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VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY ENABLES CAREGIVERS OF THE DISABLED TO PARTICIPATE IN FREE LEGAL WORKSHOP THROUGH THE MELVIN J. & CLAIRE LEVINE LIFEPLANNING™ PROGRAM

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – April 2, 2020 – Twenty-five people who care for individuals with disabilities of all kinds came together on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 for a videoconference, with Mitchell A. Kitroser, Esq., to participate in a “Legal Planning for the Future” workshop. 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 program.

Topics included special needs trusts, pooled, trusts, guardianship, advanced directives (Power of Attorney and Health Care Surrogate), and the ABLE Act (the acronym for A Better Life Experience), that gives families tax-free savings to care for their loved ones with a disability, who qualify, without losing federal benefits. Closed captioning was available for hearing-impaired participants.

Mr. Kitroser is the founder and managing attorney of Kitroser & Associates, a law firm focusing on guardianship, elder law, wills, trusts, probate, trust administration, Medicaid planning, and special needs planning.

“This virtual legal planning workshop gave attendees the opportunity to learn about the importance of getting documents in order, and also expanded their horizons technologically,” said Tami Lustig, MSW. “Alpert JFS is happy to be able to provide learning opportunities while the community stays inside to be safe.”

ABLE United Director John Finch will be leading a follow-up workshop on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Tami.Lustig@AlpertJFS.org to RSVP and get more information on connecting to the workshop.

Visit <https://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. No-cost 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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