



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona



Division of Developmental Disabilities
August 3, 2023

Agenda

- Parents as Paid Providers
- Water Safety
- Announcements
- Turning 18: Legal Options - Janna Murrell, Raising Special Kids

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Parents as Paid Providers - Extended As-Is

AHCCCS extended this flexibility until November 11, 2023 with no changes

- Began at start of COVID-19 to ensure families had support during the emergency
- AHCCCS worked with CMS - allowed parents to become Direct Care Workers (DCW) for their children receiving DDD benefits
- Allowed Qualified Vendors to hire parents to provide services for their minor children

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Parents as Paid Providers - Extended As-Is

AHCCCS plans to amend the 1115 waiver to:

- Address shortage of Direct Care Workers/caregivers by allowing payments to parents who are paid caregivers for their minor children
- Increase satisfaction and promote positive health and well-being outcomes for children
- Extend a support service to preserve effective care for the member in the home and community
- Ensure members receive high-quality care while increasing timely accessibility to care providers

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Parents as Paid Providers - Extended As-Is

AHCCCS Opens Public Comment Period: Caregiver Benefits for Parents

- Public comments through August 21, 2023
- AHCCCS completed two (2) virtual public forums:
 - July 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
 - August 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
- Public comments may be submitted to AHCCCS **until Aug. 21, 2023** by email to waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov or by mail to the address on the [Parents as Paid Caregivers web page](#)

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Watch Kids Around Water

- Drowning - third most common cause of death related to injuries
- Kids ages 1 - 4 at highest risk of dying from drowning
- Watch kids around water **at all times**
- Set up four-sided fencing around pools with a self-latching gate
- Put kids in swim lessons so they know how to swim by age 8

* Source: [Arizona Department of Health Services](#)



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Announcements

Rate Rebase

- The Division is required by statute to perform a rate study every five years
- The last one was completed in December 2018
- This year, the Division contracted with Milliman, Inc. to perform the 2023 Rate Rebase Study
- Stakeholder feedback and data is important to inform the study and set proper reimbursement rates for the next five years

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Rate Rebase (cont.)

- The [Rate Rebase website](#) has been updated with the following resources:
 - Links to Stakeholder Meeting Recordings
 - [2023 DDD HCBS Rate Study Qualified Vendor Instructions](#)
 - [2023 DDD HCBS Qualified Vendor Survey \(MS Excel download\)](#)
 - [2023 Rate Rebase Questions & Answers](#)
- Qualified Vendors should complete and submit the survey by **Friday, August 25, 2023**

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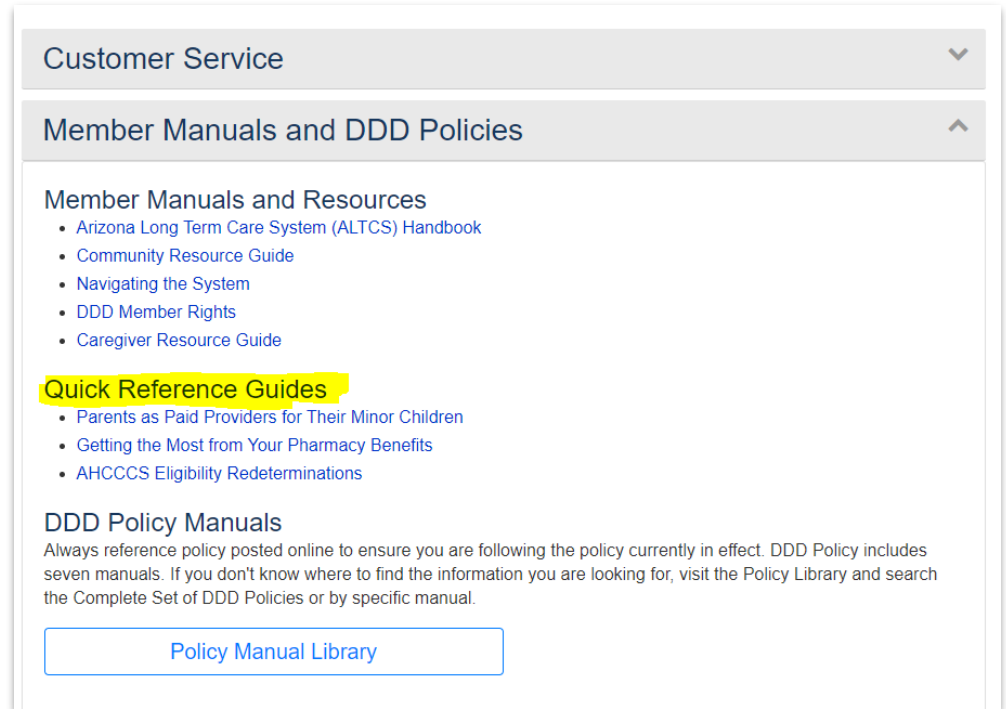
New Quick Reference Guides

