Fearless Family Blueprint: Four Keys to Creating a System to Care for your special needs child

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| Build Community of Caregivers |  |  |  |  |
| Who will be guardian if child is a minor when parents die? |  |  |  |  |
| Who will be guardian if needed as adult? |  |  |  |  |
| Who will manage child’s money? |  |  |  |  |
| Script for asking people to stay in touch with child |  |  |  |  |
| Develop method to communicate with caregivers (facebook group, listserv, regular meetings, etc) |  |  |  |  |
| Script for telling guardians and trustees to seek and consider info from others |  |  |  |  |
| Script to ask others to visit child, pass on resources, help with paperwork, etc (according to each person’s strengths) |  |  |  |  |

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| Financial supports |  |  |  |  |
| Get on Medicaid waiver waiting lists |  |  |  |  |
| Apply for SSI |  |  |  |  |
| Move assets out of child’s name |  |  |  |  |
| Consider life insurance |  |  |  |  |
| Develop financial savings and investment plan |  |  |  |  |
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| Transition Tools |  |  |  |  |
| Create list of medical and therapy providers |  |  |  |  |
| Create list of medications |  |  |  |  |
| List of family members with contact info |  |  |  |  |
| List of child’s friends and social contacts |  |  |  |  |
| Medical history |  |  |  |  |
| List of identity and location of legal and financial documents related to child |  |  |  |  |
| Personal information about child(likes, dislikes, etc) |  |  |  |  |
| Description of your priorities for your child and caregiving philosophy |  |  |  |  |

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| legal documents |  |  |  |  |
| Special Needs Trust |  |  |  |  |
| Wills for parents |  |  |  |  |
| Wills for adult siblings |  |  |  |  |
| Wills for grandparents |  |  |  |  |
| Guardianship appointment for Adult Child |  |  |  |  |
| Power of Attorney and Medical Power of Attorney signed by child |  |  |  |  |
| Living Trust (sometimes used if house will be left for use of child) |  |  |  |  |
| Beneficiary designations properly made |  |  |  |  |
| Designation of Guardian for Minor |  |  |  |  |