

## 4 Ways to Become Informed to Help Your Child



- If upon turning 18 your child is unable to make medical decisions, discuss with your child and your family as to whom would be best to make medical decisions on your child's behalf. Discuss who would be a good back-up decision-maker as well.
- Discuss with your child and with your family as to whom would be best to make financial decisions on your child's behalf and who would be a good back-up decision-maker.
- Talk to your child's doctors, other healthcare providers, and attorney about your child's mental capacity to understand and execute estate-planning documents.
- If your child has the mental capacity to execute estate-planning documents, work with an attorney to draft a will, Power of Attorney and Advance Medical Directive for your child. If not, decide if you should pursue guardianship and conservatorship for your child.



**No one  
should have  
to fight  
cancer  
alone.**



CancerLINC is a greater Richmond area nonprofit that eases the burden of a cancer diagnosis by connecting cancer patients and their families with local attorneys and financial planners. These professionals provide **FREE** services to those who are unable to afford these services.

Once a child with a cancer diagnosis turns 18, he or she is now an adult in the eyes of the law. Without the proper documents, parents will not have access to their child's personal information and may not have the ability to make medical decisions for their child. If their child upon his or her 18th birthday does not have the capacity to handle legal or financial matters, parents may have to petition the court to be appointed guardian and conservator for an incapacitated adult.

### **How CancerLINC Can Help**

We can help parents and their children with cancer with the following:

- Wills, Powers of Attorney, Advance Medical Directives
- Guardianships/Conservatorships
- Medicare/Medicaid Denials
- Public Benefits Denials
- Financial Planning and Counseling
- Community Resources Referrals

