

Financial Planning

Facts About Financial Planners. American Association of Retired Persons, AARP Fulfillment, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20049. (pub.# D14050)

Financial Planner Interview: How to Choose a Financial Planner/Tough Questions to Ask Why select a 'fee-only' financial advisor?

The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors; 888-333-6659.

How to Choose a Financial Planner

Financial Advisor Interview Checklist

How the Maryland Securities Division Serves Investors

Maryland Office of the Attorney General/Securities Division; 410-576-6360.

Planning Today For A Secure Tomorrow

Selecting Your Financial Advisor

Seeking Professional Advice

International Association of Financial Planning; 800-945-4237.

Selecting a qualified financial planning professional: Twelve questions to consider.

Institute of Certified Financial Planners; 800-282-7526.

The Guardianship Handbook: A Guide to Adult Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives in Maryland.

University of Maryland School of Law; Joan Sullivan, J.D.; 410-706-3838.

Homeownership for People with Disabilities

A Home of Your Own Guide. National Home of Your Own Alliance; 603-862-4320.

Homeownership and You: Helping individuals with disabilities become homeowners. Maryland Center for Community Development; 1-888-949-6677.

Threshold: Housekeeping Details on Renting or Owning a Home for People with Disabilities - A Set of Four Booklets. R. Froemming (1997). Wisconsin Developmental Disabilities Council; 608-267-3906.

Information on Laws

A Guide to Disability Rights Laws

The Americans with Disabilities Act: Questions and Answers

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, DC 20035-6738; 800-514-0301.

Special Education Rights and Wrongs

Maryland Disability Law Center. See Appendix B for local offices.

Information on Services

A Consumer's Guide to Personal Assistance Services in Maryland (1998). Independence Now, 818 Roeder Road, #202, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301-587-4162.

Changes and Choices: A Directory of Aging Resources for Families and Service Providers Supporting People Who Are Aging and Have Developmental Disabilities (1998). Service Coordination; 301-663-0909 or 410-882-4710.

Guide To Services in Maryland. Developmental Disabilities Administration (see Appendix B for regional offices) or Service Coordination; 301-663-0909 or 410-882-4710.

I Didn't Know That Was Possible. The Maryland Self-Determination Project. The Arc of Frederick County; 301-663-0909 or 410-882-4710.

The Earlier the Better: A Guide to the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program
Dreams and Challenges: A Family's Guide to the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program
Mediation in the Early Intervention System
Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program; 800-535-0182

Transition Planning and Anticipated Services in the Individual Education Program (IEP) Process. Maryland Transition Initiative, Division of Rehabilitation Services; 888-554-0334 or 410-554-9411 (TTY).

Miscellaneous Disability-Related Topics

About Families

VISIONS of Equality

Best and Promising Practices

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council; www.md-council.org or 410-333-3688 or 800-305-6441.

A Parent's Guide to Down Syndrome: Toward a Brighter Future. S. Pueschel (1990). Brookes Publishing Co.; 800-638-3775. Internet: www.pbrookes.com.

Couples with Intellectual Disabilities Talk about Living and Loving. K.M. Schwier (1994). Woodbine House, 6510 Bells Mill Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817; 800-843-7323.

Meeting the Needs of Youth with Disabilities: Handbook on Supplemental Security Income Work Incentives and Transition Students (1998). The National Transition Network, Institute on Community Integration; 612-627-4008.

Signs of Quality. People on the Go (1992). c/o The Arc of Maryland; 410-571-9320; 410-974-6139 (Baltimore); 888-272-3449; www.thearcmd.org.

The Special-Needs Reading List: An Annotated Guide to the Best Publications for Parents & Professionals. W. Sweeney (1998). Woodbine House; 800-843-7323.

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A Family Handbook on Future Planning. R. Berkobien (1991). The Arc of the United States, 500 East Border Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 1047, Arlington, TX, 76004; 800-433-5255.

"Estate Planning". News Digest, Volume 2, Number 1 (1992). National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities; 800-695-0285.

