



# Michigan Advancing Guardianship Innovations Center: Guardian Ad Litem Training

## The Initiative

We are establishing an innovative Guardian ad Litem training initiative in partnership with Michigan courts. This initiative will support consistent, person-centered GAL practices through targeted training, curriculum development, and evaluation strategies that center autonomy and meaningful participation for older adults and people with disabilities while providing high-quality information to Probate Courts.

### Potential Stakeholders:

- Probate Courts
- Guardians ad Litem
- Litigants
- Adult Protective Services

## Our Objectives

### 1 Build professional capacity to serve the aging and disability communities

Through targeted training, guardians ad litem will develop a stronger, more nuanced understanding of the needs, rights, and lived experiences of respondents in guardianship and conservatorship cases.

### 2 Support Consistent, Person-Centered Judicial Decision-Making

By equipping guardians ad litem to provide high-quality, comprehensive information, courts will be better positioned to make consistent decisions grounded in personcentered principles.

### 3 Improve Guardianship Outcomes and Protect Autonomy

Enhanced information and analysis will prevent unnecessary guardianships by increasing denials of petitions where guardianship is not warranted and by promoting limited guardianships when alternatives are appropriate.

### 4 Data Collection and Scaling

MAGIC will identify, collect, analyze, and report on key data indicators to measure improvements in guardianship petition outcomes and support future scaling of the initiative.

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