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Understanding the Guardianship Process The Basics - Guardianship Workshops 101 & 102

The process of pursuing legal guardianship for an adult child can be confusing, costly, time consuming and very overwhelming for parents and caregivers. If you have a teen or young adult with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or Intellectual Disability, who is approaching the age of majority (18 years) and may not be able to make informed decisions, we can help. The Lurie Center now offers informational, small-group workshops to help parents, caregivers, and families understand and successfully navigate the guardianship process.



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Due to the nature of the specific laws in Massachusetts, these workshops are designed for Massachusetts residents and are not intended to provide legal advice.

Guardianship 101 *Learn the BASICS of the guardianship process*

First and Third Friday of most months: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Fee: \$20 per person/family

Guardianship 101, designed for parents of children age 15 +, provides an overview of:

- What guardianship is and how it is determined in Massachusetts
- The types of guardianships (including Rogers/substitute judgment)
- How to decide if your child needs a guardian and alternatives to consider
- Review of how to begin the process and what the probate court requires
- The steps you need to follow and a suggested timeline to prepare for your child turning age 18

Guardianship 102 *Learn the step-by-step process for court required paperwork*

Second and Fourth Thursdays of most months: 11:00 – 12:30 PM
Fee: \$35 per person/family

Guardianship 102, offering a more hands-on group tutorial, will include:

- Where you are in the process and moving forward
- Review of relevant checklists for each attendee
- Guidance with probate court processes & referral to legal resources, if needed
- Review of necessary court documentation (petition, bond, citation/giving notice, care plan)
- Question and Answer Session

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