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Guardianship Coordination



What's Changing?

As of December 1, 2021, the Information Specialists started providing centralized coordination of guardianship requests for the Division of Developmental Disabilities.



When To Approach The Division

- Obviously, the Division is not involved with every guardianship that occurs for those enrolled in service
- The Division can assist individuals and families with obtaining a guardian when the individual or family have insufficient resources to obtain assistance from any other source.



• Guardianship packets/requests will <u>NO LONGER</u> be submitted directly to a Regional Office guardianship coordinator.

NEW PROCESS

• All guardianship packets/requests will be submitted to the following email address:



DDGuardianship@dmh.mo.gov

• Once submitted to the inbox above, packets will be assigned to an Information Specialist, who will assist with packet questions, corrections, completion, and submission to DMH General Counsel for consideration and approval.

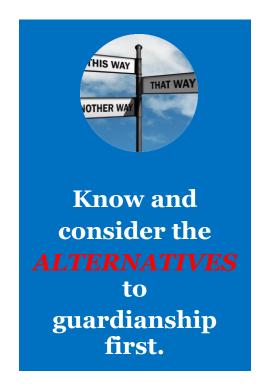


A Quick Reminder:



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Alternatives to Guardianship

- DurablePower ofAttorney
- Representative
 Payee/Money
 Management
 Supports
- Living Will



- **☑** Trusts
- Community
 Supports
 - Supported
 Decision
 Making



Supported Decision Making (SDM)

- SDM is an alternative to guardianship.
- Promotes self-determination, control, and autonomy.
- Fosters independence.
- Supporters are selected by the person with the disability.
- Individuals and supporters execute a supported decision-making agreement.
- Is a viable means to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to keep their decision-making rights.



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