

Our Mission

The Adult Guardianship Services Program will seek to provide support and advocacy to those who are unable to care for themselves and enhance the individual's quality of life by making decisions on their behalf that reflect, to the maximum degree possible, their own life choices and preferences.

Guardianship gives us the responsibility and legal authority to be a substitute decision maker and manage the financial affairs and healthcare of the protected person.

Make a Donation

Your tax deductible donations help us provide protection and advocacy to vulnerable older adults in your community.

Donation may be made by
mail or online at
www.realservices.org

The ultimate objective of REAL Services is to assist in establishing a community in which those we serve can maintain their independence to the maximum degree possible and find meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives.

About Us

Guardianship Program services are provided in part through funds furnished by:

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REAL Services, believing in the dignity of all people, will provide services without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.



Adult Guardianship Services



Supporting Independence for Life

What We Do

- Protect and Secure Client Finances
- Advocate for Appropriate Medical Care
- Access Government and Insurance Benefits
- Help Vulnerable Seniors Navigate Life Transitions and Health Decisions
- Complete End of Life Arrangements

Who We Serve: Eligibility

- 60 years of age or older
- Mentally incapacitated and unable to make sound decisions for themselves
- No family or friends willing, able, or suitable to serve as Guardian
- Resident of St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, or Kosciusko Counties in Indiana

Make a Referral

Referrals for Guardianship may be made by an interested person or organization in the community.

A Referral Packet is completed and submitted to the Adult Guardianship Services Program. It includes a current Physician's Report stating that the referred person is mentally incapacitated and needs a guardian. This Physician's Report must be signed by a licensed physician and submitted to the Court.

**For a referral packet, contact
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Services Program
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Application Process

Referrals are reviewed and approved by an Advisory Council. The Program petitions the Court for a hearing and prepares the Court documents for approved referrals.

Volunteers Are needed

Life Changing Opportunities

Visit with and advocate for an elderly Guardianship client.

Give friendship and hope.

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**Guardianship
Volunteer -
Advocates
Are Needed**