# Welcome to the Special Needs Planning Workshop!

Please give a few minutes for all attendees to join.

## Special Needs Planning

- Intro to Nick & experience
- Webinar goals
- 3 categories of planning
- Trusts, ABLE accounts
- Financial Planning
- Challenge & Q + A



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### Personal

- Husband to Kirsten
- Father to Everlee
  - Born February 2022
- Brother to Aaron
  - Co-guardian/trustee
- Great Dane Dad
  - o also some cats
- Sports Enthusiast
- Community Builder
- People lover
- Lifetime Improver

### Professional

- Founder & Advisor Wallace Financial
- Business Partner to Kirsten
- 2 Main categories of planning:
  - Special Needs Planning
  - Retirement Income Planning
- Chartered Special Needs Consultant
- Retirement Income Certified Professional
- 350+ Families in 21+ States
- Board of Directors for IPKY
  - Independence support for individuals with disabilities.

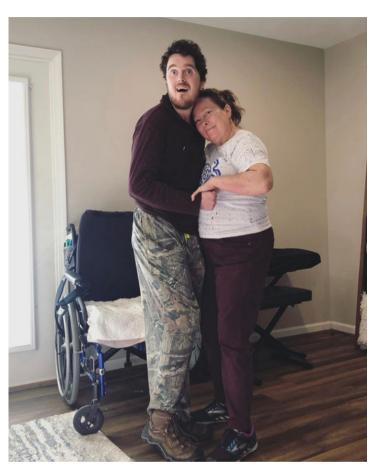


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## Nick's Experience









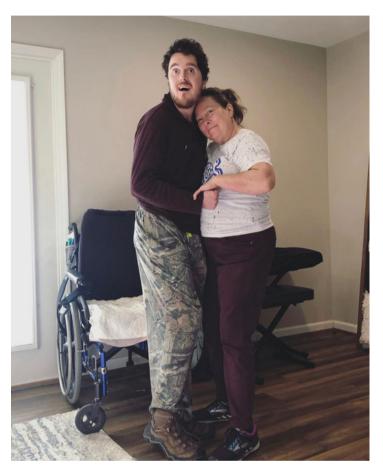








### Nick's Experience











### "Special Needs Planning"

It seemed complicated

It was scary to think about

We didn't know where to turn for help



### "Special Needs Planning"

• It seems complicated

• It's scary to think about

I don't know where to turn for help

### "Special Needs Planning"

- It seems complicated
  - My mission is to <u>simplify</u> this planning for families
- It's scary to think about
  - My mission is to help families be <u>courageous</u> and <u>take action</u> in establishing a plan for their child's future
- I don't know where to turn for help
  - My mission is to be an <u>accessible resource</u> and <u>connector of resources</u> for parents across the US

## 3 Categories of Planning

Legal

Financial

Family







## Legal



### • Government Benefits

- Medicaid & Medicaid Waivers
- SSI or other Social Security Benefits
- Additional benefits (vary by state)
- Estate Plan
  - Will, POA, & etc.
  - 3rd Party Special Needs Trust
- Guardianship / Guardianship Alternatives

### Financial



### **3 Basic Questions:**

- 1) Where does the money come from if something happens unexpectedly tomorrow?
- 2) Where does the money come from if the time comes for you to retire and you will also need to continue to support your child/loved one?
- 3) Where does the money come from if you live a long life, and then pass on, and need to leave financial support for your child/loved one with disabilities for the remainder of their lifetime?

### Family



- Manager of the plan
  - Day to day care & support
  - Oversees living conditions
  - Day to day finances
  - SSI Rep. payee
- Trustee
  - Person or Organization
    - Manages spending & distributions
    - Makes investment decisions with funds inside trust
- Trust Protector
- Letter of Intent

### Trusts and Able Accounts

ABLE Account 1st Party
Special Needs
Trust

3rd Party Special
Needs Trust

# ABLE Account

- 529A or "ABLE Account" Achieve a Better Living Experience
- Savings OR investment account for an individual with disabilities
  - Diagnosis must be prior to age 26
    - ^ Increasing to age 46 in 2026
- Max contribution is \$17,000 per year total
- Maximum in account is \$100,000
- Can be used for "Qualified Disability Expenses"
- DOES have Medicaid Estate Recovery in most states
- CAN NOT be the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an investment account

# ABLE Account

### <u>IS:</u>

A great short to mid term savings tool for specific uses or goals

### IS NOT:

The long term plan that will hold or inherit the funds to provide for an individual with disabilites for their lifetime

# 1st Party Special Needs Trust

- Special Needs Trust that is funded by the individual with disabilities themselves with their own assets
- Funded when an individual with disabilities suddenly has significant assets that need to be placed somewhere that does not count towards resource limits
- Diagnosis must be prior to age 65
- No maximum funding or total value
- DOES have Medicaid Estate Recovery

# 3rd Party Special Needs Trust

- Trust that is funded by anyone OTHER THAN the individual with disabilities
- Most commonly funded by the parents of the individual with disabilities at the time of their passing
- Used to support the individual with disabilities above and beyond what government benefits provide
- No maximum funding or total value
- DOES NOT have medicaid estate recovery
- CAN be the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or investment account

# 3rd Party Special Needs Trust

A great long term plan to hold or inherit the funds to provide for an individual with disabilities for their lifetime

### IS NOT:

A short to mid term savings tool for specific uses or goals

# 3rd Party Special Needs Trust

Is not complete without a financial plan to fund it.

### Financial Planning

- Retirement Income
- Investment Strategy
- Life insurance
- Disability Insurance

- Debt Management
- Short-term savings goals
- Education planning
- Long-term care

## Special Needs Financial Planning



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### How is the trust funded?

\*Special Needs Trusts are very tax-sensitive
It is important that your financial advisor understands Special Needs Planning

### Wallace Family Special Needs Plan

### Legal

- Medicaid & Medicaid
  - **Waiver Services**
- SSI
- Estate Plan with Wills,
  - Special Needs Trust, etc.
- Guardianship for Aaron,
  after evaluating alternatives

### Financial

- Planning for something
  unexpectedly happening
- Planning for Retirement
  Income
- Planning for parents living a long life and then leaving inheritance to SN trust

### Family

- Manager of the Plan
- Trustee & Backup

Trustees

Letter of Intent

### Free Consultation with Wallace Financial

- 1) Get an answer to a specific issue in your family's plan.
- 2) Special Needs Planning to complement the financial planning/advisor that you have.
- 3) Comprehensive Financial Planning, including Special Needs Planning.



### Q+A/NextSteps

- Call a family meeting
- Schedule an attorney consultation\*
- Schedule a financial advisor consultation\*

Complete the survey at the end of the presentation!

\*Important that these
professionals are
knowledgeable in
special needs planning



## Share this with someone!

### SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING A workshop designed to provide families and WORKSHOP

professionals confidence and clarity in planning for the future of a child or loved one with disabilities

### **Topics Covered:**

- Why Plan?
- Nick's Personal Experience
- ABLE Accounts
- Special Needs Trusts
- Financial Strategies
- Open Q & A



Multiple options in the coming months:

Register to view



ZOOM Register for Link





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ones with disabilities.

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