

Support for Minor & Adult Children with Disabilities Research Guide

Overview

This research guide provides information and resources about requesting support for minor and adult children with disabilities. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Note: Information and resources specific to guardianship or alternatives to guardianship are located in a separate *Guardianship Research Guide*.

Statutes & Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Family Code

- Ch. 154, Subchapter F: Support for a Minor or Adult Disabled Child
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.154.htm#F>

Texas Health and Safety Code

- Ch. 592, Rights of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.592.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294.A291 026

- Disabled Child, Calculating Child Support, over 18, 4-F § 14

- Disability known before 18th birthday, 4-F § 3.2.2(1)(b)
- Indefinite support, 4-F § 19.3.9(1)(b)[3][a]

Texas Family Code Annotated KFT 1294.A3

- Ch. 154, Subchapter F., Support for a Minor or Disabled Adult Child §154.243

Social Security Disability Claims KF 3649.G54

- Distinguishing the types of disability law § 2:1
- Questionnaire for children claiming SSI benefits (SSA-3881-BK), Appendix 11
- Disability Report (SSA-3820-BK), Appendix 13

Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T4S7

- Vol. 1, Ch. 9, Petition for Support of Disabled Child, Form 9-14

Family Law at Your Fingertips: Children KFT 1294.S83 C53

- Tab 2: Child Support, Section VIII. Support for a Minor or Adult Disabled Child. pp. 20-23

Plan Your Estate (NOLO) KF 750.Z9 C65

- Ch. 2 Personal Concerns and Estate Planning, Long-Term Care for a Child with Special Needs, p. 26

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83

- 2019 Ch. 45 Special Education Services for Children with Mental Illness and Intellectual Disability
- 2019 Ch. 46 Ethical Considerations with Psychiatric Hospitalization of Foster Children
- 2019 Ch. 49 Legislative Update 2019: Child Welfare, Subchapter F: Support for a Minor or Adult Disabled Child, p.6

- 2018 Ch. 3 Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section A – Adult Disabled Child Support, p. 26
- 2018 Ch. 43 Kids with Special Needs: What You Need to Know to Prepare, Including Financial Issues at the Time of Divorce and Needs in the Future
- 2012 Ch. 27 Cases with Special Needs Children
- 2011 Ch. 26 Issues for the Disabled or Special Needs Child
- 2010 Ch. 44 Child Support for Children with Disabilities
- 2007 Ch. 29 Going Above the Guidelines for Child Support and Providing for Special Needs and Disabled Children
- 2006 Ch. 29 The Kids Really Need More Judge Above Guidelines Support and Providing for Special Needs and Disabled Children
- 2005 Ch. 32 Children with Special Needs

Advanced Civil Appellate Practice KFT 1755.A75S7

- 2018 Ch. 3 Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section XIII-A: Family Law – Adult Disabled Child Support, p. 25

Marriage Dissolution Institute

- 2012 Ch. 23 Special Needs Children's Issues

Online Resources

Programs for Children and Adults with Disabilities
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicaid-chip/programs-services/programs-children-adults-disabilities>

Texas Parent to Parent Services & Supports
<https://www.txp2p.org/services/services-for-parents-pathway-to-adulthood/services-and-supports>

Financial Help for Children with Disabilities
<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/insurance-financial-help/financial-help-for-children-with-disabilities>

How to Create a Special Needs Trust
<https://dfwchild.com/how-to-create-a-special-needs-trust/>

2021 Texas Laws that Special Needs Families Should Know

<https://dfwchild.com/texas-laws-special-needs/>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)