



# The Guardian Institute

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**REMINDER TO CPGs: The two-year continuing education reporting cycle ended December 31, 2016. Don't forget to send your Affidavit to the Certified Professional Guardian Board before January 31, 2017!**

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## *14th Annual CPG CE Conference Bremerton Registration in on page 6*

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### OUR FIRST YEAR AS A CHARITY NON-PROFIT

The Guardian Institute completed its first year as a charity non-profit! Here are some of the highlights:

- \* Provided two continuing education conferences, one in Bremerton and one in Spokane.
- \* Provided continuing education to 100 Certified Professional Guardians. That is more than one-third of the Certified Professional Guardians in Washington State.
- \* Provided partial scholarships (value \$200 each) to ten (10) Certified Professional Guardians.
- \* Provided our first mini-grant to a guardianship client.
- \* Received \$1,300.00 in sponsor/vendor contributions.
- \* Received \$290.00 in cash donations.
- \* Over 222 volunteer hours.

*We have some exciting goals in store for 2017! Please join us in improving the lives of individuals under*



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## ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

*Client A0001—Thurston County      Mini-grant amount awarded: TBA      Amount Expended: \$0*

[Update] Client A0001 was mentioned in our June 2016 newsletter. The initial provider decided that the client's challenges were beyond the provider's skill. The guardian is researching other options and has asked to apply again in 2017. This is the beauty of such a program. It can take several tries before finding the right person and approach for a client with social and intellectual challenges.

*Client A0002—Clallam County      Mini-grant amount awarded: TBA      Amount Expended: \$0*

[Update] Client A0002 was mentioned in the October 2016 newsletter who was desperately in need of alternative housing. Our "system" has repeatedly failed this client. The guardian has gotten the client's medication adjusted and had the client re-assessed, more than doubling caregiver hours. The roommate has moved out leaving this client with full rent and utilities. The guardian has applied to a local service agency for rent assistance. The Guardian Institute will assist with any difference once the amount awarded from the local service agency. The client is now at the top of the list for low income housing so we hope that it will not be long before getting him settled.

**If you are interested in donating to support these clients, please send a check to:**

**Guardian Institute  
PO Box 610  
Sequim, WA 98382**

**See the donation form in this newsletter.**

## CRISIS STABILIZATION (KING COUNTY)

One of the goals of the Guardian Institute is to provide resources to lay and professional guardians.

A mental health agency in King County has offered a free consultation for any guardianship client in King County referred through the Guardian Institute. Any lay or Certified Professional Guardian interested in this service can contact the Guardian Institute through Bridge Builders, Ltd by calling (360) 683-8334 or emailing [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com). The Guardian Institute will arrange to connect you with the agency.

## **HELP WANTED—APPRENTICE OR INTERN GUARDIAN**

Bridge Builders, Ltd provides quality guardianship, care management and fiduciary services on the North Olympic Peninsula and is looking for a candidate who would like to become certified as a Certified Professional Guardian.

The candidate would need to reside in Clallam, Jefferson or Kitsap counties, be provisionally certified by the Certified Professional Guardian Board as a condition of employment. The chosen individual would work on a part-time and per diem basis as an apprentice guardian until receiving certification as a professional guardian. Bridge Builders, Ltd would negotiate a reimbursement plan for the costs associated with becoming certified as a professional guardian. Upon certification, the candidate would be able to have a separate personal guardianship caseload and contract with Bridge Builders, Ltd to provide guardianship services for them.

To find out about the Certified Professional Guardian Program and provisional certification, go to: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/guardianportal/index.cfm?fa=guardianportal.cpg&content=qualifications>.

After reading the requirement, please contact Bridge Builders, Ltd for an employment packet at [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com). Please put “Guardian” in the subject line.

You may also call Mindi Blanchard or Brenda Carpenter at (360) 683-8334 with any questions.

## **NEWS WANTED!**

*The Guardian Institute wants your news.* Please submit items of interest such as:

- Attend a CPG Board meeting (teleconference or in-person) and submit your notes to this newsletter.
- Press releases about your business or an individual accomplishment.
- Success stories of guardianships that improved clients’ lives.
- Articles regarding guardianship issues.
- As a question and the newsletter will print it for feedback.
- Write about problems that guardians face.
- Share business tips and ways to save time.

