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SPOKANE CONFERENCE



We want to thank all of our Sponsors:

- Oppenheimer & Co, Inc.
- Reverse Mortgage Financing
- The Bar Plan

And our exhibitors:

- Exact GPS
- Guardian Institute
- Purple Cross
- Sunshine Health
- TrueLink Financial
- United Healthcare
- WAPG (Washington Association of Professional Guardians)
- Wells Fargo Advisors

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Now on our web site:

Guardian-institute.org

- Contributor page
- How you can help
- How to donate
- Resources

Our conferences just keep getting better! We had 127 attendees for 2019! That's 46% of the total number of CPGs!

Our Bremerton Conference is Tuesday & Wednesday, March 24 & 25, 2020 at the Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton. We hope to see you there!

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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.

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.

Want to publish a help wanted ad? Please email Mindi @ 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 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.

Client A0008—Clallam County 2019 Mini-grant awarded: \$1,260.00 Amount Expended: \$1,260.00

A guardianship client needed some teeth pulled. The guardian had tried to get the client onto Medicaid but the client’s income was too high to qualify financially and the client didn’t have any qualifying medical conditions to qualify medically. The guardian took the client to the local volunteer dental clinic but they couldn’t pull the teeth that were in need of being pulled. They referred the client to the Medicaid dental clinic in Kitsap County (the closest one) but because the client didn’t have Medicaid insurance payment was required. The Guardian Institute provided a mini-grant to cover the cost.

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. 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 September 30, 2019

Income: \$59,447.50

Expenses: \$48,563.01

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Guardian Institute 2020 Bremerton Conference

March 24 & 25, 2020

Venue: Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton

We get approval for CPG and WSBA credit.

National Conference on Guardianship

October 2020

Venue: Dallas, Texas

October 2021

Venue: Reno, Nevada

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*

