

Request for Guardianship Status Hearing

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do I need to show the Court to show I am ready to get my guardianship rights restored?

To start, letters of support from your doctor(s), psychiatrist, counselor saying that you are ready to be your own guardian again. Affidavits (sworn statements) are needed for an actual hearing-your attorney can request those.

Other things that are helpful:

- Successfully completing classes or training for independent living skills
- Experience making your own, good decisions about money, activities of daily living, relationships
- Living as independently as possible, with or without supports and services
- Holding a job
- Going to school or job training, or doing volunteer work
- Not getting in trouble
- Learning from your mistakes and accepting responsibility for your decisions and actions
- Staying compliant with medications, doctor and counseling appointments

What do I need to show the Court to get a different guardian or conservator?

Has your guardian or conservator:

- ❖ Done things or that you think are abuse, neglect or exploitation;
- ❖ Violated your rights, such as:
 - Refusing without good reason to let you see family and friends
 - Keeping you in a locked or other secure environment when your care plan says you do not need it
 - Refusing without good reason to let you receive mail, visitors, or telephone calls; or go to school, church or work
- ❖ Failed to do the things a guardian or conservator is supposed to do, such as:
 - Keep your Medicaid active
 - Make sure you have a clean, safe place to live that is appropriate for your needs
 - Make sure you have some spending money
 - Make sure you have clothes, food, medication, medical care
 - Answer your questions
 - Pay your bills on time
 - Use your Social Security or other benefits, or trust money, appropriately
 - Keep in touch