



You're invited to join Gateways - Family Advocacy Network (G-FAN).
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Contact: Please confirm your interest by filling out/returning this sheet to Gateways:
Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Relationship to Gateways (for example, are you a family member of client? or a client aka self-advocate?): _____
You can share my contact information with the appropriate town/ward captain. _____ (check if yes)

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G-FAN OVERVIEW

- What:** a grassroots ***advocacy network*** promoting improved developmental disability services (DDS) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) services through ***informing*** government decisions concerning policies and budgeting; our town/ward leaders help G-FAN develop local networks, ensure we're more connected, and keep us more active than we can be with too much of a top-down approach
- Who:** individuals who receive Gateways' services, along with family members and allies who are coming together to ***stay informed*** and ***at times educate*** state and local government officials/representatives about DDS and ABD services
- Why:** G-FAN works to ***preserve and improve quality DDS and ABD services;*** individuals affected by government decisions need to ***share their expertise*** and ***voice their concerns*** with decision-makers
- How:** (1) by ***learning*** about current issues and legislation; and
(2) ***discussing*** concerns with similarly positioned individuals,
(3) G-FAN members take actions to ***promote*** beneficial policies

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