GUARDIAN MONITOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

18th Judicial Circuit Court

Background: The Circuit Court appoints guardians for people who need help in making decisions about their daily lives. The guardian is responsible for protecting the person under guardianship: to manage any funds the person may have, and to arrange for care which will adequately provide for the ward's physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. The purpose of the Court Monitor is to give the court a way to obtain current information about wards and to verify that each is receiving good care.

VOLUNTEER ROLE:

Court Visitor: The visitor goes to the ward's residence, observes conditions and talks with the ward about his or her needs. The Visitor will also speak to the guardian and to any other caregivers. The Visitor reports back to the judge in writing.

Qualifications: Good listening and communication skills, friendliness, common sense, objectivity and the ability to maintain confidentiality.

Training and Support: A five to six hour video taped training is required. Volunteers are supervised by Circuit Court Staff.

Each volunteer applicant will undergo a thorough background check.

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