



## **Future Planning for Parents of Children with Life Long Disabilities**

Presented by Theresa Varnet, M.S.W., J.D.

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Holiday Inn**

**700 Myles Standish Blvd.**

**Taunton, MA**

**Information:** Parents and families providing for life time care of persons with disabilities will gain great peace of mind if they take the time to plan for the special needs family member's future care while they still have the health, time and energy to do so. Planning is more than just having a will and a special needs trust in place. The speaker will provide practical advice and recommendations for parents, siblings and grandparents who are concerned about where their family member challenged with a disability will live when the primary caregiver dies or how the family's resources can be used to maximize the quality of life their family member will enjoy. This session will provide critically needed information for young families, transition age families who are not prepared for what happens when the school bus stops coming as well as older families who are concerned about who is going to advocate for and monitor the care and services their adult child receives. Providing a life long support system for an individual with a life long disability is critical. The speaker will discuss how to maximize government resources and private funds to enable the individual challenged with life long disabilities to live as full and independent a life as possible. Topics covered will include eligibility for government benefits programs, preserving eligibility for government benefits, how work affects SSI and SSDI, housing options and guardianship and less intrusive alternatives to guardianship.

Theresa Varnet has been an advocate for persons with disabilities for over 30 years. In addition to being a certified teacher, social worker and attorney, she is the parent of an adult daughter with disabilities. Ms. Varnet has shared her personal and professional expertise with hundreds of families by offering trainings on Legal and Future Care Planning.

This seminar is \$25 per person for members of The Arc and is \$45 per person for non-members. Breakfast and lunch are included. Seating is limited, so please register now by completing the attached registration form and returning it with payment to The Arc of Northern Bristol County by 3/19/10. For questions please call Donna Brown at 508-226-1445 or 888-343-3301 ext. 3105.

**Future Planning Training (April 10, 2010)**

**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please identify any accommodations needed including dietary restrictions:**

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Fee is \$25 per person for members of The Arc or \$45 per person for non-members. Breakfast and lunch are included in the fee.

Please make checks payable to The Arc of Northern Bristol County.

Return registration form and check to:

The Arc of Northern Bristol County  
Attn: D. Brown  
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