



*Promoting open and equal access to justice for all.*

# Special Needs Legal Resource Guide

## Self-Help Resources

**Peace of Mind: A Guide to Supporting Special Kids with Special Needs** / Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2011 (located in the Law Library's Self-Help Collection and at [www.tyla.org/category/special-education](http://www.tyla.org/category/special-education)).

**TexasLawHelp Guardianship Guide** / Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (available at <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/guardianship>).

**Protecting the Incapacitated: A Guide to Guardianship in Texas from Application to Oath**, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2011 (pamphlet available at the Law Library and at [www.tyla.org/category/guardianship](http://www.tyla.org/category/guardianship)).

**Guardianship Guide**, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2014 (pamphlet available at the Law Library and at [www.tyla.org/category/guardianship](http://www.tyla.org/category/guardianship)).

**Teach Safe: Special Education**, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2019 *available at* [teachsafe.tyla.org/special-education](http://teachsafe.tyla.org/special-education) (a guide to federal and Texas education law).

## In-depth Legal Research

**Texas Guardianship Manual, 4th ed.** - Ch. 11: Guardian Management Trusts, State Bar of Texas Manual Committee, 2018 (located at the reference desk).

**The Educator's Guide to Texas School Law** - Ch. 3: Special Education, Jim Walsh, UT Press, 2014 (located in the Texas Section).

**19th Annual Advanced Guardianship Law Course** – Ch. 9: Special Needs Trust Overview, State Bar of Texas, 2018 (located in CLE Section G).

**West's Texas Forms: Guardianships** – Ch. 47 - Ch. 77, West, 2019 (located in the Texas Section and available digitally via Westlaw at the Law Library).

**Guardianship Alternatives**, State Bar of Texas (Digital copy is available on all Law Library research computers).

**Find more titles with legal research database access at the Law Library.**

A friendly law librarian can help you find any of the digital resources listed here on a research computer at the Harris County Law Library Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.



*The Harris County Law Library is part of the Office of Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney.*

*Visit us on the Web at*  
[www.harriscountylawlibrary.org](http://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org)

*Scan the QR Code for mobile access.*





## Additional Resources Available Online



### Online Self-Help Resources from the Texas State Law Library

The Texas State Law Library offers EBSCO's Legal Information Reference Center to all Texans through its website. Sign up for a library card and find these self-help legal resources at [sll.texas.gov/electronic-databases](http://sll.texas.gov/electronic-databases).

**The Complete IEP Guide, 9th ed.** / Lawrence Siegel, Nolo, 2017 (covers federal law relevant to special education).

**Nolo's Guide to Social Security Disability** / David A. Morton III, Nolo, 2018. (Ch. 3: Disability Benefits for Children; Ch. 14: Continuing Disability Review).

**Nolo's IEP Guide: Learning Disabilities, 7th ed.** / Lawrence Siegel, Nolo, 2017.

**Special Needs Trusts: Protect Your Child's Financial Future** / Kevin Urbatsch and Michele Fuller, Nolo, 2017 (estate planning for parents caring for a loved one with a disability).

### Houston Bar Association Resources

**Alternatives to Guardianship** / Gus G. Tamborello, Houston Bar Association, 2015 *available at* <http://www.hba.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/PresentMaterialsAlternativestoGuardianship.pdf>

**Elder Law Handbook** / Lisa Nelson, Houston Bar Association, 2018, *available at* <https://www.hba.org/legal-handbooks/> (sections on "Planning for Incapacity" and "Guardianship").

### Government Resources

**Guardianship of the Person and Estate Handbook; Protecting and Preserving what we Cherish**, Harris County Probate Courts, *available at* <https://probate.harriscountytexas.gov>

**A Texas Guide to Adult Guardianship**, Texas Health and Human Services, *available at* <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/legal-information/guardianship>

**Special Education Parent and Family Resources**, Texas Education Agency, *available at* <https://tea.texas.gov/special-ed/parents/>

Find additional information  
from these community  
organizations.

**The Arc of Texas**

[www.thearcoftexas.org](http://www.thearcoftexas.org)

**Disability Rights Texas**

[www.disabilityrightstx.org](http://www.disabilityrightstx.org)

**Navigate Life Texas**

[www.navigatelifetexas.org](http://www.navigatelifetexas.org)

**Coalition of Texans with  
Disabilities**

[www.txdisabilities.org](http://www.txdisabilities.org)