

Court of Common Pleas

Division of Probate

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ADULT GUARDIANSHIP REQUIREMENTS

On June 1, 2015, the Supreme Court of Ohio adopted new Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. The new rules govern adult guardianships in Ohio and seek to standardize guardianship practices by establishing clear minimum standards and responsibilities for probate courts and guardians.

Guardian education is one of the new requirements.

- Court appointed guardians are required to take a one-time six-hour course on the fundamentals of guardianship.
 - If you are a guardian appointed after June 1, 2015, with no experience as a guardian within the five previous years, you will have *six months from the date of the appointment* to complete the fundamentals course.
 - If you are a guardian who was serving on June 1, 2015 or have served as a guardian during the five previous years, *you will have until June 1, 2016* to complete the fundamentals course.
- After completing the six-hour fundamentals course, guardians must complete a three hour continuing education every subsequent calendar year as well.

All information for the six-hour fundamental course and continuing education, including dates, times, locations, and registration can be found online through the Ohio Supreme Court website at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/adultGuardianship/default.asp>.

You can also contact Christine Gibaldi with any question in regards to the program at #440-350-2229 or by Email at Christine.gibaldi@lakecountyohio.gov

Once you complete a course, bring a copy or send a copy of your certificate with the case number to the Lake County Probate Court in order to verify that all requirements have been fulfilled.