



*Caring for our Community.  
All Day, Everyday, For a Lifetime.*

**You're invited to join Gateways - Family Advocacy Network (G-FAN).**  
**You'll receive our legislative newsletters with news of updates & opportunities.**

**Contact:** Please confirm your interest by filling out/returning this sheet to Gateways:  
**Client's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Name (if you're not the client):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Relationship to Gateways** (for example, are you a mom or dad of client? or a client aka self-advocate?): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**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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