



Mendocino County Superior Court Self-Help Legal Access Center

GUARDIANSHIP CLINIC

When and Where:

**Ukiah: 100 N. State Street, Room # 304 (3rd Floor)
Wednesday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM by appointment**

If you need help asking for guardianship of a child, in probate court, the Self Help Center can help you during our guardianship clinic. You will need an appointment.

What is a guardianship?

- A guardianship is set up when a child is living with an adult who is not the child's parent, and the adult needs a court order to care for the child and make decisions on the child's behalf.
- Generally, probate guardianships are for children under 18.
- A guardianship does not end the parental rights of the parents.
- Probate guardianships can be of the person (for the care of the child) and/or the estate (for the care of the child's finances).

We can only help you with probate guardianships of the person.

How do I get an appointment?

Come to the Self-Help Legal Access Center on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and ask to sign up. We will give you an appointment and a form for you to fill out before your appointment.

This form has information you will need for your paperwork so it is important you bring it all filled out on the day of your clinic.

- You can also email us at selfhelp@mendocino.courts.ca.gov to ask for an appointment.

Is probate guardianship always necessary?

No. We can give you general information about alternatives to a guardianship so that you decide what is best in your case.

What if there is a guardianship case, and I have questions or need help?

If the case was already started and you have questions or need help filing something in the case – like visitation rights or to end the guardianship – come during our regular hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.