

Sustainability & Court Buy-In – WINGS Forum Backgrounder

Objective: Sustain WINGS over time as ongoing court-stakeholder, problem-solving partnership

Examples of WINGS Action/ Court Support:



- Alabama, Alaska, DC, Florida, Idaho, Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington – Locate WINGS or similar entity in state supreme court/state’s highest court
- Alabama – Legislature passed and Governor signed resolution supporting WINGS (4-18)
- Indiana – Guardianship Office in Supreme Court helps to sustain WINGS
- Maryland – Vocal support of Chief Justice fostered development of new court rules on guardianship, through Court’s Guardianship/Vulnerable Adults Workgroup
- Ohio – Guardianship Subcommittee is a permanent committee of the state Supreme Court

Challenges & Questions – How Can WINGS:



- Gain or sustain support of chief justice and state court administrator
- Gain or sustain support of other key court leaders, including probate & other judicial associations
- Survive and sustain turnover/transition in chief justice/state court administrator; transition of coordinator in court or elsewhere
- Consider/move toward aim of becoming a permanent court entity
- Determine whether to foster development of local WINGS
- Consider whether – and how -- WINGS could be effective outside of court; assess pros & cons

Resources

- State WINGS Forum Fact Sheets
- ABA Commission WINGS website, <http://ambar.org/wings>
- National Center for State Courts, *Assessment of the Impact and Efficacy of Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS)*, June 2015, https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_aging/resources/wings-court-stakeholder-partnerships/resources.html
- Turner, S., Merchant, K., Kania, J. & Martin, E., “Understanding the Value of Backbone Organizations in Collective Impact,” *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, July 17, 2012, https://ssir.org/articles/entry/understanding_the_value_of_backbone_organizations_in_collective_impact_1

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