February- Resources

Contacts of speakers

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Books

The Good Harvest Plan [A complete financial planning guide for parents with special needs children- Rick Knight]

Funding links

1. **Bobby Dodd Institute**: https://bobbydodd.org/empowers/resources/
Offers programs and consulting services for individuals with disabilities and their loved ones.

2. InCommunity: https://www.incommunityga.org/family-support-funding

Family Support Funding assists families in obtaining goods and services necessary to ensure the best possible care for their loved one. Individuals 3 years of age and older who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability may be eligible. Things like therapy, dental care, diapers, specialized medical supplies, summer camps, nutritional supplements are included with this funding. *Believe you must sign up*

3. Anchor of Hope: https://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org/scholarships

Anchor of Hope Foundation offers financial assistance to individuals who can provide a proof of diagnosis of a developmental disability to help cover the costs of therapy, education, equipment, and other direct needs of the individual not covered by insurance or Medicaid. The maximum scholarship amount is \$250.00 per individual per calendar year.

Also provides FREE Parents Night Out on the 1st Friday of each month...at the moment canceled due to COVID.

4. United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia: https://ucpga.org/resources/bellows-fund/

The UCP Elsie S. Bellows Fund is a national program operated by UCP that provides funds to individuals with disabilities for assistive technology equipment. UCP affiliates submit an application on behalf of an individual applicant to the UCP national office. Applications are reviewed for funding by the Bellows Committee. EX: Wheelchairs (manual and electric), Augmentative Communication Devices, Environmental Controls, Computer Equipment, Lifts in the nominee's own/parent's van or home, Hearing Aids/Visual Aids

5. Special Needs Alliance: https://www.specialneedsalliance.org/

Provides Attorneys for special needs planning. Has a lot of information on Special Needs Trust, ABLE Accounts, life care planning, etc.

6. Parents Helping Parents: https://www.php.com/

Video presentations of all kinds of topics for parents with children with special needs. Information ranges from explaining different therapies, assistive technology, finances, "how to" conversations, etc.

7. Clayton County Behavioral Health Services:

https://www.claytoncenter.org/developmental-disability.cms

Financial assistance for services and goods to a family who has a member with an intellectual/developmental disability or a severe chronic disability such as Spina Bifida or Muscular Dystrophy, age three or older, residing in the home.

8. NOW and COMP Waivers:

https://georgia.gov/apply-new-option-waiver-program-now-and-comprehensive-support-waiver-program-comp

A Medicaid waiver is money that may be used to pay for services for a person with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities. These services can take place in the person's home or in the community. To qualify for NOW and COMP, you must already be eligible for Medicaid. NOW offers services and support to enable individuals to remain living on their own or in their family home and participate in the community. COMP serves individuals with more intensive needs, primarily those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who require residential care.

9. Jeyaram & Associates: https://jeylaw.com/contact-us/

Putting into place a will or special needs trust is an important step in helping protect your family's future. Our lawyers have special needs children and understand first-hand your every day challenges and concerns. Jeyaram & Associates on Facebook where they frequently post about upcoming talks/presentations that they hold or are presenting at. Items such as Special Needs Trusts, ABLE/STABLE Accounts, Wills, Healthcare, Medical & Pharmaceutical Legal matters and more are their specialty.

10. **Kaufman Children's Center**: https://www.kidspeech.com/programs/special-needs-grants/ Has over 30+ grants for specific needs and has many other resources available. *Please note that each grant resource is from an independent organization; none are associated with the Kaufman Children's Center.*

11. Southside Support: https://southsidesupport.org/our-programs/

Southside Support has set aside funds to provide meals, groceries, gas and other necessities during unexpected and lengthy hospitalizations and surgeries. Any family may submit a meal train request to info@southsidesupport.org, or nominate a family for a meal train. We also provide special funding to families who experience these struggles during the holidays. To

nominate a family for our Holiday Relief Fund, send the family's name, contact info, diagnoses or current situation and a little about your relationship to director@southsidesupport.org

- 12. **Focus**: Equipment Grant https://focus-ga.org/how-focus-can-help-you/equip-2/
 FOCUS has a Loaned Equipment Library that might be right for your family's needs. If there is a piece of equipment in our library that fits your child's needs, you may not need to wait for the Review Committee to meet in order to access it.
- 13. **Jewish Interest Free Loan of Atlanta**: https://jifla.org/
 JIFLA is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Financial contributions directly fund our interest free loans to be used in perpetuity.