



NORTHWEST CENTER

**Membership Information Session
Trust Accounts and Financial Planning
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Our first information session was a great success and we are looking forward to many more. Here are the highlights of what we discussed.

Take Away Tips

Creating a trust for someone you love who has a disability is a detailed process. Make sure you discuss your options with a benefits planner as well as an attorney. This will ensure that you've covered all your bases.

If you don't have enough money to begin a trust for a loved one with a disability, there are other options to consider: state pool trusts, financing a trust with a life insurance policy. Talk to your financial advisor and benefits planner to see which is right for you.

There are other ways to plan for your child than by creating a trust. Talk with a benefits planner to learn more about programs and incentives the state has to help you in managing finances for your child with a disability.

Remember that when you're planning for your child's future, you need to consider all the ways you support your child. There are more factors than finance to consider. (There is much care that parents provide that you can't ever quantify.)

As with many things in life, planning for the future of your child with a disability is to persevere. Try to keep in mind that a large part of the process is talking with people to get the information you need to make well-informed decisions that are right for you.

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