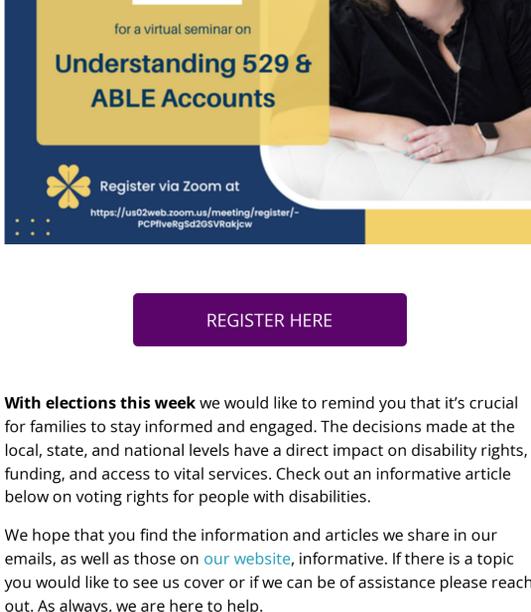


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Welcome to our latest edition of the Clover Leaf Compass!

This month not only are we sharing various articles that we feel will benefit special needs families, we would like to shine the spotlight on a quality day program in our community designed for those with severe and multiple disabilities, **Specially Adapted Resource Center or SPARC**. Be sure to scroll down to learn about SPARC and thank you to Debi Alexander, Chief Executive Officer SPARC for sharing this information with us.

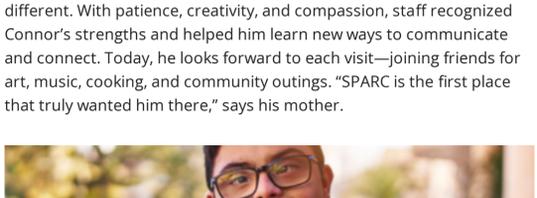
We would also like to invite you to register for Cortney's November 18th virtual seminar from 6-7pm where she will discuss 529 & ABE accounts as well as answer question you may have. Further down you will also find an article on how ABE accounts can play a role in special needs plans.



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**With elections this week** we would like to remind you that it's crucial for families to stay informed and engaged. The decisions made at the local, state, and national levels have a direct impact on disability rights, funding, and access to vital services. Check out an informative article below on voting rights for people with disabilities.

We hope that you find the information and articles we share in our emails, as well as those on our [website](#), informative. If there is a topic you would like to see us cover or if we can be of assistance please reach out. As always, we are here to help.

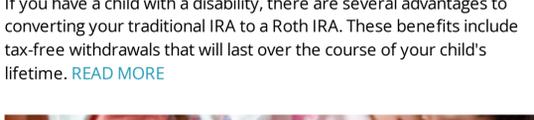


**SPARC was founded** in Reston and is now serving adults with severe and multiple disabilities across Northern Virginia at six locations, SPARC provides safe, community-based day programs for adults with severe and multiple disabilities. Our Leesburg center offers a warm, inclusive space where participants build friendships, independence, and confidence through art, movement, and adaptive technology—supported by university and corporate partners. For families establishing special needs trusts, SPARC offers peace of mind: a trusted, long-term community where adults can continue to learn, grow, and live a life of possibilities. Learn more at [www.sparcsolutions.org](http://www.sparcsolutions.org).

*SPARC's mission is to provide adults with severe and multiple disabilities enduring learning opportunities, social connections, and a rightful and meaningful place in our community...* [READ MORE](#)

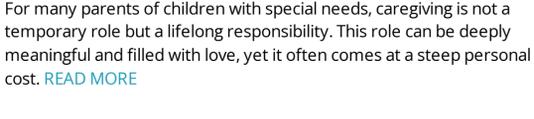
**For Many SPARC is a Place to Belong in Loudoun County**

When Connor first came to SPARC's Leesburg center, his family had nearly given up hope. After aging out of the school system, every day program they tried turned him away—his needs were considered “too complex.” SPARC (Specially Adapted Resource Centers) saw something different. With patience, creativity, and compassion, staff recognized Connor’s strengths and helped him learn new ways to communicate and connect. Today, he looks forward to each visit—joining friends for art, music, cooking, and community outings. “SPARC is the first place that truly wanted him there,” says his mother.



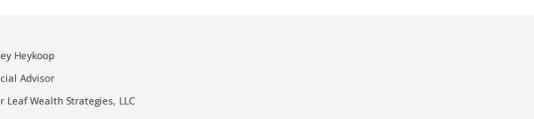
**ABLE Accounts Can Play a Key Role in Special Needs Plans**

ABLE accounts can enhance quality of life for people with disabilities, offering financial protection while preserving access to public benefits for some individuals. [READ MORE](#)



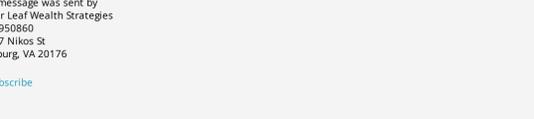
**Voting Rights for People With Disabilities**

Federal civil rights laws are in place to prevent discrimination against Americans who need certain accommodations when voting. [READ MORE](#)



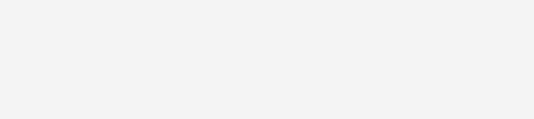
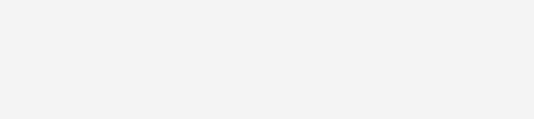
**Should I Convert My IRA to a Roth for My Disabled Child?**

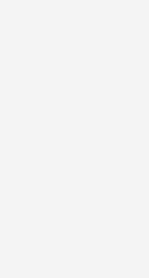
If you have a child with a disability, there are several advantages to converting your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. These benefits include tax-free withdrawals that will last over the course of your child's lifetime. [READ MORE](#)



**Caring for Yourself and Your Child With Special Needs**

For many parents of children with special needs, caregiving is not a temporary role but a lifelong responsibility. This role can be deeply meaningful and filled with love, yet it often comes at a steep personal cost. [READ MORE](#)





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