



AGE 0 - AGE 3

- Discuss local Early Intervention services with your pediatrician
- Learn as much as you can about child's diagnosis
- Research and consult a financial advisor
- Determine adequate amount of life insurance in event of caregiver's premature death
- Research special needs trust or will

AGE 3 - AGE 18

- Research government assistance (SSI and Medicaid)
- Establish rapport with neighborhood community, school faculty, and civil services
- Review your financial situation: your special needs child, any other children, your own, etc.
- Designate legal guardian

AGE 19 - ONWARD

- Work with school to learn of any residential or vocational opportunities
- Evaluate your child's decision-making and determine if you need a guardianship for them
- Prepare your child to qualify for SSI or Medicaid
- Re-evaluate your special needs trust if necessary
- Budget for retirement and your child's