## **THE BUSINESS OF GUARDIANSHIP, PART IV**

### ***Tips for Promoting Your Business***

*By Mindi R. Blanchard, M.Ed., CPG  
President, Bridge Builders, Ltd.*

Promoting a new business can be frustrating. When I was in the early days of building Bridge Builders, Ltd I would often hear from potential referral sources that they wanted to see my results before they would refer to me. But how could I produce any results without getting referrals?! Through trial and error I figured out what works and what doesn’t when it comes to promoting one’s business:

#### **Appearance**

- Always have good personal hygiene. Shower regularly, wash your hair, brush your teeth. This may seem like common sense but you would be surprised at how often this is overlooked.

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- Dress professionally. As a CPG dress similar to attorneys that you know. In court, make sure that you wear a suit jacket. If you are mistaken for an attorney while you are waiting for your court hearing, you are on the right track.
- Be pleasant. Smile. Have good eye contact. Have a firm handshake.

### **Professional Business Practices**

- Have a separate cell phone for work and answer it in a professional manner. For example: “Good morning/afternoon, [business name], this is [your first name].”
- Be accessible. Answer non-emergent calls within 24-hour. Answer emergent calls as quickly as possible.

### **Have a “presence”, meaning a physical office.**

- If you are solo practice and work out of your home, find a place where you can purchase office space by the hour so that you can meet with clients and others. Many cities have these type of offices for rent.

### **Have the goal of being known as an expert on guardianship; the process not the specifics of the law**

- Be willing to talk with individuals about the process of petitioning a guardianship and what they can expect during the process.
- Present talks about professional guardianship at meetings of providers or offer a community based presentation.
- Be willing to brainstorm less restrictive alternatives with family, when applicable.

### **Networking**

- Send a letter of introduction to guardians ad litem or those who have the job of determining the guardian for individuals.
- Ask for informational interviews with attorneys who practice elder law.
- Join your local Chamber of Commerce. (You’d be amazed at how many attorneys attend Chamber of Commerce meetings)
- Join a service club.
- Contact the local County Courts to introduce self as a new CPG.
- Seek local Guardianship attorneys, set appointments to introduce self – keep it brief, 5 minutes or less unless the attorney has provided you with a specific time slot. Some attorneys will offer assistance on the process and steps to be successful.
- Join a local chapter of the Bar and attend meetings, many offer CEU’s in conjunction with their meetings.

### **Advertising**

- Press Releases (free). The idea is to get your name in print as much as possible. Publish a press release announcing your appointment as a CPG by the Supreme Court, each time you attend a continuing education event, any time you join a new club or other non-profit entity.
- NGA publications. The NGA is always looking for news to publish. Send your press release to them as well.
- Local newspaper. Write an article for the local newspaper. Send in a comment on an article that was published.
- Other trade publications. WAPG may accept press released or articles. The Guardian Institute certainly does.
- Business Cards – Always have business cards. Make it a goal to give out at least five a day.
- Donate to a non-profit. Even a small donation gets your name published.

### ***Next month: Working Efficiently***

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### *14th Annual CPG CE Conference Bremerton*

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 28th & 29, 2017

Venue: Kitsap Conference Center Harborside, Bremerton

**If you are interested in being a vendor or sponsor for this and other Guardian Institute organized conferences, please email us at [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com). In 2017, there will be a variety of ways those wanting to support the Guardian Institute by helping to defray the costs involved in these events.**

#### **Speakers, March 28**

- Mindi R. Blanchard, **The Guardian Institute**
- Carla Calogero, Reed & Longyear Law: **TBA**
- Ian Horlor, DSHS: **Extraordinary Fees**
- Darryl Lynch, Oppenheimer & Co.: **Lowering Your Liability when Advising Your Client's Assets**
- Lin O'Dell, Attorney, CPG, GAL: **Problem Guardianship as Presented by the Experts**
- Sister Sharon Parks, WA State Catholic Conference: **TBA**
- Gabrielle Richards, Attorney, Martin & Richards LLP: **Implicit Bias: A Practical Toolkit**

