



Alternatives to Guardianship Project

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Re: Survey of Stakeholders

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am writing on behalf of Alternatives to Guardianship, a new project funded by the Department of Mental Health on behalf of the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council. Information about our mission and activities is found at: <http://alternativestoguardianship.com/>

We are reaching out to stakeholders, such as Mo-WINGS, who have an interest in promoting alternatives to guardianship for adults with developmental disabilities, such as supported decision-making when feasible, improving the administration of justice in guardianship proceedings, and protecting the rights of those who are involved in such cases.

So that Hulme Resources can build upon the work already done by Mo-WINGS, we are respectfully requesting information and materials regarding your agency's activities during the past five years to: (1) promote alternatives to guardianship; (2) improve the administration of justice in guardianship proceedings; and (3) better protect the rights of adults who are targeted by a guardianship petition or who are living under an order of guardianship. Hulme Resources and the people of Missouri, currently and potentially being served by this project, would benefit greatly by the sharing of information and materials among stakeholders on these important issues.

In an effort to increase and improve services to individuals who are underserved, Hulme Resources and its Alternatives to Guardianship Project would be pleased to collaborate with Mo-WINGS and other stakeholders moving forward.

Best regards,

Jennifer Hulme
Project Director

p.s. We noticed an apparent discrepancy on the SDM page of the Mo-WINGS website. <https://www.mo-wings.org/add-2nd-tab-supported-decision-making/> It cites [RSMo 475.361](#) as requiring less restrictive alternatives to be explored prior to filing for guardianship. But that statute deals with people who have been adjudicated wards. We would appreciate clarification. Thanks.