“GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP TRAINING”
NEBRASKA STATEWIDE IMPACT REPORT

Enhancing & Improving Educational Quality

The guardianship/conservator team is committed to enhancing the capacity of Nebraska communities in supporting the caregivers of vulnerable minors and disabled adults. The team provides responsive, innovative, trusted and easily accessible resources and programming to court appointed guardians/conservators of Nebraska individuals ages birth to death. The following represents a summary of the overall impact of 2014:

Improving educational quality court appointed guardians/conservators

More than 8,100 individuals have participated in the 2½ hour training for court appointed guardians/conservators. State-appointed guardians manage finances, submit reports to the court and provide other vital roles which impact Wards of the court. Based upon 90% evaluation return rate of the 867 participants this calendar year results indicate:

- 92% understand their responsibility to the court, compared to 8% prior to the class.
- 87% understand Guardianship/Conservatorship, compared to 13% prior to the class.
- 79% understand their financial responsibility as a Guardian/Conservator compared to 21% prior to the class.

Enhancing guardians/conservators knowledge and skills

“I became the legal guardian for my mentally handicapped sister in 2006. The UNL guardianship class definitely helped me understand my responsibility to recognize her physical and emotional needs, as well as be her advocate and advisor. Recently, we went together to purchase a new lift chair for her assisted living apartment. No more struggles just to get up out of a chair...what a difference it makes! She loves it!”
– Pam Ackerman, Lexington NE

PUBLIC VALUE

When you support the Guardianship/Conservator Training Program, participating families will learn the importance of working with county court and resources to implement strategies that support Wards to keep them safe and secure. As a result of guardianship/conservator training and resources, more than 8,100 guardians/conservators are providing a more responsive environment for their Ward.

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