#### **Panel Participants, March 29**

- Robin Balsam, Balsam Law
- Brenda Carpenter, CPG
- Seth Dickey, AAG
- Lin O'Dell, Attorney, CPG, GAL
- Jenny Nickl, CPG
- TBA—DSHS Financial & Social Work Supervisors
- TBA—Realtor

### *4th Annual CPG CE Conference—Spokane*

September 12 & 13, 2017

**NEW VENUE!** Red Lion River Inn, Spokane

### *2017 NGA National Conference on Guardianship*

October 14-17, 2017

Venue: Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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

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## 14th Annual Certified Professional Guardian Continuing Education Conference

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside  
Tuesday & Wednesday, March 28 & 29, 2017

Registration fee: \$400.00. This includes a hot breakfast and lunch each day. Payment must be received **on or before March 19, 2017**. Starting March 20, 2016, the registration fee increases to \$500.00.

Individual sessions are \$40.00 for each credit hour. **Fax to: (360) 683-8358.** \*\*\*Partial Scholarships available: Email [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com) for an application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CPG# \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Binder/Coursebook (additional \$15.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ USB Memory Stick

Questions? Email [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full 2-day conference \$400

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual sessions \$40 *(please write the sessions chosen on a separate page)*

\_\_\_\_\_ March 29th ONLY \$200 (must be the full day)

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**Parking and Accommodations:** Parking is \$7.00 per day

The Hampton Inn & Suites (360) 405-0200 has a conference rate of \$109.00 per night. Reservations are under The Guardian Institute Bridge Builders or group code GIT. **Reservations must be made by 03/13/2017** to receive this rate.

**Payment Policy:** Individual registrants must use a separate registration form, however; payment for multiple parties may be made with a single check or credit card. Registration fees will be refunded (less \$50.00 for handling) for written cancellations postmarked or faxed to us by 5:00 PM Wednesday, March 19, 2017.

**Contact us if you do not receive a written or email registration confirmation!**

# Thank You to all our 2016 Contributors!

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Denise Brown, Brenda Carpenter and Angela Bucholtz (Mindi Blanchard's Christmas)

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### Spokane County

Judy Robertson, CPG  
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## Conference Speakers—Spokane

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Mindi R. Blanchard, M.Ed., CPG, Bridge Builders, Ltd., Sequim  
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Jason Crowley, Rn, BSN Hospice of Spokane  
Steve Einhaus, Peer Specialist, Eastern WA Mental Hospital  
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Aaron Riley, Regional LTC Ombudsman Program  
Patrick Stickel, Field Services Administrator, APS, HCS, DSHS

**Volunteer Hours for 2016: 222.3**

**Partial Scholarships awarded: 10**

## In-Kind Donations

Bridge Builders, Ltd, Clallam County  
Platt Irwin law Firm, Clallam County

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Nancy Hough, CPG, Poulsbo  
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\*\*Speaker



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- Lin O'Dell, Attorney, CPG, GAL
- Seth Dickey, Asst. Attorney General
- Brenda Carpenter, CPG, Bridge Builders, Ltd.
- Robin Balsam, Balsam Law

## *In-Kind Donations*

Bridge Builders, Ltd, Clallam County  
Platt Irwin law Firm, Clallam County

**Volunteer Hours for 2017:**

**Partial Scholarships awarded:**

# *The Guardian Institute*

## *Ways to Help*

### **Cash Donations: Can be designated many ways**

- Specific personal needs
- Specific guardianship client
- Specific county
  - ~Funds to pay a professional guardian to take a challenging pro bono client
  - ~Funds to pay for legal fees associated with guardianship
- Transportation needs
- Unusual housing needs
- Unique care needs

### **In-kind donations**

- Legal services
- Medical services
  - General; Eye exams; Glasses; Hearing exams ; Hearing aides
- Dental services
- Denture services
- Legal services for guardianships
- Be a volunteer guardian

