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## NEBRASKA JUDICIAL BRANCH PROGRAM AND PROJECT QUICK LOOK

### Office of Public Guardian

The Office of Public Guardian protects the well-being and assets of vulnerable adults and improves performance of all guardians and conservators in the state by providing support, information, and education; modeling the highest standard of practices; maximizing self-determination and personal autonomy; and promoting least restrictive alternatives.

Public Guardianship Act: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 30-4101 through 30-4118  
Nebraska Court Rules §§ 6-1433.01 through 6-1433.02

The Office of Public Guardian (OPG) provides:

- Direct guardianship and conservatorship services when a court determines it is the last resort and least restrictive way to meet the vulnerable adult's needs and there is no other individual available or appropriate to serve;
- Court-ordered education classes for newly appointed private guardians and conservators;
- Support and information to all individuals serving as guardians or conservators; and
- Recruitment of volunteers to serve as guardians/conservators and volunteer court visitors.

#### » Court-Appointed Guardians and Conservators

- Provide direct guardianship/conservatorship for individuals when no one else is available to serve.
- Provide statewide public guardian and conservator system that models the highest standard of practices; maximizes self-determination and personal autonomy; promotes least restrictive alternatives.
- Work with courts to provide equal justice and improve court processes to protect vulnerable adults' well-being and assets when guardianship and conservatorship are being considered.

#### » Court Visitor Program

- Locate individuals with backgrounds in law, nursing, social work, mental health, gerontology, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, drug abuse, or alcoholism, who will serve as Volunteer Court Visitors.
- Train Volunteer Court Visitors to provide independent screening and reports to the courts.
- Provide information when the OPG is nominated to comply with the Public Guardian Act regarding acting as guardian/conservator only when it is last resort and the OPG provides necessary services.

#### Origin & Authorization

#### Program Overview

#### Priorities