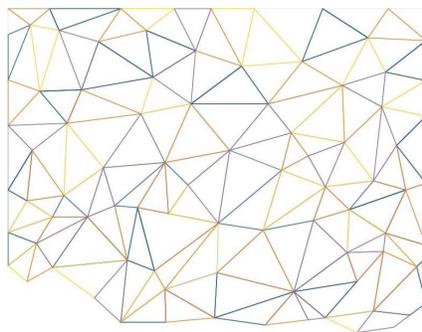


It often seems that there's so much information to piece together considering our children and loved ones who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. We're here to share four learning opportunities with you this fall!

Many current members of The Arc of Dearborn County are parents of young adult children who have intellectual and developmental disabilities who, over the course of more than a decade, have put our heads and hearts together to work toward learning and solutions that



will help our loved ones and our families on our individual journeys.

We've come to recognize that the greater knowledge we develop, the better prepared we are for addressing our own questions and helping find and share resources with you.

We're pleased to bring you these upcoming valuable learning evenings, with topics chosen as a result of the types of questions we've had among ourselves and those we've heard from community members through contact with us.

The Arc Trusts and INvestABLE Accounts - Thursday, September 20 - 6:30-8:30PM A broad information evening is in store as we invite a guest from our state's ABLE Authority to share information on INvestABLE Accounts (similar to 529 Plans), which are designed to help individuals save money while preserving their SSI and Medicaid. On this same evening, Melissa Justice, Trust Director with The Arc of Indiana will join us to share on The Arc Trusts and INvestABLE accounts—how they work, and how they can be used separately or together

Guardianship and Supported Decision Making - Thursday, October 4 - 6:30-7:30PM

What are the options and what is involved in helping your child or loved one in making this very important decision (particularly as they approach their 18th birthday)? We will welcome Melissa Keyes, Legal Director with the Indiana Disability Rights office, to come for information and conversation.

This event is appropriate for people approaching a decision related to guardianship or supported decision making, and those who have established guardianship but wish to learn more about the options that supported decision making within guardianship entails.

Developing a Care Notebook for Children with Special Health Care Needs - Thursday, November 1 - 6:00-7:30PM with Cyndi Johnson, family advocate with The Arc of Indiana. Care Notebooks are a great way to get organized and stay on top of the multitude of responsibilities of caring for an individual with complex medical or developmental needs. This make-and-take workshop includes care notebook templates with both paper and electronic options, LifeCourse materials to develop a vision of a "good life," information on drafting a Letter of Intent, and a variety of tips and tools for care coordination.

Save The Date—we're presently coordinating a Building Bridges evening with folks from the BDDS office. Watch for more information on a November 29, 2018 learning opportunity regarding LifeCourse and Medicaid waivers.

These events are beneficial for parents, primary caregivers, self-advocates, potential guardians, support staff and more. Please note that times vary and each event will be held in the conference room of the

Southeastern Indiana YMCA at 30 State Road 129 South, Batesville, IN 47006

To RSVP or for other information email: info@dearborncountycarc.org

Although our regional name indicates Dearborn County, our membership includes people throughout southeast Indiana including in Dearborn, Ripley and Franklin counties.

We, officers and members of The Arc of Dearborn County, are part of an all-volunteer advocacy chapter of The Arc—the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We encompass all ages and more than 100 different diagnoses including autism, Down syndrome, Fragile X syndrome, and various other developmental disabilities.