- DDD launched a new online library of Quick Reference Guides - short PDF documents on topics relevant to the people DDD supports
 - [Parents as Paid Providers for Their Minor Children](#)
 - [Getting the Most from Your Pharmacy Benefits](#)
 - [AHCCCS Eligibility Redeterminations](#)
- Effort to improve plain-language communication and education

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New Quick Reference Guides (cont.)

Find them on [DDD's webpage for Members and Family Resources](#) under “Member Manuals and DDD Policies”



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Customer Service

Member Manuals and DDD Policies

Member Manuals and Resources

- Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCs) Handbook
- Community Resource Guide
- Navigating the System
- DDD Member Rights
- Caregiver Resource Guide

Quick Reference Guides

- Parents as Paid Providers for Their Minor Children
- Getting the Most from Your Pharmacy Benefits
- AHCCCS Eligibility Redeterminations

DDD Policy Manuals

Always reference policy posted online to ensure you are following the policy currently in effect. DDD Policy includes seven manuals. If you don't know where to find the information you are looking for, visit the Policy Library and search the Complete Set of DDD Policies or by specific manual.

[Policy Manual Library](#)

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Online Educational Videos

- Over past four years, DDD also published educational and informational videos
 - Planning Meetings and Assessments
 - What to Do When You Have a Complaint
 - And more!
- Find the videos on the DDD website:
<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities/DDD-informational-videos>

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Call for Volunteers




Volunteers Needed

The Division of Developmental Disabilities

Contact the DDD Volunteer Coordinator with questions:

 dddvolunteers@azdes.gov

 1-844-770-9500 option 1



Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council
(Council members are appointed by the Governor)
<https://bc.azgovernor.gov/>

Independent Oversight Committee (IOC)
<https://ioc.az.gov/>



Program Review Committee (PRC)
<https://bit.ly/3soiEXp>



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Join DDD's Self-Advocacy Group

- Adults who receive DDD services are invited to join the Division's Self-Advocacy Group
 - Meet every six weeks virtually
 - Made up of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are over the age of 18
 - Several DDD leaders also attend

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Join DDD's Self-Advocacy Group (cont.)

- DDD provides updates on activities and asks for feedback
- Group members identify topics they want to learn more about
- If you receive services from DDD and want to attend, please email your name and email address to DDDOIFA@azdes.gov.

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Take DDD's Communication Preferences Survey

What DDD Topics Do You Want to Know More About?

- We want to improve communication to the members and families our Division serves
- We need your help
- Please take this quick, five-question survey to help us understand what you want to learn about, and how:
<https://forms.gle/aAKCRA3x1u6FzwQr8>

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TURNING 18: LEGAL OPTIONS





OUR MISSION

Strengthening families and systems of care to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and special health care needs.





