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, (formerly MetDESK — MetLife’s Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids) 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.

Planning services for caregivers with special needs dependents

The Need
- Out of 72.3 million families included in the 2000 Census, about 2 in every 7 reported having at least one member with a disability.
- 20.9 million families have members with a disability. Of the 20.9 million families reporting at least one member with a disability, 5.5 percent have both adults and children with a disability.
- One in every three families with a female householder with no husband present reported members with a disability.
- One in every 26 American families reported raising children with a disability. An estimated 2.8 million families were raising at least one child aged 5 to 17 with a disability.
- Among the 2.8 million families, 367,000 families, 1.3 percent, reported raising two or more children with a disability.

One out of 9 children under the age of 18 in the U.S. today receive special education services

PlanSmart
a financial education series for employees
Recent Awards & Activities

The Center program continues to be hailed by business and the community at large for its efforts on behalf of people with disabilities as valued customers. MetLife is a four-time winner of the National Business & Disability Council’s Valued Customer Gold Award of Honor, which recognizes MetLife’s leadership in responding to the special needs of families with children or other dependents with disabilities. The Center has also established working relationships with several leading advocacy groups such as, The Arc of the United States, ASA (Autism Society of America), NDSC (National Down Syndrome Congress), HDSA (Huntington’s Disease Society of America), 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.