



## The Guardian Institute

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### PROPOSED CONTINUING EDUCATION RULE CHANGES

There are some proposed rule changes that the CPGB has posted for comment. Please take a look and shoot the Board a comment; good, bad or indifferent. They don't hear enough from us. Here are that proposed changes:

1. 201.12 To qualify for 'emerging issues credit' a course of subject must encompass training and information pertaining to a topic specifically identified by the Board. The Board will determine for each reporting period which emerging issue(s) should be addressed in guardianship education. Emerging Issues shall be identified by the Board at least five months prior to the topic's corresponding reporting period. A CEU Sponsor may choose to include with their CEU application a written request that the Board approve a topic outside of the preapproved Emerging Issues categories as Emerging Issues credit. The request must provide explanation as to how the topic is of important significance to the guardianship profession and that the topic or issue has arisen during the current reporting period. AOC Staff have discretion to approve or deny a request for a topic to be approved as an Emerging Issues credit. Any approval or denial of a topic as Emerging Issues must be ratified by the Education Committee. A credit that is denied as an Emerging Issue may be approved as a General credit."
2. 205.6, "The Board may, on its own behalf, approve a course or activity for Continuing Education Credit without an application for Continuing Education Credit from an active Guardian or sponsoring agency. A continuing education activity approved under this subsection must be granted or denied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 207. Neither a credit approval fee nor an attendance list will be required for a continuing education activity approved under this subsection 205.6.

205.6.1 A guardian who chooses to participate in a continuing education activity approved under this subsection must provide the AOC with a certificate of completion, or some other documentation which demonstrates the guardian's participation in the activity.

Email comments to: [guardianshipprogram@courts.wa.gov](mailto:guardianshipprogram@courts.wa.gov)

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#### **Guardian-institute.org**

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## HELP WANTED

### **KING & PIERCE COUNTIES**

Abacus Guardianship, Inc. is a certified professional guardianship agency serving clients in King and Pierce Counties. We are expanding and interested in talking to Certified Professional Guardians. Employment terms depend on experience. Please contact Holly Surface or Sam Maleski at (206) 408-2040 for more information.

### **CLALLAM, JEFFERSON & KITSAP COUNTIES**

Bridge Builders, Ltd, a certified professional guardianship agency, is looking for an individual interested in serving our most vulnerable population by becoming a part-time Certified Professional Guardian. The qualified individual will start as administrative assistant and care manager, Bridge Builders, Ltd will negotiate a reimbursement plan for taking the Guardian Certification Program. 16 hours per week. Pay DOE. Looking for a team player who can embrace controlled chaos. Interested parties can submit cover letter and resume to [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com).

### **GUARDIAN INSTITUTE**

Guardian Institute is looking for a program assistant to assist with organizing continuing education events and with other programs as they are developed, assist with the newsletter, update the website, attend board meetings. The qualified individual must be able to work independently and also as a team with board members and the event planning agency. Marketing experience a would be a plus. Some of the work can be done remotely. Interested parties can submit a cover letter and resume to [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com).

*Want to publish a help wanted ad? Please email Mindi @ [mindi@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:mindi@bridgebldrs.com)*



## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN ADVOCATES IN CLALLAM COUNTY

There is a great need for guardians for our most vulnerable population. The Guardian Institute is looking for volunteers for the Volunteer Guardian Advocate pilot program, starting immediately. The time requirement is an average of five (5) hours each month and each volunteer is asked to commit for 3-years with optional renewal. A Volunteer Guardian Advocate is NOT a caregiver. A Volunteer Guardian Advocate is to advocate for their client's needs and appropriate wants, ensure the client is getting the benefit of all the resources he/she is qualified for, assist the client with making medical decisions or make medical decisions on the client's behalf if the client cannot do so.

### Basic Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be of sound mind
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude
- Be a resident of Washington State
- Have completed mandatory (online) training
- Be a person who the court finds suitable
- Commitment renewal every 3-years
- Average time needed is 5-hours monthly
- 1-2 guardianship limit per volunteer

### The Guardian Institute will provide:

- Arrange legal assistance as needed
- In-person training
- Provide a mentor as needed
- Assistance with Standby Guardian requirement

Contact Bridge Builders, Ltd at (360) 683-8334 or at [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com) for more information.

### ***Thinking About Tax Deductible Donations?***

Please consider the Guardian Institute this year. We provide support for individuals under guardianship as well as for legal fees for lay and certified professional guardians who accept low-income guardianships.

Funds are needed for:

- General fund
- Mini-grants for clients
- Low-interest loans for clients
- Support our website
- Legal fees for low income guardianships
- Education scholarships lay or professional guardians
- You designate

## **ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS**

*Client A0004—Skagit County      2019 Mini-grant awarded: \$7,200.00      Amount Expended: \$4,237.50*

Client A0004 is 23 years old with cognitive and medical conditions and not a US citizen. She currently lives in an Adult Family Home. The guardianship is funded through the Public Guardianship Program. She currently does not qualify for SSI or DDA services because she is not a US citizen. The guardian is working with an immigration attorney with the goal of getting her citizenship. She can work but needs a job coach and the job coach funding ran out. The Guardian Institute approved an increase in job coaching funding as the client is now “working” (volunteer more days).

*Client A0006—Clallam County      2019 Mini-grant awarded: \$957.95      Amount Expended: \$957.95*

A volunteer Guardian agreed to take this client. The Guardian Institute arranged for legal representation at a significantly reduced rate for the 90-day report.

**If you want to apply for a mini-grant or short-term loan on behalf of a guardianship client, please contact the Guardian Institute at [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com). The Guardian Institute is willing to consider other financial requests as well.**

**If you are interested in donating to support these clients, feel free to send a check to the Guardian Institute, PO Box 610, Sequim, WA 98382. The Guardian Institute also accepts VISA and MasterCard. Call 360-683-8334 and a staff person will take the information.**

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

### **2019 Income & Expense January 1 through August 31, 2019**

Income:      \$56,800.00

Expenses:    \$37,290.20

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

*Guardian Institute Fall Conference—Eastern Washington*

*September 17th & 18th 2019*

Venue: The Centennial Hotel, Spokane

*All of the available scholarships have been awarded.*

**THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR:**

**CPG CE CREDIT**

**WSBA CLE CREDIT**

Looking for the brochure and registration? Go to [guardian-institute.org/newsletters/conference-brochure](http://guardian-institute.org/newsletters/conference-brochure)

**The registration fee goes up soon, so get your registrations in!**

*National Conference on Guardianship*

*October 12-15, 2019*

Venue: Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington, Kentucky

If you possibly can make it, these conferences are a wealth of information and an opportunity to learn how other states do guardianships.

*If you have a continuing education event you wish to add, please email  
[info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com)*

