

Supporting Families
**Future
Planning**
For your child with
disabilities



The Arc
of Frederick County

Areas to consider when planning for your child's future:

Healthcare Decisions— *Advance directives*; medical decisions can be made without guardianship.

Financial Planning— *Special Needs Trust*; A properly designed Special Needs Trust protects assists for the use and benefit of a person with a disability while at the same time preserving that persons eligibility for government benefits.

Life Planning— *Alternatives to Guardianship; Letter of Intent*; There are many creative ways your family can develop a plan for living arrangements for your child when you are no longer able to care for them.

Legal Planning— *Wills*; A Will is important even if you do not have a lot of assets.

The Arc of Frederick County offers free information and resources to families to guide them in their process of preparing for their children's future.

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