

Education & Training – WINGS Forum Backgrounder

Objective: Enable WINGS to raise awareness and promote training of all stakeholders and related groups, as well as the public, on guardianship and less restrictive options.

Examples of WINGS Action:



- Alabama – Adaptation of CFPB guides, *Managing Someone Else's Money*
- Indiana – Guardian ad litem training on supported decision-making
- Maryland – Implementation of court rule requiring guardian training
- Massachusetts – Four colloquia for professionals and one large conference
- Minnesota – Annual guardianship summits
- Oregon – Brochures (1) for clinicians; (2) for guardians; (3) for public
- Utah – Development/updating of judicial education tools
- Virginia – Development underway of orientation/ training materials for new guardians and conservators

Challenges and Questions – How Can WINGS:



- Address the continuing need for education/ training in all sectors, in face of constant staffing turnover
- Enhance cross-training
- Encourage stakeholders to support each other in education and training
- Identify other possible stakeholder groups needing education and training
- Garner needed resources for education and training; make use of stakeholder in-kind resources
- Select and prioritize among the wide range of education/training needs
- Effect broad-based public education that could lead to changing perceptions and culture; who will champion
- Measure effectiveness and outcome of education and training

Resources:

- WINGS Forum State Fact Sheets
- ABA Commission WINGS website at <http://ambar.org/wings>.

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