

Did you know that...?

Multiple and/or cognitive severe disabilities

- If you have an adult child with multiple and/or cognitive severe disabilities that doesn't have the capacity of taking care of himself or herself and/or administer his/her affairs, you should obtain legal tutoring through the courts of Puerto Rico.

For more information you can contact Att. Irlanda Ruiz at info@ruizaguirre.com or with Att. Yessica Guardiola at lcdaguardiola@ymail.com.

People with developmental disabilities are protected from discrimination for their disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For more information you can communicate with Att. Yessica Guardiola, Technical Assistance Specialist for the North East ADA Center and the Movement to Reach Independent Living or MAVI at www.mavi.pr.org or at telephone 787-758-7901.

Mental retardation

- There are four (4) types of mental retardation. These are: mild mental retardation, moderate mental retardation, severe mental retardation and profound mental retardation. Mental retardation implies an intellectual significantly low functioning (IQ 70 or less) of the brain that occurs jointly with a deficit in adapted behavior in at least 2 of the following areas of adapted conduct: communication, domestic life, interpersonal social abilities, use of community resources, self-control, work/leisure, health, security, and functional academic abilities. Mental Retardation manifests itself during developmental years and affects the school performance of the child.

Autism

- Autism is a syndrome characterized by a psychological withdraw from reality, inappropriate social relations, relations with things that are in the environment. It affects the use of language, it produces motor movements that are repetitive, and also abnormal responses to sensations. Some of these children also have a deterioration in their intellectual functions. Autism occurs in the early stages of development, and even though the cause is unknown, it is attributed to a neurological disorder.

Muscular Dystrophy

- Muscular Dystrophy is an illness characterized by a deterioration of some muscles. The illness progresses slowly and usually occurs only on the skeletal muscles.