WINGS
Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders
Introduction

• Third National Guardianship Summit 2011 recommendation.
• Coordinated state court-community participants.
• Ongoing
• Improve the “guardianship system” and the lives of people involved in them.
WINGS PILOTS

• National Guardianship Network secured grants to promote WINGS.
• Reached out to courts in every state through the Chief Justice and the Administrative Offices of the Courts.
• Selected 4 from the submitted proposals: New York, Oregon, Texas, and Utah.
• Other states already had groups in place: Ohio, Missouri, Indiana West Virginia
GOALS OF WINGS

• Identify strengths and weaknesses in the state’s current system of adult guardianship and less restrictive decision making options.
• Address key policy and practice issues.
• Engage in outreach, education and training.
• Serve as ongoing problem solving mechanism.
COLLECTIVE IMPACT

• “Large-scale social change comes from better cross-sector coordination rather than from the isolated intervention of individual organizations.”

Ten Steps to Launching and Maintaining WINGS

- Designate a coordinator and a steering committee.
- Identify stakeholders.
- Identify initial priorities.
- Plan a consensus session.
Cont. Launching WINGS

• Convene initial WINGS meeting.
• Launch committees to focus on priorities.
• Meet regularly and foster continuing communication.
• Cultivate multiple, reinforcing stakeholder actions.
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• Collect data; evaluate to measure impact.
• Identify funding sources and strategies to sustain the group.
Conclusions

• WINGS can:
  • Breathe fresh air into the drive for guardianship improvement.
  • WINGS provides increased coordination and understanding between courts and communities and legislatures.
  • WINGS can address duplicative efforts among guardianship stakeholders and enable them to marshal to meet common goals.
WINGS STATE REPLICATION GUIDE

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