After I'm Gone Program assists families who have a family member 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, funded by The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.





After I'm Gone Trainings for 2025–2026

**All sessions will be held
via Microsoft Teams webinar!**

You must register in advance by visiting
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THURSDAY 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

Letter of Intent

Speaker will discuss the importance of creating a document that will help the future caregivers for your family member.
September 25, 2025 & February 5, 2026

Estate Planning

Speaker will discuss the importance of establishing an estate plan to handle the future needs of your son or daughter with a disability. Topics include Special Needs Trust, Power of Attorney and Patient Advocate designations, Wills and Letters of Intent.

October 9, 2025 & February 26, 2026

DHHS Programs

Speaker will discuss the program and services available to your family member with a disability, including Medicaid, DAC, Food Assistance, and Adult Home Help.

October 23, 2025

Social Security Programs

Speaker will discuss the Social Security programs available to your family member with a disability including SSI, SSDI and DAC, the application process, and what to do if denied.

November 6, 2025 & March 12, 2026

Person Centered Planning and Self-Determination

Speaker will discuss how to use Person Centered Planning and Self-Determination to support your family member with a disability to live the life they want in their community.

November 20, 2025 & March 26, 2026



Supported Decision Making

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

December 4, 2025 & April 9, 2026

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.

December 18, 2025 & May 14, 2026

MI SIBS (Michigan Supporting and Including Brothers & Sisters)

Speaker will discuss MI SIBS which provides adult siblings of individuals with disabilities with information, resources, and support to advocate with/and for their brothers and sisters and to promote leadership roles of siblings within the disability community.

January 15, 2026

Housing Options

Speaker will discuss the various community living options available beyond group homes with support from the mental health system. A panel will talk about their personal experiences living independently in the community.

January 22, 2026 & May 7, 2026

ABLE Accounts

Speaker will discuss the MiABLE savings accounts which provide eligible individuals the opportunity to save and fund a variety of qualified expenses without jeopardizing their entitlements.

May 21, 2026