Friendships and Community Connections between People with and without Developmental Disabilities. A. Amado, ed. (1993). Brookes Publishing Co., P.O. Box 10624, Baltimore, MD 21285; 800-638-3775. Internet: www.pbrookes.com.

"Future Financial Planning". T.M. Varnet (Nov-Dec 1988). Exceptional Parent (check your local library).

"Getting Started". F.L. Brunetti (Dec. 1995). Exceptional Parent (check your local library).

Housing, Support, and Community: Choices and Strategies for Adults with Disabilities. J.A. Racino, P. Walker, S. O'Connor, & S. Taylor, eds. (1993). Brookes Publishing Co.; 800-638-3775. Internet: www.pbrookes.com.

It's Never Too Early - It's Never Too Late: A Booklet about Personal Futures Planning. B. Mount & K. Zwernik (1988). Minnesota's Bookstore, 117 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155; 616-297-3000.

Laying Community Foundations for Your Child with a Disability: How To Establish Relationships that will Support Your Child after You're Gone. L. Stengle (1996). Woodbine House, 6510 Bells Mills Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817; 800-843-7323.

Planning for the Future: Providing a Meaningful Life for a Child with a Disability after Your Death. L.M. Russell, A.E. Grant, S.M. Joseph, & R.W. Fee (1996). American Publishing Co., P.O. Box 988, Evanston, IL 60204-0988; 800-247-6553.

Self-Determination Across the Life Span: Independence and Choice for People with Disabilities. D. Sands & M. Wehmeyer, eds. (1996). Brookes Publishing; 800-638-3775.

The Road You Take Is Yours (video) (1997). James Brodie Productions, Inc., Brookes Publishing; 800-638-3775.

"Trusts for Children With Disabilities." F.L. Brunetti (Feb, 1996). Exceptional Parent (check local library).

Public Benefits: Financial, Health Care and Others

Available from the Social Security Administration:

SSA, Office of Public Affairs, Distribution Center, P.O. Box 17743, Baltimore, MD 21235
800-772-1213; Internet: www.ssa.gov

A New Definition Of Disability For Children (#5-11053)
A Special Examination is Needed for Your Disability Claim (#5-10087)
Basic Facts About Social Security (#5-10080)
Food Stamps and Other Nutritional Programs (#5-10100)
How Work Affects Your Benefits (#5-10069)
If You Are Blind — How We Can Help (#5-10052)
Red Book on Work Incentives — A Summary Guide to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Work Incentives for People with Disabilities (# 64-030)
Social Security: A Guide For Representative Payees (#5-10076)
Social Security: Benefits For Children With Disabilities (#5-10026)
Social Security Disability Benefits (#05-10029)
Social Security: How We Can Help With Vocational Rehabilitation (#5-10050)
Social Security Supplemental Security Income (#05-11000)
Social Security: The Appeals Process (#5-10041)
Social Security: Understanding The Benefits (#5-10024)
Social Security: Working While Disabled — How We Can Help (#5-10095)
What You Need To Know When You Get Disability Benefits (#5-10153)
What You Need To Know When You Get SSI (#5-11011)
Working While Disabled: A guide to Plans For Achieving Self-Support (#5-11017)

Other publications regarding public benefits:

Medicare Handbook (#HCFA-10050). Health Care Financing Administration; 7500 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850; 800-638-6833 or 800-820-1202 (TTY).

One Step Ahead: Resource Planning for People with Disabilities who Rely on Supplemental Security Income and Medical Assistance. R. Froemming (1998). Wisconsin Developmental Disabilities Council; 608-267-3906.

Working Families: Get the Health Insurance Your Children Need (re: Maryland Children's Health Program). Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; 800-456-8900.

Publications for Lawyers

Drafting and Using Trusts for Persons with Disabilities. The Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, Inc. (MICPEL); 410-659-6730 or 800-787-0068.

Provisions: Sample Language for Supplemental Needs Trusts. R. Froemming (1998). Wisconsin Developmental Disabilities Council; 608-267-3906.