

# DSHS UGA Advisory Group

**VACANCY - *Response Date: October 31, 2022***

**1) OPENING**

DSHS Uniform Guardianship Act Advisory Group to update Guardian ad litem and Court Visitor model training programs is seeking members. Group members will serve to establish ongoing model training design for Washington Superior Courts use. DSHS is interested in members from diverse backgrounds, experience and knowledge, as well as diversity in geographic location throughout the state of Washington. The group shall consist of representatives from consumer, advocacy, and professional groups knowledgeable in developmental disabilities, neurological impairment, physical disabilities, mental illness, domestic violence, aging, legal, court administration, the Washington state bar association, and other interested parties.

**2) RESPONSIBILITIES, NOMINATION, APPOINTMENT AND TERM**

DSHS makes appointments to the Advisory Group based on a list of nominees applications received. Term length and appointment processes are to be announced/determined.

**3) CURRENT MEMBERS**

Open.

**4) SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

*All meetings are held virtually using Zoom until further notice.*

**5) ADDITIONAL TIME COMMITMENT**

Biennial work will require appx. 30-50 hours or personal time reviewing current model training program documents, slide decks, agendas and handbook.

**6) ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Members are expected to attend meetings as requested. A member should inform DSHS when they are not able to attend either meetings and provide the basis for the absence.

**7) EXPENSES RELATED TO SERVICE**

Approved travel and other expense related to serving may be reimbursed.

**8) CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

All applicants should be aware of the need to avoid conflict of interest when serving.

**9) HOW TO APPLY**

To express your interest in being applying please send the application and optional resume to [Caroline.Wood@DSHS.WA.Gov](mailto:Caroline.Wood@DSHS.WA.Gov). Please call 360-995-2628 with questions.

**10)** Please be aware submitting an application does not guarantee appointment. DSHS would like to consider diverse opinions. Therefore, we may consider many factors including, but not limited to geography, experience, expertise and education.

**11)** Thank you for considering and applying.