

#### THE PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS ARE GRASSROOTS GROUPS ORGANIZED BY FAMILIES FOR FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM.

# Northeast Support Group Navigated by Families

Welcomes Individuals, Parents, Family Members, Friends of an Individual with Intellectual disabilities, Autism and all other Different Abilities

## You're invited to come out to join us!

Date: April 17, 2019 Time: 10:00am-1:00pm (Every third Wednesday of the month January-April) Location: Partnership for Community Supports 9360 Ashton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114

Transportation & Parking: SEPTA Bus Routes 50 & 19 \*\*\*\*\* Free Parking available

### <u>Topic:</u> \*\*Special Education and Estate Planning\*\* <u>Presenter/s:</u>

Michael Connolly, Esq., Supervising Partner, Special Education Department, McAndrews Law Offices, P.C. Students with special needs generally require individualized supports and services to meet their unique academic and functional needs in order to be successful in school and later in life. State and federal laws create an obligation for public school districts and charter schools to provide such individualized supports as may be needed to eligible students. This program will discuss a school district and charter schools basic legal obligations to students with disabilities, the kinds of supports and services that students with disabilities may be entitled to, and what parents can do if those supports and services are not being provided.

#### Dennis McAndrews, Esq., Founder and Managing Partner, McAndrews Law Offices, P.C.

Families which include an individual with disabilities must participate in careful planning related to disability issues. These situations present unique challenges in addressing the current and future needs of the individual with disabilities and the entire family. This program will discuss issues related to obtaining appropriate governmental programs, establishing powers of attorney or guardianship where appropriate/necessary, connecting with competent providers of services, and establishing an estate plan which does not jeopardize public benefits, all of which are critical considerations. We will discuss each of these areas and provide important background concerning the use of special needs trusts to protect public benefits.

#### **Providing: Light Refreshments and Giveaways**

Please RSVP to confirm your attendance by contacting Representative, Joan Nelson \*267-642-1321-JNelson.NEPPSG@gmail.com Co-Representative: Ramona Griffiths\*267-535-0102-Griffiths.Ramona@gmail.com