



## SPEAK DUTCH?

Having a practical understanding of the lexicon of special needs world is an essential qualification for your Special Needs Attorney.

I often joke with my clients about how I can speak Dutch. They get the joke when our discussion focuses on their current experiences and obstacles in life with a child who has special needs.

I/DD, IEP, ITP, ABA, SSI, SSDI, FAPE, ADL, IDEA - we could fill a binder with the specific "Dutch" acronyms and terms that special needs parents must learn as life unfolds. I wrote [more about Holland here](#).

Here's 20 questions from which you might choose some currently relevant terms in your life, and weave them into your initial attorney interview.

I wish you Good Luck in finding your Fantastic Special Needs Attorney!

-Michael Pearce  
Founder, VestLife  
& Special Needs Attorney

## 20 Questions for Your Potential Special Needs Attorney

1. What is a "d4A" Trust and how many have you drafted?
2. Will our Special Needs Trust be a First Party or Third Party Trust?
3. What is a "Stand Alone" Special Needs Trust, and do you use them?
4. Will our child's SNT be an "exclusive benefit" trust?
5. Do you create SNTs primarily for children with I/DD?
6. Can our SNT receive survivor benefits on my pension plan?
7. Should our SNT be a beneficiary of my IRA?
8. What is a Trust Protector and do we need one for our SNT?
9. What is SSI?
10. What is SSDI?
11. What is an IEP?
12. What is an ITP?
13. What is IDEA?
14. What is FAPE?
15. What is ABA?
16. What is ADL?
17. What is SLS?
18. What is the Medicaid Waiver program for people with DD?
19. What is the Medicaid Waiver program for HCBS?
20. What is an "overfunded" SNT?

**VestLife is an App that helps parents navigate life with a child who has special needs.**

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