

WINGS

Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship
Stakeholders

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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.

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.”
- Kania, John & Kramer, Mark, “Collective Impact,” *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, pp. 36-41 (Winter 2011).

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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