



GUARDIAN PROGRAM

at Crime Victim Services

Ensuring safety, dignity, & quality of life

Crime Victim Services' Guardian Program provides qualified, trained, and committed court-appointed Volunteer Guardians for adult victims deemed unable to make important life decisions while ensuring their safety, dignity, and quality of life.

Supporting vulnerable adults

Guardians increase the safety of vulnerable adults against abuse, neglect and exploitation by monitoring services provided to the protected person. Persons under guardianship are included to the greatest extent possible when making decisions while encouraging the person's self-reliance and independence.

The person in need of guardianship may experience a variety of issues that determine such incompetence, including:

- Alzheimer's Disease/ Dementia
- Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities
- Mental health diagnosis
- Traumatic Brain Injury or Acquired Brain Injury

What guardianship looks like

Guardians spend an average of two to three hours per month with their protected person, helping ensure they are taken care of and their needs are met.

Additionally, guardians are supported by professional staff for day-to-day decision-making including making arrangements for support services, food, clothing, housing, medical care, and recreation. Staff assist guardians with training reminders, annual reports and documentation required by the Allen County Probate Court.

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GUARDIAN CASES
SERVED IN ALLEN
COUNTY IN 2021

6

HOURS OF TRAINING TO
BECOME A VOLUNTEER
GUARDIAN

500

PERSONS UNDER
GUARDIANSHIP
ANNUALLY IN ALLEN
COUNTY

Become a volunteer guardian

Volunteer guardians make a lasting difference in vulnerable people's lives. Attend a one-hour information session to learn about how you can support someone in need.

Becoming a volunteer guardian is as easy as:

- Attending a 1-hour information session to learn about supporting someone in need
- Submitting the Volunteer Guardian Application on our website
- Participating in six hours of guardianship training
- Completing three hours of continuing education courses annually

Volunteer Testimonials

“Being a volunteer guardian was a very rewarding and enriching experience; knowing I had the opportunity to be there for a person who didn't have a lot of other support. I was able to advocate for him impactfully in some of his greatest times of need. I've always had an interest in being an advocate for others and this filled that need for me to give back to others.”

Rachel Wykoff | Volunteer Guardian

“In my life, I've been blessed with a lot of things over my years, and if I can give back to help others, I feel like I need to. I really enjoy the interaction with my ward. He is very social and appreciative. I find it very rewarding.”

Andrew Carey | Volunteer Guardian

**Apply today to become a
volunteer guardian.**

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