

Secure Planning Strategies

BUILDING EXTRAORDINARY FUTURES



RESIDENTIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS PERSON

Important issues to consider:

- 1) Are you ready as parents?
- 2) Is your child ready?
- 3) Structure of the residence
 - a) Group Home - State funded (What is out there?)
 - b) Private Home - (What about services?)
- 4) Private Home
 - a) Who owns it? (One parent, several parents or child, etc.)
 - b) What if the arrangement does not work out?
- 5) What kind of legal and financial planning is needed?
 - a) Does a Special Needs Trust exist?
 - b) What kind of funding for the Trust is done?
 - c) Will the Trust eventually own the home?
- 6) Role of community mental health, DSS and other private agencies/community, etc.
- 7) Misc.

Comment: Finding safe and appropriate housing for an adult special needs member is not easy. Care, supervision, and advocacy are important criteria to consider when planning for housing. It takes years to plan for a residential arrangement. We encourage you to begin NOW.