Transition Talks
2023 - 24
Workshop Series

March:
Decoding the Legal Maze: A Comprehensive Guide to Guardianship
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Self Determination and Legal Considerations

Strong self-determination skills help students with disabilities become effective advocates who have more control over their lives.
What to Consider

- Dignity of Risk
- Retaining Rights
- Enhanced Supports
Least Restrictive Choices

- In Education
- In Legal Matters
- Regarding Life Choices
Coming of Age: Supported Decision-Making and Guardianship

Workshop overview:

- Legal Emancipation at age 18
- Options for Personal, Financial and Health Care Decision Making
- Q & A
Key Concepts

- Legal Emancipation = Presumption of Competence
- Least Restrictive Alternative
- Right of Self-Determination
- Decision-Making Skill Development
- Privacy rights
Guiding Principles

  - Presumption of competence and least restrictive alternative approach
  - Preservation of legal capacity is a priority
  - Decision-making is a skill developed by having access to supports and experiences from early age and throughout a lifetime
  - Families should have access to all options for assisting their family member to make decisions.
Guiding Principles (cont.)

- Appointment of Guardianship is a serious matter:
  - Limits autonomy
  - Transfers rights and autonomy to another person or entity
  - Many persons with IDD experience guardianship as stigmatizing and inconsistent with their view of their adult roles and responsibilities
- Avoidance of Conflict of Interest
- Self-Determination and Personal Autonomy
- Ensure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency
Range of Options

- Representative Payee
- Durable Power of Attorney
- HIPPA
- Health Care Proxy
- Appointment of Advocate
- Trustee
- Conservatorship
- Guardianship (full or limited)
- Roger’s Guardian
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Resources

- Fletcher Tilton PC, Attorneys at Law
- The Guardianship Center
- The Arc: Free Resources on Guardianship and Supported Decision-Making
- Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Transition Planning: Preparing for the future starts today

Save the date! May 11

A free, in-person transition event to empower families of young adults with disabilities by providing knowledge and tools to navigate the transition to adulthood.

Schedule:

- 9:15: Coffee, Pastries and Opening Remarks
- 9:30: Community-Building and Supportive Self-Care
- 10:00: Benefits and Services
- 11:30: Accessing Affordable Housing
- 12:30: Lunch and Discussion

To Register: Perkins.org/TransitionEvents
Save the date! April 2nd workshop

Health Insurance – Keeping the Wheels on the Bus!

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Thank you for coming!