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VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY CONNECTS COMMUNITY FOR FREE WORKSHOP ON THE ABLE ACT THROUGH THE MELVIN J. & CLAIRE LEVINE LIFEPLANNING™ PROGRAM OF FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – April 14, 2020 – Thirty people joined ABLE United Director John Finch for a videoconference about the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Act on Monday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m., scheduled as a follow-up to a legal planning workshop with Mitchell A. Kitroser, Esq., of Kitroser & Associates held earlier this month. The Melvin J. & Claire Levine LifePlanning™ program, which is part of the Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service’s (Alpert JFS) Jewish Disabilities Network (JDN), hosted the free programs.

ABLE United is Florida’s ABLE Program, which provides a means for persons with disabilities and their families to save money without losing government benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid. Finch is responsible for the strategy, operations, contract management, financial management and board meetings for the program.

“With ABLE United, there is now an advantageous way to save, protect and grow money, ensuring economic goals are met with confidence,” said Finch. A wealth of information can be found online at www.ableunited.com including testimonials, eligibility, government benefits and more.”

The webinar was the result of Alpert JFS quickly adapting to COVID-19’s social distancing initiative and providing families with a loved one with a disability continued free educational LifePlanning™ workshops via virtual technology.

“Our goal is to provide clients with the tools they need to assist in planning for the future,” said LifePlanning Director Tami Lustig, MSW. “There was a huge interest in the ABLE Act shown during the recent legal planning workshop so we put together a second workshop for participants and others within a matter of days, and will incorporate it into our line-up for seasons to come.”

Visit www.alpertjfs.org/lifeplanning/ to learn about the education, advocacy, confidential consultation, and emotional support offered to people of all faiths and ethnicities who are caring for a loved one with a disability. Free workshops encourage and assist with planning for the future, providing information on education, recreation, building independence skills and vocational opportunities.

Established in 1974, Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service is a nationally accredited service provider for children, adults, seniors, and Holocaust survivors. The non-profit, non-sectarian organization is a trusted leader, with a team of more than 175 highly skilled professionals delivering high-quality care to community members. Alpert JFS works to ensure the well-being of children and families, independence of older adults and quality-of-life for individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit www.AlpertJFS.org or phone 561-684-1991.

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