



Press Release

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Court System to Host Statewide Informational Sessions on Adult Guardianship Improvement Grant & New Self-Help Phone Line

August 30, 2022, Anchorage, AK – In 2017, the Alaska Court System launched WINGS (*Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders*) a court and community partnership committee on adult guardianship improvement and traveled to 14 locations in Alaska to hear from families, providers, and others navigating the adult guardianship system. Since 2017, the court has been working to improve the guardianship process and make it easier to navigate. In 2021, Alaska became one of the first recipients of the Guardianship Improvement grants from the Federal Administration on Aging Elder Justice & Adult Protective Services.

Join Lisa Wawrzonek, the court system's Guardianship Compliance Officer and project lead at community sessions at courthouses across the state to learn about what WINGS has accomplished and what the plans are to continue to help Alaskans more easily navigate the adult guardianship system. Sessions are sponsored in part by the American Bar Endowment.

- **Bethel:** 9/16/22, 12 pm – 1:30 pm, 204 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway
- **Kenai:** 9/23/22, 10 am - 11:30 am, 125 Trading Bay Drive
- **Juneau:** 9/30/22, 10 am - 11:30 am, 123 4th Street
- **Anchorage:** 10/28/22, 10 am - 11:30 am, 825 W 4th Ave
- **Palmer:** 11/18/22, 10 am - 11:30 am, 435 South Denali Street
- **Other locations to be announced**

Ms. Wawrzonek will also discuss the [Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship Self-Help Phone Line](#) – that the court system launched earlier this year through the Guardianship Improvement grant. The Phone Line provides information and educational materials about guardianship and conservatorship to Alaskans over the phone and on the [website](#). Phone line staff provide free legal information about forms, procedures, and resources. Staff are not lawyers and cannot give legal advice.

Adult Guardianship & Conservatorship Self-Help Phone Line:

(907) 264-0520

Phone Line Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 5 pm

Friday: 8 am – noon

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