

# Universal Guardian Planning

What Would Happen to Them if Something Happened to You?

NOW YOU CAN BE SURE THE RESOURCES TO CARE FOR YOUR DISABLED CHILD WILL ALWAYS BE THERE



## A New Way for Caregivers to Preserve What You've Learned & Protect What You've Earned

You give your disabled child the love and care nobody else can. Your greatest concern is what would happen if you could no longer be there for them. What then?

A Future Guardian Guide and Trust gives you the peace of mind and freedom of knowing that your child with challenges and the future guardian you chose, will have much-needed resources.

Our tools are for all families with minors or dependent children, whether normal or having some form of disability, and whether or not they are receiving SSI.

### From My Family to Yours

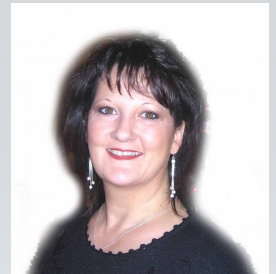
Hi, I'm Stacy Pearson and I've been helping my family care for my adult brother and someday his care could become my responsibility. I know firsthand the emotional and financial burden that can be on a family.

Advocating at every level for those who can't fight for themselves, I discovered that too many families were falling through the cracks without tools for their unique situations.

That's why I worked with Integrated Trust Systems and their team of professionals to create an

easy, comprehensive, 2-part tool. Imagine creating a cloud-based owner's manual with ALL the things only you know about your

child's special care! You can also prevent Probate Court from making decisions about your child so that if your personal plan to *just live forever* doesn't pan out - your wisdom and resources will always be there for your child.





## UNIVERSAL GUARDIAN GUIDE

If your children must ever live without you, they should at least be comforted by all the special things that only you know.

As a caregiver, you will have a cloud-based tool that can be updated from the palm of your hand that manages your children's daily care information.

From years of loving care, a parent knows each child's needs like:

- Special education and learning
- Food sensitivities and allergies
- Daily routines and comforts
- Triggers and helpful responses
- Medical information

These details and many more can be readily available for you, your spouse, emergency room physicians or a future guardian, the person who loves your family enough to step up in your absence.



**Every Parent Needs a  
Universal Guardian Guide**

## PROBLEM

YOUR WILL IS NOT ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF YOUR DISABLED CHILD  
THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN DYING WITHOUT A WILL IS DYING WITH ONE

All wills must be processed by Probate Court to legalize your stated wishes. The court can act in two ways you may not have anticipated. Your assets such as bank accounts, houses or businesses will be frozen until the court can process your estate. This can take several years in many states, and a percentage of your children's inheritance will be reduced to pay for it. Those are precious assets your family will need right away if you are absent.

A more troubling reality is that Probate Court will scrutinize the custody of your children, in spite of your stated wishes because the court will have to go through an approval process first. Part of this process will be to determine if your child's future guardian has adequate resources to assume responsibility for your child. But there is a way to avoid this legal intrusion.

## SOLUTION

ONLY A PROPERLY DESIGNED TRUST ALLOWS YOU TO AVOID PROBATE COURT  
A UNIVERSAL GUARDIAN TRUST GIVES YOU ULTIMATE CONTROL OF YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

You, not the court, will establish who will act on your behalf to manage your accounts and assets in the manner you specify. You will also appoint your Child's Future Guardian, and even though they will still apply for legal guardianship, they'll be favorably positioned and will NOT have to deal with Probate Court.

## MAINTAIN SSI QUALIFICATION

ENSURE THAT YOUR RETIREMENT FUNDS & LIFE INS WON'T DISQUALIFY SSI

If your child is qualified for Supplemental Security Income, The Universal Guardian Trust ensures that assets payable at the time of your death, like your retirement funds or life insurance proceeds won't disqualify a child on SSI. In this way, the Universal Guardian Trust is a "next-generation" Special Needs Trust with a universal application that's not JUST for children with disabilities. It will universally cover every minor or dependent you care for.



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