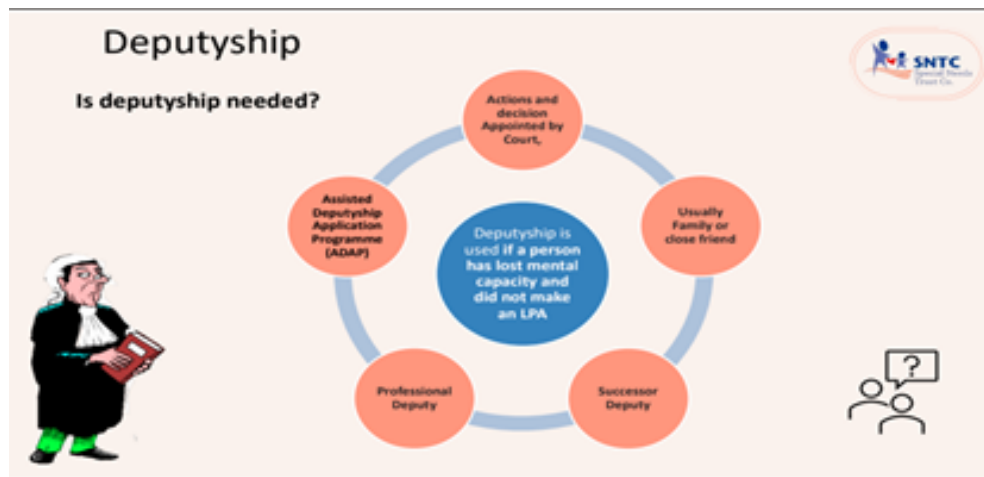


LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY (LPA) AND DEPUTYSHIP



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clarified the differences between Deputyship and LPA and the application processes:

- A deputy helps a person who has lost his/her mental capacity to make decisions regarding his/her affairs, be it personal well-being, medical or financial, etc. Parents of children with intellectual disabilities can apply to the court to appoint themselves as deputies.
- Students from Special schools or adults attending a Day Activity Centre cannot be assumed to have lost (or lack) mental capacity to make decisions for themselves.
- There is a process to certify if a person has or lacks mental capacity. It requires a Certificate Issuer (CI) who is trained and well-qualified to do so.

ASSISTED DEPUTYSHIP APPLICATION PROGRAMME (ADAP)

Parents of SAAC students/clients who are between 18 and 21 years old, can approach SAAC staff to indicate their interest in applying for Deputyship. The school or center will work with an MSF-appointed ADAP Agency to guide parents /caregivers in their Deputyship application, including providing the Mental Capacity Assessment Report (MCA) for the application.

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LPA is a legal document that allows a person 21 years or older to plan the management of his/her affairs in event of loss of mental capacity. LPA is set before mental capacity is lost, and the person chooses who to appoint as his/her donees. LPA carries important implications for parents who are managing the affairs of their sons/daughters with special needs.

In addition, parents are pleased to note that life insurance payout can be willed into the trust fund, and this can be made more affordable with sponsorship. One of the first steps to plan for their child's future is to book an appointment with SNTC, who are there to guide parents through the process and advise them on the available schemes/ sponsorship, and all these at zero cost. Parents are encouraged to come by to SNTC, plan and do their care plans early - find out more at www.sntc.org.sg