

GUARDIANSHIP

DO I NEED GUARDIANSHIP FOR MY CHILD?

A guardian is appointed by the court for an incapacitated person. Guardians can be in charge of some or all personal affairs of the incapacitated person. If you are concerned about the ability of your child with disabilities to make adult decisions when they turn 18, you may want to explore guardianship.



You will want to start this process about 6 months before your child's 18th birthday.

RESOURCES

HOW DO I FIND AN ATTORNEY?

To find guardianship attorneys in Virginia:

<https://www.lawinfo.com/directory.html>
<https://vlrs.community.lawyer/>
<https://www.valegalaid.org/find-legal-help>

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Legal services for obtaining guardianship can vary among attorneys. Please contact an attorney who specializes in guardianship and inquire about their fees, or if they offer assistance.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION?

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS FOR INCAPACITATED ADULTS (PDF) Find it here: gwarren3.wixsite.com/gcweb
- **Appointment of Guardians and Conservators for Incapacitated Adults** - (Video Tutorial) Find it here: gwarren3.wixsite.com/gcweb
- **Options in Virginia to Help Another Person Make Decisions: Choices Less Restrictive than Guardianship and Conservatorship** (PDF) Find it here: gwarren3.wixsite.com/gcweb
- **Fredericksburg Area Council on Transition**
View the [recorded presentation on Guardianship](#) from the 2020-2021 Pathways to the Future Virtual Series at www.factfred.com.

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- [Caroline County Public Schools Parent Teacher Resource Center](#) (804)633-7083
- [Spotsylvania County Public Schools Parent Resource Center](#) (540)582-7060
- [Stafford County Public Schools Parent Teacher Resource Center](#) (540)899-6000

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