



Michigan Advancing Guardianship Innovations Center: Multidisciplinary Cross Training

The Initiative

We are partnering with University of Michigan geriatricians to establish the **Multidisciplinary Cross Training** initiative. This innovative pilot initiative will foster a shared understanding of decision-making capacity, guardianship standards, and the role of medical documentation in probate court proceedings. By bringing together judicial and medical perspectives, the initiative will support more informed, consistent decision-making and will expand training to additional legal and medical professionals and other practitioners who work with adults at risk of guardianship.

Potential Stakeholders:

- Probate Courts
- Physicians
- Guardians ad Litem
- Medical and Social Service Providers

Our Objectives

1 Shared Understanding

Through multidisciplinary cross-training, professionals across disciplines will develop a common understanding of the role and use of medical documentation in guardianship proceedings.

2 Documentation is Clearer

Medical and social service professionals will provide courts with more detailed, nuanced documentation related to capacity and guardianship determinations.

3 Improved Guardianship Outcomes

MAGIC seeks to prevent unnecessary guardianships by increasing the denial of petitions in cases where guardianship is unnecessary and to encourage the use of limited guardianships when support is 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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