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**FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON THE ABLE ACCOUNT AND SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS FROM THE MELVIN J. & CLAIRE LEVINE LIFEPLANNING® PROGRAM AT FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL – April 14, 2021** – Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) invites parents, siblings and caregivers of someone with a developmental disability to attend “The ABLE Account and Special Needs Trusts,” a free virtual workshop from the Melvin J. & Claire Levine LifePlanning® program on May 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Mitchell I. Kitroser, Esq., of Kitroser & Associates Attorneys at Law, and John Finch, Director of ABLE United will be the featured guest speakers, sharing how to safeguard money without jeopardizing government benefits, and fielding questions from participants.

“There is a difference between The ABLE Account and Special Needs Trusts,” said Kitroser. “Mr. Finch and I will share the difference between the financial tools, and well as their respective benefits, best usage, eligibility and cost.”

“ABLE United is on a mission to share how Florida’s community of people with disabilities can save and invest,” said Finch. “The upcoming virtual LifePlanning® program will help us provide an education to even more individuals.”

“The goal of LifePlanning® is to provide clients with the tools they need to better plan for the future,” said Alpert Director of LifePlanning® Tami Lustig, MSW. “Educational programs throughout the year cover a variety of topics, while advocacy, consultation and emotional support are also offered.”

To register for the workshop, visit [alpertjfs.org/lifeplanning/](http://alpertjfs.org/lifeplanning/) by Monday, May 3, 2021. To request reasonable accommodations for a disability, phone Lustig at 561-713-1917 or email [Tami.Lustig@AlpertJFS.org](mailto:Tami.Lustig@AlpertJFS.org) at least five [5] business days prior to the Zoom session. She is also available to answer questions and provide additional information.

A number of relevant workshops with diverse subjects are scheduled each year, from “Relationships, Boundaries and Online Safety,” to “Medicaid Waiver and iBudgets,” “Being the Best Advocate for You and Your Family,” and “Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training.” Past topics include Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Social Security Insurance” in January, “Assistive Technology Tools” in February, and “The Importance of Legal Planning” in March.

The Melvin J. & Claire Levine LifePlanning® program offers education, advocacy, confidential consultation, and emotional support 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 nearly 200 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 [AlpertJFS.org](http://AlpertJFS.org) or phone 561-684-1991.

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