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If you have clients who need assistance with finding the right place for their ill family member to live and determining how to pay for it, ***we can assist them with becoming eligible for Medicaid.***

If you have clients who are unable to care for themselves and make their own decisions, ***we can assist their loved ones with becoming their guardian.***

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## WORDS TO THE WISE

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### New Program Alerts Residents of Sexual Predators

The Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) currently uses the "A Child is Missing" program to help find missing children, the elderly, disabled persons and college students missing on campus. The LCSO has now announced that as of the first of February, the program was expanded to include notifying residents by telephone when a sexual predator or offender moves into their neighborhood. How does the program work? Local law enforcement notify the "A Child is Missing" Alert Program, based in Ft. Lauderdale, when a sexual predator or offender moves into an area. An audio message is then prepared and quickly disseminated within the call area. For Lee County, the designated calling area will be a quarter-mile radius of the predator or offender's address. Unlisted numbers and cell phone numbers are not part of the database, but can be added. To enter your cell number, unlisted, broadband/voice-over IP or TDD/TYY device number visit [www.achildismissing.org](http://www.achildismissing.org).

Source: <http://www.sheriffleefl.org/news/gendetails.aspx?id=5869>

### NFL Drops The Ball

A recent story in the AARP Bulletin Today details the struggles of many National Football League (NFL) retirees in trying to access league disability benefits. For example, the report notes that data collected by Congress from the NFL Players Association indicates that of the approximate 8,000 former players who are eligible for disability benefits, only 224 receive total and permanent disability benefits. Last year, the NFL made almost \$8 billion dollars. For more on this story, visit the AARP Bulletin Today at the website shown below.

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[http://bulletin.aarp.org/yourhealth/policy/articles/nfl\\_fumbles\\_care\\_of\\_former\\_stars\\_.html](http://bulletin.aarp.org/yourhealth/policy/articles/nfl_fumbles_care_of_former_stars_.html)

*Save the Date!*

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is thrilled to be sponsoring The Eighth Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging. The event will take place on Friday, April 17, 2009, at the Broadway Palm in Fort Myers and is hosted by Hope Hospice. Registration forms will be mailed out in the near future. For more