

■ Child Guardianship



Legal Aid can help with Child Guardianship Cases if the parties agree.

Legal Aid will help you complete the many required legal forms for Child Guardianship. You will meet with lawyers who will review the forms for completion, and instruct you on how to file the case and move it through the courts.

What is Guardianship?

Guardianship focuses on finding help for those who are not capable of taking care of themselves.



What does a Guardian do?



A guardian of a minor, who is typically not their own, is responsible for providing proper care for their health and safety, including food, clothing, shelter, and more. A court-appointed guardian

has the same rights, powers, and duties that parents have toward a minor child. A guardianship can also provide a child's parent the right to oversee a child or their estate. This typically occurs in cases involving serious medical needs or financial assets. ■



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Child Guardianship Process

Step 1:

Call or email and complete intake with
Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid



Step 2:

Pick up a free forms packet and fill out the forms
as completely as possible. Call (360) 245-0955 to
make an appointment for initial forms review.



Step 3:

Attend appointment with staff attorney for initial
forms review. Schedule final review with an attorney.



Step 4:

Have documents signed by all parties prior to
attending final forms review appointment.
Follow attorney instructions for filing your case.



Step 5:

File your case at the Superior Court Clerk's Office.



Step 6:

Call CWLA if further advice or assistance is needed.



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