

Special Needs Trusts and ABE Accounts: What You Need to Know webinar

With Courtney Heykoop

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Formed Families Forward - who we are...

- A family-led resource center in Northern Virginia supporting foster, adoptive and kinship families who are raising children, youth & young adults with specialized needs, and family-serving professionals.
- We offer free training, consultations to families, events, resources, and systems navigation. Also - peer support groups; webinars; virtual trainings; videos and other resources.
- Family partner to Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS; a VDOE project)

Certificates of Attendance

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Stronger Together Life Skills Training Class for Youth

- Any interested student in grades 6 through 9
- In person, in Fairfax City
- Weekly on 8 Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 PM
- Through March 24
- FREE with dinner served
- Regular attendance is required

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Formed Families Together parent and caregiver support groups

- Formed Families Together peer-led support group for **adoptive and foster parents and kinship caregivers** meets twice a month
- Virtual - First SUNDAY each month, 7:30 – 9 PM
- In-person - Third WEDNESDAY of each month on site in Fairfax city, 7- 8:30 PM
- Led by trained FFF staff

<https://bit.ly/FFTgroups>



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Kinship Support Group

Just for extended family members and family friends raising children and youth.

Virtual, 1st Thursdays 6:30 - 8 PM

In-person, in Fairfax Co, 3rd Thursdays, 6:15- 8 PM, child care and dinner provided.

<https://bit.ly/FFFkinSG>

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What Families Need to Know About the School Discipline Process webinar

Monday, March 16, 7- 8 PM

Attorney Joan Proper presents an overview of the discipline process in area school districts with a focus on the types of suspensions and more serious discipline that be imposed, appeal rights through school systems, what to do if suspensions are a frequent occurrence, how to prepare if there is a pending school system hearing, and the interplay between discipline and a student's IEP or 504 Plan.

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NEW COURSE - What Families Should Know about Functional Behavior Assessments & Behavior Intervention Plans

- Free, on-line, on-demand learning
- Self-paced & interactive
- Certificates of Completion
- 8 Courses Available:
 - Special Education 101
 - Constructive Communication & Collaboration
 - Special Educ Dispute Resolution
 - Trauma 101
 - Kinship Care
 - Other Health Impairment
 - Positive Parenting
 - FBAs & BIPs

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Registration is Open!

Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:30 AM - 2 PM

GMU Science & Tech Campus, Manassas

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