### **Sponsor Opportunities**

- Guardian Certification Program
  - ~Sponsor for rural counties
  - ~Provide hotel accommodations
- Continuing education conferences
  - ~Sponsor one or more breakfasts
  - ~Sponsor one or more lunches
  - ~Sponsor one or more snacks
  - ~Sponsor a guardian
  - ~Provide hotel accommodations
- Web site development & maintenance
- Lay guardian support groups
- Volunteer guardianship program
  - ~Development
  - ~Training
  - ~Support meetings

**100% of donations go to improving the lives of vulnerable adults under guardianship**

**Interested?**

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**360-683-8334**

**Or Email**

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**The Guardian Institute is now approved for the Washington State Combined Fund Drive**

**Bridge Builders, Ltd is currently the Administrator of the Guardian Institute.  
Mindi R. Blanchard, M.Ed., CPG,  
President**

# Washington State Certified Professional Guardian Profiles by County

(The Guardian Institute does not endorse any profiles. This is for marketing purposes only)

## Clallam

**Business Name:** Bridge Builders, Ltd

**CPGs:** Mindi R. Blanchard, M.Ed.  
Brenda Carpenter

**Business Type:** Guardian Agency

**Years in Business:** 13

**Counties Served:** Clallam, Jefferson, North Kitsap

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Care Management
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trustee
- Local Emergency Contact (Peace of Mind Program)
- Consulting/education

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid
- Public Guardian

**Specialties:** Crisis management; challenging behaviors; education; program development. NGA member.

**Contact:** (360) 683-8334

**Email:** info@bridgebldrs.com

**Website:** www.bridgebldrs.com

(See also: Caring Choices—Jefferson County)

## Jefferson

**Business Name:** Caring Choices

**CPG:** Elaine Morgan

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 5 years

**Counties Served:** Jefferson, Kitsap, Clallam

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of Estate
- Fiduciary
- Care Management

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Specialties:** Strong healthcare background; strong advocacy skills in healthcare needs and senior needs; specialize in working with seniors.

**Contact:** (360) 551-1476

**Email:** emwelcom@msn.com

**Website:**

www.caringchoicesguardianshipservices.com

**Business Name:** Caring Choice—KPT and Associates

**CPG:** Kathleen Traci

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 4 years

**Counties Served:** Jefferson, Kitsap, Clallam

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Care Management

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

## King

**Business Name:** Allegiance Professional Guardians, Inc.

**CPGs:** Rebecca Bailey, LICSW, CPG and Debra Howard, MSN, CPG

**Business Type:** Agency

**Years in Business:** 1-year

**Counties Served:** King, Pierce, North Thurston

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Care Management
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Clinical Consultation for Individuals & Organizations.

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid
- Specialties: General Practice, Adults. Rebecca has 30-years Licensed Social Work experience. Debra is a psychiatric nurse specialist with 30-years experience.

**Contact:** (253) 520-1800

**Email:** rebecca@allproguardians.com or debra@allproguardians.com

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**Business Name:** Whole Heart Guardianship

**CPG:** Clark "Erik" Eggertson

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 7

**Counties Served:** Snohomish, King

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Care Management
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trustee

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Contact:** wholeheart@comcast.net

**Specialty Areas:** Accounting; Extensive knowledge on housing options; Medically needy.

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**Business Name:** Bridge Disability Ministries Guardianship Agency

**CPGs:** Patty Croteau

Gordon Ellison-Oslin  
Suzy Dougherty-Guild  
Michelle Ewert

**Business Type:** Guardian Agency

**Years in Business:** 25

**Counties Served:** King & Snohomish

**Services Provided:**

- Guardian of Person
- Guardian of Estate
- Standby Guardian
- Care Management
- Individual Case Management contracts
- Fiduciary

**Payment:**

- Private Pay

**Specialties:** IP's with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities.

**Contact:** (425) 885-1006 ext. 102

**Email:** patty@bridgemin.org

**Website:** www.bridgemin.org

We do not serve IPs with only age-related dementia.

