

Texas **Microboard** *Collaboration* A Project of The Arc of Texas

MICROBOARDS AND ESTATE PLANNING

SOLUTIONS

A Microboard can be a solution to the individual or family who has no one to name as the "trust advisor" in the event of the parent's death.

KNOWLEDGE

A legal guardian or Trustee could be a member of the microboard, therefore staying knowledgeable about the individual's needs and wishes for their life.

MANAGEMENT

If a Microboard becomes a provider of the Home and Community Services (HCS) or Texas Home Living (TxHL) waiver program, the Microboard would manage all aspects of the individual's care and subcontract with staff.

BENEFITS

A Microboard can build resources in the non-profit's bank account for the benefit of the individual with the disability, including paying rent and higher wages to direct care workers.

A FUTURE PLANNING TOOL FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Arc of Texas is introducing a new and innovative program called the **Texas Microboard Collaboration** to help support individuals with disabilities secure their future and their financial needs.

The Microboard concept was initiated in Canada by the Vela Microboard Association. Tennessee is successfully operating over 170 microboards. Thirteen other states including Colorado, Virginia and Georgia are in various stages of implementing microboards.

A microboard is formed when a small group of committed family and friends join together with a person with a disability to create a non-profit organization. Together, this small group of people addresses the person's planning and support needs. Soon after filing its charter, a person-centered-plan called a PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) is conducted with the individual with the disability and the microboard. This PATH, or the goals and dreams of the person with the disability, becomes the mission of the microboard nonprofit.

For Specific Examples of How Microboards Can Help Families, Contact Jennifer Mathews or Lisa Rivers at The Arc of Texas at 512-454-6694 or jmathews@thearcoftexas.org or livers@thearcoftexas.org



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