

IF YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED *GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON* OF AN ADULT WHO LIVES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, HELP IS AVAILABLE.

The Adult Guardianship Assistant Program is a new initiative of the Montgomery County Circuit Court designed to help guardians successfully fulfill their responsibilities.

Most people who are appointed as a guardian have never been in this position before. Guardians may not fully understand what they are required to do and it is easy to feel overwhelmed, especially if they have other personal and professional obligations. Additionally, guardians may not be aware of the range of public and private resources that are available to answer their questions and provide assistance.

Guardians are not in this alone. The Adult Guardianship Assistant Program was created specifically to help ensure that guardians have the knowledge and resources to help them provide the best service possible to the person under guardianship.

How Does the Program Work?

- A Court Appointed Visitor will be assigned to a case in which a ***guardian of the person*** has been appointed.
- The Court Appointed Visitor will meet with the guardian, the person under guardianship and other people involved in the person's daily activities to gather information about the situation.
- The Court Appointed Visitor will help guardians address issues that might be interfering with their ability to fulfill their responsibilities.
- The Court Appointed Visitor will identify services and other resources to help resolve these issues.



WHAT CAN THE COURT APPOINTED VISITOR DO?

- Make sure guardians know and understand their duties
- Help guardians locate home health agencies
- Help guardians locate respite programs so they can get a break
- Help guardians identify where they can apply for financial assistance
- Help guardians identify housing options



WHAT CAN THE COURT APPOINTED VISITOR *NOT* DO?

- Give legal advice
- Provide direct services, such as transportation
- Fill out forms or applications
- Complete or file the annual report.