

**Chicagoland Autism Connection's Family/Professional/  
Self-Advocate Support Group Meeting**

**Saturday March 17, 2018 - 10:00 am –1:00pm**



**TOPIC: Special Needs Trust & THE ABLE ACT**  
**CORNER STONES ABA THERAPY/SPECTRUM Toy Store Resources**  
Easter Seals Therapeutic School,  
1939 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL. 60608

**Meeting Agenda**

- 10:00-10:30 am      Networking/Introductions
- 10:30-11:30 am      Special Needs Trusts/ABLE Accounts presented by  
Attorney Beth Grabowski, Family Aligned LLC
- 11:30 am-12:15 pm    Spectrum Toy Store/Corner Stones ABA – presented by Milah Rahim



- 12:30-1:00 pm      Autism and CAC News and Events

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**WHAT IS A SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST?**

A **special needs trust** is a **trust** designed for beneficiaries with disabilities, either physical, intellectual/developmental or mentally challenged. It is written so the beneficiary can enjoy the use of property that is held in the **trust** for his or her benefit, while at the same time allowing the beneficiary to receive essential **needs**-based government benefits.

**The ABLE Act related to the disability community**

The ABLE Act allows people with disabilities and their families to set up a special savings account for disability-related expenses. Earnings on an ABLE account would not be taxed, and account funds would generally not be considered for the supplemental security income (SSI) program, Medicaid, and other federal means-tested benefits.

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