Raising
Special
Kids

STATEWIDE SERVICES



CONNECTION



HEALTH



EDUCATION



BEHAVIOR

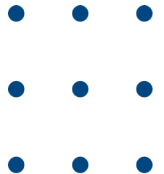


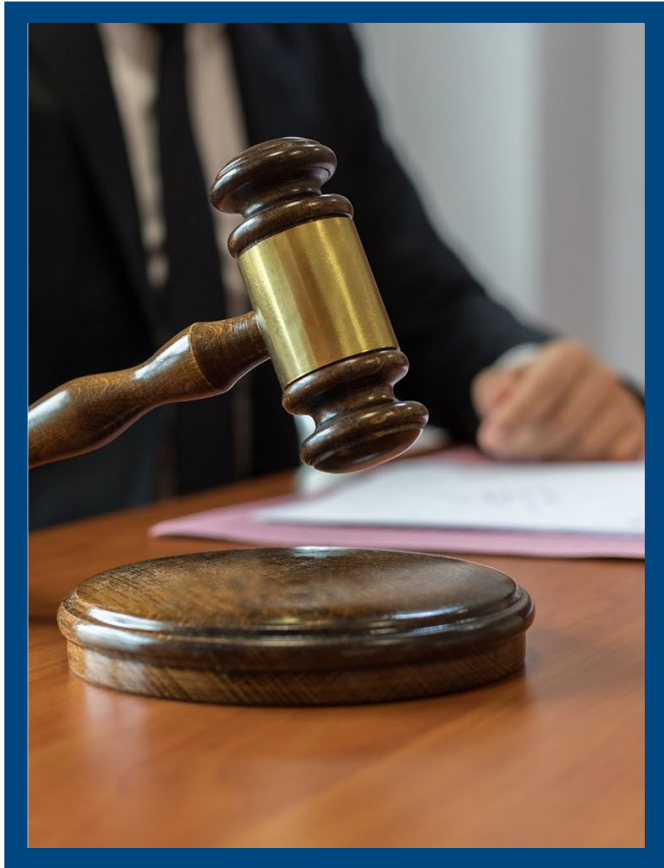
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PARENT TRAINING

- Parent & Professional Collaboration
- Early Childhood Education (Birth to Kindergarten)
- Understanding 504
- IEP Training
- Positive Behavior Support
- Bullying Prevention
- High School Transition
- Talking With Your Child About Sexuality
- Turning 18 - Legal Options
- Recognizing the Signs of Abuse and Neglect
- Imagining A Great Life
- Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)





DISCLAIMER

- We are not lawyers and can not provide any legal advice.
- Consult an attorney with any legal questions.
- Federal and state laws are subject to change.





- THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN TURNING 18
- LEAST RESTRICTIVE OPTION
- SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- DELEGATION OF EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS
- TYPES OF GUARDIANSHIP
- GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN TURNING 18

- SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS
- FUTURE PLANNING



- DDD redetermination
 - Member or their representative must agree that they want services
 - May require showing that the member still has significant functional limitations.
- Selective Service registration
 - Required for men between the ages of 18 and 25
 - Strict requirements for exemption
- Social Security
 - Eligibility as an adult based on individual income
 - Consider representative payee

- **ABLE Account**
 - Must have developed a qualifying disability before the age of 26
 - Allows individuals to save for qualified expenses, invest for future needs, and keep benefits.
- **Special Needs Trust**
 - Allows for the additional financial support of an individual without potentially jeopardizing the benefits provided by public assistance programs.
- **Living Will**
 - makes known wishes regarding life-prolonging medical treatments

LEAST RESTRICTIVE OPTION





SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING

People with disabilities use trusted friends, family members, or professionals to help them understand the situations and choices they face so they can make their own decisions and direct their own lives.



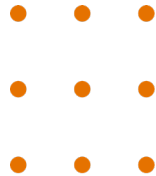


POWERS OF ATTORNEY

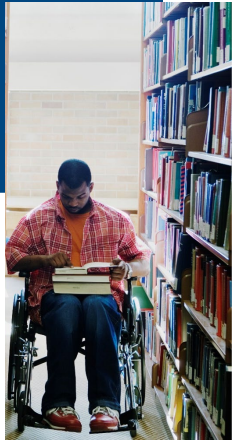
- DURABLE GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY (FINANCIAL)
- DURABLE HEALTHCARE POWER OF ATTORNEY
- MENTAL HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY



EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS TRANSFER AT AGE 18



If parents wish to continue to be involved in educational decision-making, students must delegate that right to their parents by filling out a Delegation of Educational Rights form available from the school.



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION





A guardian is a person who is **appointed by the court** to provide care and make decisions by **informed consent** for a person who lacks the ability to make responsible decisions, has considerable mental issues or is unable to communicate basic needs.

GUARDIANSHIP



Lawyer Attorney for Plaintiff OR Respondent

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY**

Letter of Guardianship for: _____ Case Number PB: _____

ANNUAL REPORT OF GUARDIAN

DUE: _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year

of the Protected Person, the Ward

Form to Guardian: Arizona law (A.R.S. §14-2006(B)(3) and §14-2015) and Arizona Rule of Procedure 302c requires every guardian of a protected or incapacitated adult or minor to so report to the court. Complete this report each year and file it on or before the date listed "due" on or before the anniversary date of the "Letter of Appointment." When complete

¹Court Administration East Court Building, 3rd Floor, 101 West Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003

copy of the report to anyone else who has "appeared" in the case and "report to show the names and addresses of all the people to whom" the document "instructions: How to fill out the Probate Court" the report correctly and completely and that you."





