

Abuse in Later Life Education Series for Advocates

Working with Survivors Who Have Guardians

We value your feedback! Please [click here](#) to complete our short survey and let us know your thoughts on this training.

Taking Action

1. Identify individuals, organizations, or officials you can contact to learn more about how guardianship works in your in your state, tribe, or territory.

2. List below three things you'd like to learn from the entities you identified in question one. For example: How is a guardianship obtained and monitored in your community? Who would I contact if I believe a guardian is abusing their ward? Who would I contact if I have questions about the terms of a guardianship?

3. List two or three things that you can do within your organization to ensure that all staff can identify and respond appropriately to survivors who are under guardianship.

Additional Resources

[Guardianship and Supported Decision Making](#)

The America Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging has an excellent resource page with information on state and tribal laws and policy, training materials, publications, and current issues related to guardianship.

[Legal Services Corporation](#)

The Legal Services Corporation funds legal services for low-income individuals in every state and territory. Their searchable database can help you locate civil legal assistance programs in your community. These programs frequently offer training to community organizations on civil legal matters.

[State Protection and Advocacy Systems](#)

Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) work at the state level to protect individuals with disabilities by empowering them and advocating on their behalf. There are 57 P&As in the United States and its territories, and each is independent of service-providing agencies in their states. Find your local P&A agency using the above link.

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