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Special Needs Legal Resources Guide

Self-Help Resources

Peace of Mind: A Guide to Supporting Special Kids with Special Needs, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2011 (located in the Law Library's Self-Help Collection and at www.tyla.org/category/special-education).

TexasLawHelp Guardianship Guide, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (available at <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/guardianship>).

Protecting the Incapacitated: A Guide to Guardianship in Texas from Application to Oath, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2014 (pamphlet available at the Law Library and at www.tyla.org/category/guardianship).

Guardianship Guide, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2017 (pamphlet available at the Law Library and at www.tyla.org/category/guardianship).

Teach Safe: Special Education, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2019 (available at teachsafe.tyla.org (a guide to federal and Texas education law)).

In-depth Legal Resources

Texas Guardianship Manual, 4th ed. - Ch. 11: Guardian Management Trusts, State Bar of Texas Manual Committee, 2020 (located at the reference desk).

The Educator's Guide to Texas School Law, 9th ed. - Ch. 3: Special Education, Jim Walsh, UT Press, 2018 (located in the Texas Section).

West's Texas Forms: Guardianships – Ch. 47 - Ch. 77, West, 2021-2022 (located in the Texas Section and available digitally via Westlaw at the Law Library).

Guardianship Alternatives, State Bar of Texas (Digital copy is available on all Law Library research computers).

Fundamentals of Special Needs Trusts / Stuart D. Zimring, *et al.*, LexisNexis, 2022 (available via the Lexis eBook Collection).

A Lawyer's Guide to Working with Special Needs Clients / Richard A. Courtney, ABA, 2019 (available via the Lexis eBook Collection).

Guardianship Assistance

Houston Volunteer Lawyers
www.makejusticehappen.org

Lone Star Legal Aid
www.lonestarlegal.org



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Is a division of the Office of the
Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee.

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Additional Resources Available Online



Self-Help Resources from the Texas State Law Library

The Texas State Law Library offers EBSCO's Legal Information Reference Center to all Texans through its website. Sign up for a library card and find these self-help legal resources at guides.sll.texas.gov/electronic-databases.

The Complete IEP Guide, 10th ed. / Lawrence Siegel, Nolo, 2020. (covers federal law relevant to special education).

Nolo's Guide to Social Security Disability, 10th ed. / David A. Morton III, Nolo, 2020. (Ch. 3: Disability Benefits for Children; Ch. 14: Continuing Disability Review).

Nolo's IEP Guide: Learning Disabilities, 8th ed. / Lawrence Siegel, Nolo, 2020.

Special Needs Trusts: Protect Your Child's Financial Future / Kevin Urbatsch and Michele Fuller, Nolo, 2019 (estate planning for parents caring for a loved one with a disability).

Guardianship Alternative Resources

Alternatives to Guardianship / Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities, available at <https://tcdd.texas.gov/resources/guardianship-alternatives/>

Alternatives to Guardianship and Supports & Services / Disability Rights Texas, available at <https://www.disabilityrightstx.org/en/handout/alternatives-to-guardianship-supports-services/>

Government Resources

Guardianship of the Person and Estate Handbook; Protecting and Preserving what We Cherish, Harris County Probate Courts, available at <https://probate.harriscountytexas.gov>

A Texas Guide to Adult Guardianship, Texas Health and Human Services, available at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/legal-information/guardianship>

Special Education Parent and Family Resources, Texas Education Agency, available at <https://tea.texas.gov/special-ed/parents/>

Community Organizations

The Arc of Texas

www.thearcoftexas.org

Disability Rights Texas

www.disabilityrightstx.org

Navigate Life Texas

www.navigatelifetexas.org

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

www.txdisabilities.org

Find more information at TexasLawHelp.org/individual-rights/disability-rights