



For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities

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**Texas Bar Foundation and The Arc of the Capital Area  
Help Parents of Children With Disabilities Gain Important Guardianship Rights  
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**Austin, TX** – The Arc of the Capital Area and the Texas Bar Foundation are excited to announce the *Future Care Guardianship* program. *Future Care Guardianship* will ensure that families in Travis County who are impacted by intellectual/ developmental disabilities (i.e., Down syndrome, autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, etc.) have a legal plan for their loved ones’ future needs.

“The practical, legal, medical, ethical and bureaucratic issues of guardianship can be overwhelming to families struggling with the added challenges of raising a child with special needs,” said Susan Eason, Executive Director. “But guardianship is especially critical for these families, and now thanks to the Texas Bar Foundation, The Arc can help these families prepare for their future.”

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$12 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation’s largest charitably funded bar foundation.

For more than 60 years, The Arc of the Capital Area has been on the front lines of change for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities - advocating for changes in the law, in schools, in healthcare systems, and on a very personal level, providing critical services to families and individuals.

For services for individuals and families struggling with the challenges of intellectual/developmental disabilities, or to volunteer or make a donation to The Arc, visit our website at <http://www.arcofthecapitalarea.org/>

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