

CIL Staff Role to Assist a Consumer with a Guardian (In Pennsylvania)

1. Intake Contact-Listen carefully for barriers created due to having a guardian.
2. If the consumer is seeking assistance to reverse or combat guardianship, there is initial information that you will need to gather.
3. Assure the person understands their rights! Educate, Educate, Educate!
4. What county did the guardianship originate in?
5. Which Judge ruled on the competency status?
6. What person/entity initially petitioned the court for guardianship?
7. Who is the guardian? Is the guardian an individual or an agency that provides this service?
8. Does the person have access to the guardianship document? Why was guardianship pursued?
9. Offer referrals to agencies that may be able to assist with this. (See the list of resources shared at the end of this presentation.)
10. Is the person enrolled in Community Health Choices or other Home and Community Based (HCBS) services? Is the guardian impacting the individual's ability to live in the community? Have the choices made by the guardian created a negative impact on the person's health?
11. Develop a barrier removal plan with the consumer.