



## **Quick Reference Guide for Referrals**

This guide is intended to help you quickly assess when a professional guardianship referral may be appropriate and what information is helpful at the time of referral.

### **When to Consider a Guardianship Referral**

A referral may be appropriate when an individual:

- Lacks the capacity to make informed decisions regarding personal, medical, or financial matters
- Is at risk of harm, neglect, or exploitation
- Has no appropriate family member or support person able or willing to serve
- Is experiencing conflict among family members that interferes with decision-making
- Requires coordinated oversight across medical, residential, and financial systems
- Has complex needs that exceed informal support or limited powers of attorney

### **Types of Referrals Commonly Made**

- Court-appointed guardian of the person
- Court-appointed guardian of the estate
- Temporary or emergency guardianship
- Successor guardian when a current guardian can no longer serve
- Professional fiduciary support in high-risk or high-conflict cases

### **Information Helpful at Time of Referral**

Providing the following information helps streamline evaluation and court coordination:

- Name, age, and current living situation of the individual
- Reason a third party is being considered
- Known diagnoses or capacity concerns
- Immediate safety or medical issues, if any
- Existing legal documents such as powers of attorney or trusts

- Family dynamics or known conflicts
- Court status and upcoming hearing dates, if applicable

## **What To Expect After Referral**

- Initial review to assess appropriateness and scope of guardianship
- Coordination with counsel and the court as permitted
- Emphasis on least restrictive, person-centered interventions
- Ongoing communication consistent with court orders and ethical standards
- Decisions guided by the protected person's values, preferences, and best interests

## **Ethical Framework**

Professional guardianship referrals are guided by principles reflected in the [National Guardianship Association Standards of Practice](#), including respect for dignity, self-determination, cultural awareness, and protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

## **Have More Questions?**

Have more questions about navigating guardianship or fiduciary needs?  
We're here to help guide you through the next steps.

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