

Areas & Regions

The Guardianship Program at The Arc of Greater Boston provides services in the Greater of Boston areas and other towns in Eastern Massachusetts... The program also reaches out to Western Massachusetts and neighboring states such as Rhode Island and Connecticut.

(If interested please check and mail back)

I would like to sponsor an individual for a period of time. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

I would like to sponsor an individual on a monthly basis. Enclosed is a check for \$_____, and after that I will send a monthly check for \$_____

____ I would like to learn more about the Guardianship Program at The Arc of Greater Boston and become a sponsor.

____ I would like to learn more about the Guardianship Program at The Arc of Greater Boston and become a volunteer.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____

Zip_____ Phone_____

Email_____

Services Provided

As guardian, The Arc of Greater Boston ensures that all needs of the individual are being met. Services provided within the Corporate Guardianship Program include:

- ☞ Case management
- ☞ Financial management where appropriate.
- ☞ Attend Individual Support Planning meetings to set up realistic and attainable goals, and other meetings to address immediate issues.
- ☞ Visitation to home and/or day programs at least quarterly.
- ☞ Help integrate individuals into the community by promoting inclusion
- ☞ Help find new homes, work places, and retirement programs.
- ☞ Advocate for changes in house mates or staff
- ☞ Move the individual out of nursing homes and into a more individually appropriate situation when necessary.
- ☞ Ensure best possible medical treatment.
- ☞ Review the individual's records regularly.
- ☞ Court appearance on behalf of the individual, to justify guardianship, when needed.
- ☞ Respond promptly to letters, telephone calls, & other correspondences such as email, fax, etc. from the individual's service coordinator & other DMR staff or agencies which provide services to the individual.
- ☞ Be available & accessible for consultation & decisions concerning medical, behavioral, day, residential, & other services.
- ☞ Be available & accessible to respond to emergencies when they arise.

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Why Guardianship?

In the state of Massachusetts, an individual who turns 18 year old is considered competent to make decisions in his/her own best interest. For an individual with cognitive disability, guardianship should be sought, either by a family member (parents, siblings, etc.), or a professional care provider (nursing centers, human service agencies).

Why Corporate Guardianship?

Corporate Guardianship permits an agency to be appointed by the Probate Court to assume responsibility for making personal and/or financial decisions for individuals with cognitive disabilities. The need for guardianship services is undeniable for many people, and the Corporate Guardianship Program at The Arc of Greater Boston continues to offer the service at manageable fees. Our service is being endorsed by other service providers and individuals as an invaluable source for those in need. Our guardianship staff develops a personal, caring relationship with the persons we serve. Our goal is to act on behalf of the individual's best interest while, at the same time, allowing him/her to maintain independence to the greatest possible degree.

Types of Guardianship

Corporate Guardianship at The Arc of Greater Boston guarantees a *lifetime commitment* to the individual receiving services, which include:

- ↳ Full permanent guardian
- ↳ Guardian of the person only
- ↳ Medical guardian only
- ↳ Co-guardian with parents, siblings, or other family members of the individuals
- ↳ Temporary guardian
- ↳ Rogers Monitor
- ↳ Conservator/Guardian of the estate
- ↳ Personal Trustee
- ↳ Representative Payee

*"...You go the limit & over to help Steve.
It s more than a job to you and
I need to tell you that. God bless you...."*
(Note from a home care provider to
Guardianship staff)

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