



Do you need help as a Guardian or Conservator?

It can be a tough job...

When you have obligations to the individual ward plus legal requirements from the court.

We can help

We offer support to people who serve in this role in the form of:

- *Training for guardians and conservators*
- *Completing paperwork on your behalf*
- *Standby relief for guardians*
- *Advice when you have a problem to solve*

Safeguarding At-Risk Adults

With 43 years of trusted service, we are a nonprofit organization serving Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties and surrounding areas.

We serve over four hundred individuals as their guardian and/or conservator.

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Your Job as Guardian or Conservator of an Adult Ward

It is a tough call:

Both are legal appointments made by the Probate Court when an individual is not able to make or communicate informed personal decisions.



These are “last resort” actions, taken only after less restrictive approaches were unsuccessful.

What is guardianship?

It grants certain powers and responsibilities to a person (the guardian) who is charged to work on behalf of another person (the ward).

Depending on the court’s view, you may be responsible for arranging medical care, living situation, etc.

What is conservatorship?

Similar to guardianship, this pertains to an individual’s assets. These might include investments, bank accounts and property. Assets continue to belong to the ward, but the conservator must make sound decisions on behalf of the owner.

Your Goal:

To always make decisions and take actions that are in the best interest of your ward.

Your Legal Responsibilities:

You are legally obligated to follow the court’s instructions and work on behalf of the best interests of the individual. The Probate Court oversees your work through required reporting and occasional hearings.