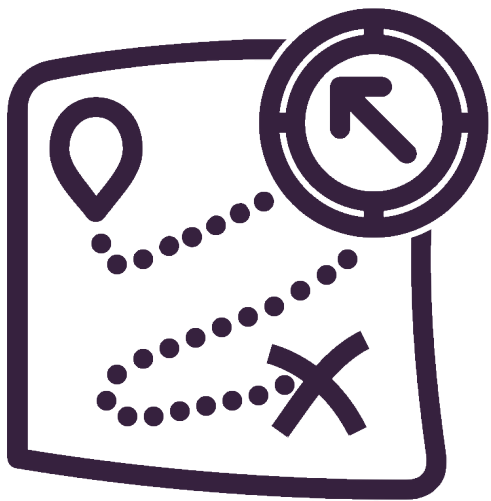


# Turning 18

My developmentally disabled child is turning 18...now what?

You have options!

Estate Planning      Guardianship  
Guardian Advocacy



Turning 18 will help guide you through the process of preparing for the future with your developmentally disabled child.

Did you know? 58,000 Florida children with developmental disabilities turn 18 each year.

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## Why should I be concerned?

Once your child turns 18, all medical records, academic records and other important information will no longer be available to you. It is important to be able to legally protect your child after they become an adult.

## How can Turning18 help?

Turning 18 walks you through available legal options to care for a loved one with developmental disabilities after they turn 18.

Information and instructions on the three different options - guardianship, guardian advocacy and estate planning - are provided.

## What's my next step?

Once you find the path best for your child, Turning 18 will direct you to next steps, such as filling out guardian advocacy forms or seeking advice from a lawyer.



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