**See also:** Richard King—S. King (Pierce

## Kitsap

**CPGs:** Dewey Abbott

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 13 years

**Counties Served:** Kitsap, Mason

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of the Estate
- Fiduciary

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid
- Possibly Pro Bono

**Specialties:** Retired military, worked for VA and am a life member of Disabled Veteran's of America; 16 years of military services no NJR, honorably discharged. Carry Error & Omissions Insurance

**Contact:** (360) 871-1629

**Cell:** (360) 731-3294

**Email:** dkayabbott@wavecable.com

## Kitsap

**Business Name:** Elder Solutions, LLC

**CPG:** Linda Navage

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** Since 2004

**Counties Served:** Kitsap

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trustee

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

NGA member since 2010.

**Contact:** eldersolutions@msn.com

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**Business Name:** Hoehnen Guardianship Foundation

**CPG:** Sue Pritchard

**Business Type:** Agency

**Years in Business:** Since 1993

**Counties served:** Kitsap

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Stand-by Guardian
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trustee
- Special Needs Trust Account

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**Business Name:** Structured Harmony

**CPG:** Jenifer Mick

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 6 years

**Counties served:** Kitsap

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Care Management
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trustee
- Professional organization
- Parental supervision

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid
- Pro Bono

**Specialties:** Over 20 years in social work and law enforcement; Army veteran; trained in borderline personality disorder treatment; dual diagnoses (substance and mental health); taught parent classes and was a foster parent. Experience as domestic violence advocate. Has worked with hoarding situations. Great at bringing order to chaos and running estate and garage sales.

**Contact:** (360) 710-9122

**Email:** structuredharmony@yahoo.com

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**See also;** Allegiance Professional Guardians, Inc. (King)

## Pierce

**Business Name:** Commencement Bay Guardianship Services

**CPGs:** Robin Blasam

Heather Crawford

Katlyn Balsam

**Business Type:** Agency

**Years in Business:** Since 1993

**Counties Served:** Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap, S. King

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Care Management
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trust Administration
- Representative Payee

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Specialties:** Affiliated with Robin H. Balsam P.S., an elder law firm with two attorneys who also serve as guardians.

**Contact:** (253) 627-7605

**Web Site:** www.cbguardian.com

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**Business Name:** KR Guardianship Services

**CPG:** Richard King

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 11

**Counties served:** Pierce, Kitsap, South King

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Fiduciary
- Care Management

**Payment:**

- Medicaid

**Specialties:** Veteran; Developmental Disability; Rehabilitation counselor background (M.A.); Special ed, voc rehab counseling.

**Contact:** (253) 565-8065

**Email:** krsrvs-richk@juno.com

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**Business Name:** Sunrise Guardianship Services

**Business Type:** Guardian Agency

**Years in Business:** Since 1999

**Counties Served:** Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid
- Pro Bono

## Snohomish

**Business Name:** Miller Family Fiduciary, LLC

**CPG:** Ben Miller, CPG

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** Since August 2015

**Counties Served:** King, Snohomish, Kitsap and Island

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Care Management

**Payment:**

- Private Pay

**Specialties:** Management services for care, property, and financial affairs.

**Contact:** (425) 670-8060

**Email:** ben@millerfamilyfiduciary.com

**Website:** www.millerfamilyfiduciary.com

## Spokane

**Business Name:** Paladin Services

**CPG:** Kristi Kilbourne

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** 2.5 years

**Counties Served:** Spokane, Stevens Pend Orielle

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of Estate
- Fiduciary

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Contact:** (509) 863-5598

**Email:** kilbournecpg@gmail.com

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**CPG:** Terri Stein

**Business Type:** Solo Practice

**Years in Business:** Less than 1-year

**Counties Served:** Spokane, Stevens, Whitman

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

Contact: (509) 991-7848  
Email: stetnpg@comcast.net

## Thurston

**Business Name:** Senior Guardianship Services

**Business Type:** Guardian Agency

**Years in Business:** 24 years in guardianship

**Counties Served:** Thurston, Mason, Lewis  
**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Care Management
- Power of Attorney
- Representative of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Trustee SNT
- Testamentary Trusts

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Specialties:** Alzheimer's/ Dementias

