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## What is Guardian Advocacy and Who Needs it?

Guardian Advocacy is a summary form of guardianship case specifically designed for an adult (someone over eighteen years old) who has a developmental disability and lacks the capacity to do some of the tasks necessary to care for his or her person, property or estate. Florida law specifically defines a developmental disability as: mental retardation, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi syndrome, autism, or spina bifida. In order for someone to qualify for the Guardian Advocacy process they must be eighteen years old and have been diagnosed with a developmental disability, as defined by Florida law, prior to his or her eighteenth birthday.

This type of guardianship is the least restrictive and least costly, specifically established for persons with developmental disabilities. A Guardian Advocacy does not require a determination of incapacity or the appointment of an examining committee, both of which are required for the establishment of a guardianship for an individual who does not have a developmental disability. In a Guardian Advocacy, a letter from the doctor of the individual with a developmental disability outlining the individual's condition and prognosis takes the place of an incapacity determination by an examining panel.

Usually, a parent (or parents) files a petition for appointment as Guardian Advocate after a disabled child reaches the age of eighteen. At eighteen, in the eyes of the law, the individual with the developmental disability is capable of making all of his or her own personal and legal decisions - this includes the right to vote, marry, and enter into binding contracts. Practically speaking, in many cases, an adult with a developmental disability is not equipped or prepared to make these decisions upon turning eighteen, or even later in his or her life. In fact, having these legal rights can ...

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## One Senior Place Workshops



Located at :  
715 Douglas Ave  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**Truth About Medicaid Planning**  
Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

**Truth About Estate Planning**  
Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 9:30 a.m.



**Congratulations to Halie Kasprzak for earning her designation as a Certified Estate Planning Assistant!**

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

### JULY

Office Closed - Independence Day  
Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Truth About Medicaid Planning  
Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

What To Do When Someone Dies  
Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Truth About Estate Planning  
Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

### AUGUST

Truth About Medicaid Planning  
Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Women in Transition  
Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Truth About Estate Planning  
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Y.E.S.—Your Enterprise Success  
Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Office Closed - Labor Day  
Monday, September 3, 2012

Truth About Medicaid Planning  
Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

All My Children Wear Fur Coats  
Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Truth About Estate Planning  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

All public workshops are complimentary and are held in our Learning Center.  
To RSVP please call 407-977-8080 or visit HoytBryan.com for more information.

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**Stars and Stripes Cake**

1 package Betty Crocker® SuperMoist® yellow cake mix

1 tub Betty Crocker® Cream Cheese ready-to-spread frosting

1/3 cup blueberries

1 pint strawberries



Heat oven to 350°F; (metal or glass pan). Grease (or lightly spray with cooking spray) bottom only of 13x9x2-inch rectangular pan.

Make cake mix as directed on package, using water, oil and eggs. Pour into pan.

Bake 33 to 38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. (Decrease bake time by 2 to 3 minutes if using dark or nonstick pan.) Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan to wire rack. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Frost with frosting. Arrange berries on frosted cake to create flag design. Serve immediately.



Florida Hospital  
for Children



Florida Hospital has two doctors, Dr. James Baumgartner and Dr. Ki Lee, who offer solutions for families who have children with epilepsy. Epilepsy results from the misfiring of the brain and can result from a number of other disabilities including cerebral palsy and autism. If you or someone you know has a child with epilepsy - no matter where you are in the world - these doctors have a solution. Families from all over the world are discovering Florida Hospital's Epilepsy Center and these two outstanding doctors. The Center is a Level 4 Epilepsy Center - the highest designation a medical facility can receive. Drs. Baumgartner and Lee are treating more patients than anyone else in the country right now. Thank you to Drs. Baumgartner and Lee for the work they are doing to provide families with a solution for epileptic seizures.

**Whiskers and Paws, Inc.**



Lending a Helping Paw..  
Kaliopé

Color: Gray and White  
 Size: Medium  
 Age: Adult  
 Gender: Female

Kaliopé is extremely sweet and affectionate and is looking for a loving home. She is dewormed, up to date on vaccines, spayed and microchipped.

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