TYPES

- TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP
- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP
- FULL GUARDIANSHIP





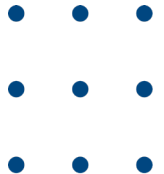
CONSIDERATIONS

- To what extent can the person understand important decisions, even when explained in simplified terms?
- Does the person have the capacity to give informed consent?

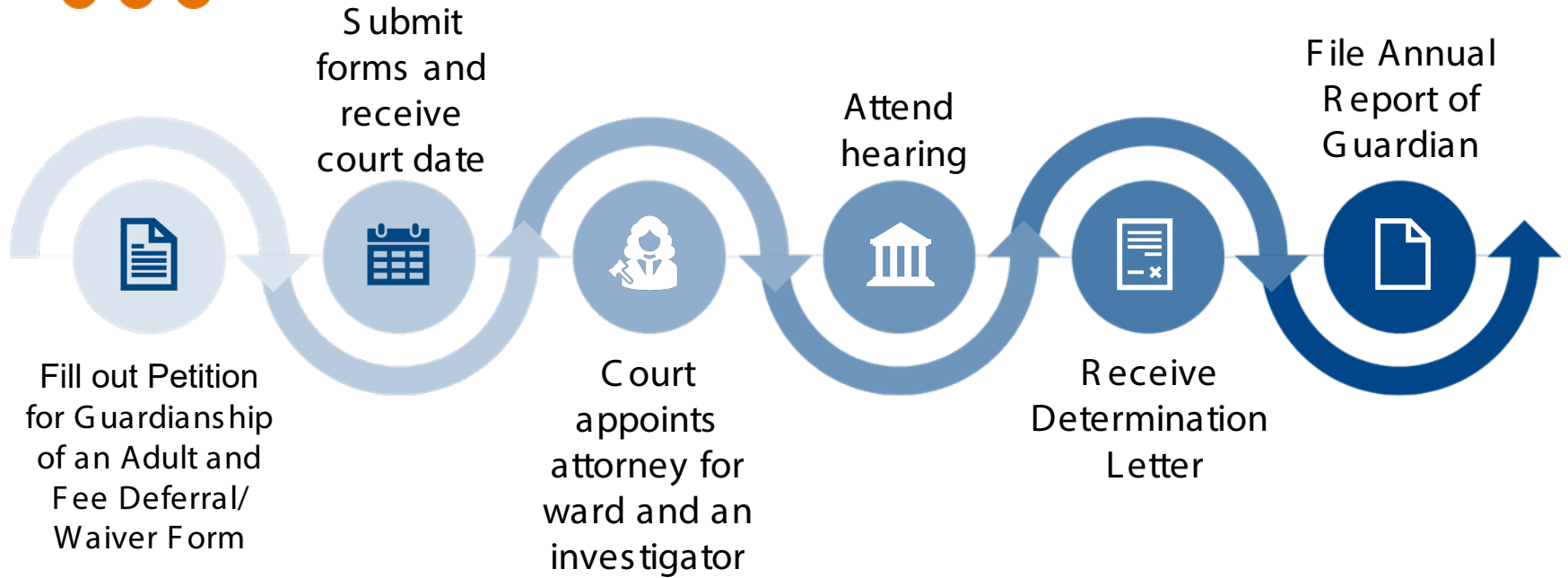


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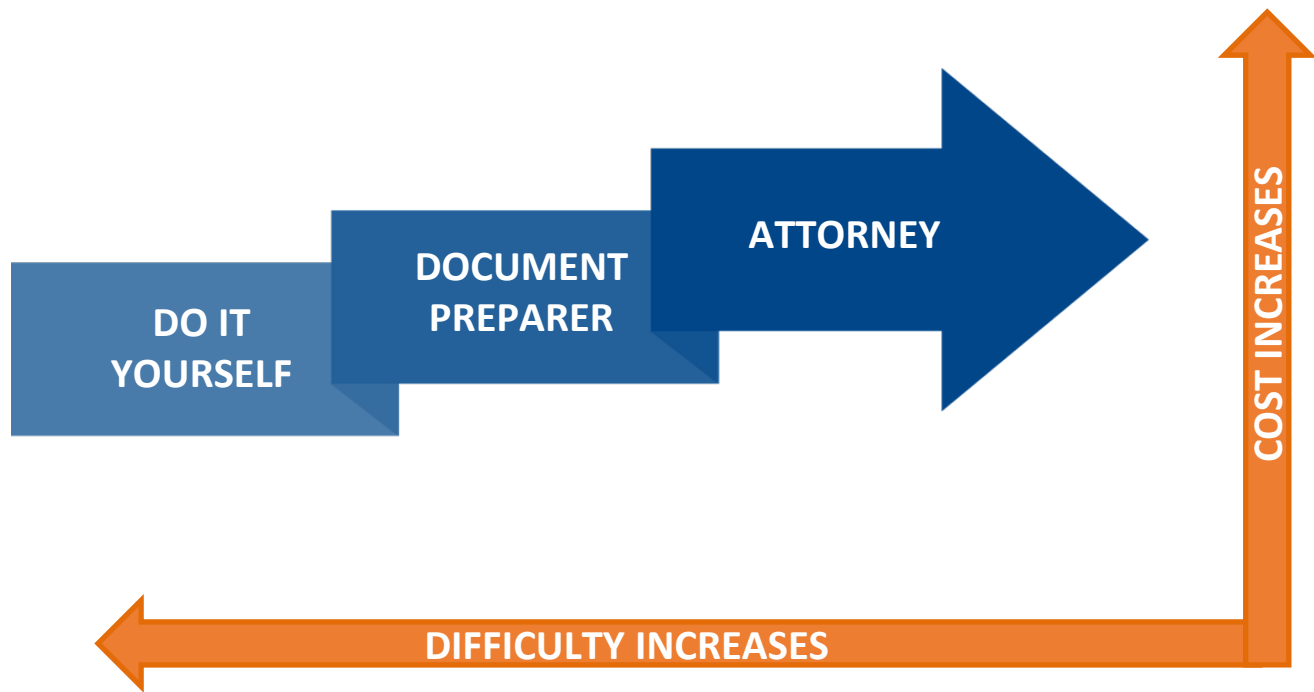
- Seek services in the **best interest** of the protected person (ward)
- Must always consider the interests and desires of the ward
- Help the ward develop to their maximum potential



GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS



LEVELS OF SUPPORT



WHEN CAN A PETITION FOR ADULT GUARDIANSHIP BE SUBMITTED TO THE COURT?

The earliest is when the individual is 17½ years old.

WHAT FORMS ARE NEEDED?

The Adult Guardianship Packet and a Fee Deferral/Fee Waiver form.

WHERE DO I GET THE FORMS TO PETITION THE COURT?

The Superior Court of the county in which the **ward** resides.



CAN MORE THAN ONE PERSON BE APPOINTED GUARDIAN?

Yes. The information of each of the co-guardians must be included on the petition form.

IS GUARDIANSHIP THE SAME AS CONSERVATORSHIP?

In Arizona, guardianship relates to a person and conservatorship relates to financial assets.

IS ANY TRAINING REQUIRED?

Arizona requires petitioners to complete a short training before they can be appointed guardians.

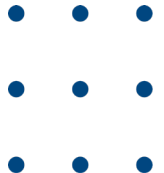


CAN GUARDIANS BE CHANGED?

Yes. Anytime the court deems it is in the best interest of the protected person.

WHY MIGHT THERE BE A CHANGE IN GUARDIANSHIP?

- If the court determines that the protected person no longer requires a guardian.
- If the guardian resigns or they are no longer able to serve as guardian.
- If either the protected person or the guardian dies.



ONCE A GUARDIAN IS APPOINTED, IS IT THE END OF THE PAPERWORK?

Each year, the guardian must submit an Annual Report of Guardian to the court on the anniversary of the appointment.

WHAT IF THE PROTECTED PERSON HAS SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS?

- The court may grant the guardian a Mental Health Authority which gives the power to admit or readmit the protected person to a mental hospital without further court order.
- A Mental Health Authority expires in 12 months if another court order is not issued. An evaluation by a psychiatrist/psychologist is required to reauthorize.





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