**Contact:** (360) 943-7413

**Email:** Michele@seniorguardianship.com  
Sarah@seniorguardianship.com

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**Business Name:** Able Guardianship Services

**Business Type:** Agency

**Years in Business:** Since 2007

**Counties Served:** Thurston, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Kitsap, King, Pierce

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Fiduciary

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Specialties:** LGBT, Communities of color, Deaf (ASL)

**Contact:** (360) 515-9020

**Email:** clif@ableguardianship.com

## Walla Walla

**Business Name:** Omni Guardianship

**CPGs:** Marci Perkins  
Nicholas J. Zaharevich  
Armelia Zaharevich Rupp

**Business Type:** Agency

**Years in Business:** Since 1999

**Counties Served:** Walla Walla, Benton, Franklin, Yakima, Garfield

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney

- Rep of Estate
- Fiduciary
- Care Management
- Mediators
- Guardian ad Litem (Title 11 & 26)
- Parent Coordinators

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Contact:**

info@omniguardianship.com

**Phone:** (509) 337-3025; Toll Free: (877) 554-8199

## Whatcom

**Business Name:** Senior Support Services, Inc.

**CPGs:** Peggy L. Mosshart, Iris Kingston, Jodi Wallace, Judy Glad

**Business Type:** Guardian Agency

**Years in Business:** 20+

**Counties Served:** Whatcom, Skagit

**Services Provided:**

- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Rep of the Estate
- Fiduciary
- Care Management
- Trustee

**Payment:**

- Private Pay
- Medicaid

**Contact:**

Email:

admin@seniorsupportservicesinc.com

See also:

**Benton County**

See: Omni Guardianship (Walla Walla);

Peggy L. Mosshart (Yakima)

**Franklin County**

See: Omni Guardianship (Walla Walla):

Peggy L Mosshart (Yakima)

**Garfield County**

See: Omni Guardianship (Walla Walla)

**Grays Harbor County**

See: Able Guardianship Services (Thurston)

**Island County**

See: Senior Guardianship Services

Miller Family Fiduciary, LLC (Snohomish)

**King County—South**

See: Richard King (Pierce)

Able Guardianship Services (Thurston)

Miller Family Fiduciary, LLC (Snohomish)

**Kitsap County**

Able Guardianship Services (Thurston)

Miller Family Fiduciary, LLC (Snohomish)

Sunrise Guardianship Services (Thurston)

**Kittitas County**

Peggy L. Mosshart (Yakima)

**Lewis County**

Able Guardianship Services (Thurston)

**Mason County**

See: Abbott & Associates (Kitsap)

Senior Guardianship Services (Thurston)

Able Guardianship Services (Thurston)

**Pend Orielle County**

See: Kristi Kilbourne

**Pierce County**

See: Able Guardianship Services (Thurston)

**Skagit County**

See: Senior Support Services, Inc.

**Snohomish County**

See: Clark "Erik" Eggertson (King);

Bridge Disability Ministries/S. Snohomish (King);

See: Senior Guardianship Services

**Stevens County**

See: Kristi Kilbourne (Spokane); Terri Stein

**Thurston County**

See: Sunrise Guardianship Services (Pierce)

**Whatcom County**

See: Senior Support Services, Inc.

**Whitman County**

See: Terri Stein

**Yakima County**

See: Omni Guardianship (Walla Walla)

# Complimentary Guardian Profile

Please complete and email to [info@bridgebldrs.com](mailto:info@bridgebldrs.com) or fax to  
**(360) 683-8358**

## General Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Solo Practice \_\_\_\_\_ Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## How you would prefer to be contacted:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in business? \_\_\_\_\_

In what county do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

What counties do you serve? \_\_\_\_\_

## Services Provided:

\_\_\_\_\_ Guardianship \_\_\_\_\_ Power of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Representative of the Estate

\_\_\_\_\_ Fiduciary (includes basic bill paying) \_\_\_\_\_ Care Management

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Accept: \_\_\_\_\_ Private Pay \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid \_\_\_\_\_ Pro Bono \_\_\_\_\_ Public Guardian

## Specialty Area(s):

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Have we missed anything? \_\_\_\_\_

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