

# MetLife Center for Special Needs Planning<sup>SM</sup>



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## Planning services for caregivers with special needs dependents

As a nationally known leader in special needs planning, MetLife has the expertise to provide your employees with the resources they need to help secure a lifetime of care and help ensure quality of life and financial freedom for dependents with special needs, as well as peace of mind for caregivers. The service from the MetLife Center for Special Needs Planning offers comprehensive planning assistance to help employees understand the legal and financial complexities of special needs planning.

### Center Mission

MetLife Center for Special Needs Planning was established in 1998 to extend MetLife's traditional commitment of public service to families with children of any age, from infant to senior, who have a disability. The Center is committed to helping families through the maze of legal and financial complexities surrounding planning for the future of dependents with special needs. Through a dedicated network of Special Needs Planners, the Center helps families secure both lifetime care and quality of life for their dependents with special needs.

### The Need<sup>1</sup>

- 69 percent of caregivers are very concerned about being able to provide lifetime care for their dependents with special needs.
- Less than one-third (27 percent) of caregivers are familiar with the steps involved in identifying a guardian; someone qualified to act as a representative for their special needs dependent.
- 48 percent of caregivers are not familiar with the planning steps for lifetime financial assistance for their special needs dependents.
- Over two-thirds say that access to a Special Needs Planner would be helpful if provided by their employers, while 64 percent would welcome employer-sponsored workshops on special needs planning and access to legal services.

Nearly 1 in 5 people have a disability in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

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## Representative Sample of Nonprofit Organizations

The Center has established working relationships with several leading advocacy groups such as The Arc, Autism Society, NDSC (National Down Syndrome Congress), HDSA (Huntington's Disease Society of America), NORD (National Organization for Rare Disorders), TASH, TSA (Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance) and UCP (United Cerebral Palsy).

## MetLife's Vital Statistics

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## Experienced Special Needs Planners

The Center's management has deep roots in advocacy. This commitment and training sets the foundation for MetLife Special Needs Planners to help families with dependents with special needs plan for their financial futures.

**Contact your MetLife representative for more information.**

<sup>1</sup> "The Torn Security Blanket: Children and Adults with Special Needs and the Planning Gap", MetLife, October 2011 Study

<sup>2</sup> "Nearly 1 in 5 People Have a Disability in the U.S., Census Bureau Reports", U.S. Census Bureau, July 25, 2012, URL: <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/miscellaneous/cb12-134.html>

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