

Guardianship Laws Report

Decision-Making Support to Live as Independently as Possible

How can we ensure that people with paid guardians live as independently as possible?

What changes in current law need to be made?



What is the Guardianship Laws Report about?

Not every person with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) needs a guardian; however, some people do have them. Many guardians are professionals who receive a fee for their services.

Professional guardianship fees are paid in different ways depending on the residential setting. In some community residential settings, the full cost of guardianship falls on the person receiving support, which may limit community support options.

The work of this project is to help ensure that those who have a paid guardian are able to live in the least restrictive setting that meets their needs.

This means looking at the way people with IDD can pay guardianship fees while living as independently as possible.



Our Goals

Our task is to make recommendations to the legislature that:

- Remove barriers to guardianship payments that limit where a person lives.
- Ensure equitable access to decision-making support that helps people with IDD live as independently as possible.



Comments

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