

ADVOCATING FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

When someone has a family member with a disability, they often depend upon family to help them live the best life they can. Protected Tomorrows has developed several tools to help them accomplish their family's goals.

➤ **One-on-One**

When working with an Advocate, families receive personal assistance with their planning. The Licensed Advocate will review all eight stages of the planning process, beginning with a complimentary meeting to Take A Candid Look at the families current situation, an honest appraisal of future care needs, and the entire family's financial situation. When working with an Advocate, the family will also have access to our new Online Special Needs Planning System.

➤ **Workshop Setting**

At a Family Workshop, Protected Tomorrows Advocates guide participants as a group through its planning process to begin the development of a Future Care Plan. After this interactive and entertaining session, participants will understand what is needed to prepare a plan for a safe and fulfilling future for their loved one with special needs. A Family Workshop is typically 6 to 8 hours long.

➤ **Online Planning System**

Protected Tomorrows has developed an online Special Needs Planning System which provides families with the tools they need to plan for a safe and fulfilling future for their loved one with special needs. This online system allows subscribers to enter information into a database guiding them through the 8-step planning process. This information may be accessed by other family members, caregivers, etc., as you deem appropriate.

➤ **Book with Online Assistance**

The book "THE GIFT I WAS GIVEN" by Mary Anne Ehlert, provides hope to families of individuals with special needs who often feel lost, confused and alone. Most caregivers know how to be a good caregiver, but they don't know where to begin to look for help. The feeling of helplessness can be staggering. Knowing you are not alone and that there are many to reach out to is a huge help. "The Gift I Was Given" provides hope to those who are walking this path. The book also has a companion website to help families with a step-by-step process through the many areas addressed in the book.