



Guiding Families

Life's journey is full of decisions for every family. For parents raising children with special needs, the road can be bumpy, constantly changing, and full of roadblocks. Let's help families navigate life decisions by understanding issues such as housing, care, employment, continued education, social opportunities, transportation, and finances. It's a long list, yet we only need to know a bit about each to make a big difference.

Ideas

- Brainstorm the many decisions special needs families need to make throughout life.
- List the roadblocks and frustrations they encounter.
- Share programs in your church or your area that may help.

Questions

- How does knowing what our families face help us minister to them well?
- What milestones do families reach? How do they differ from a typical family's milestones?
- What are different ways to connect families who have raised children to help those with younger children?
- How do you make sure professional services are reliable before recommending them?
- Who is the LIDDA representative in your county?
- What resources does your church offer that could help with costs?