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## **HUSCH BLACKWELL**



# **Guardianship Clinic**



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#### **Parents**

Parents correctly assume they are the legal guardians for their child until that child reaches age 18. At 18, every person legally is considered an adult capable of making decisions in his or her best interest, regardless of any developmental disability.

Children's Wisconsin is committed to ensuring its patients receive the best medical care and treatment possible. Guardianship is part of a long-term plan for individuals with disabilities who do not have the ability to manage their medical care without assistance or provide informed consent.

Children's partnered with Husch Blackwell to establish the Guardianship Clinic to provide free legal services to eligible parents. Children's social workers connect families seeking guardianship with legal experts at the Guardianship Clinic. Attorneys from Husch Blackwell or Quarles & Brady then represent parents in legal proceedings to help establish guardianship.



### To be eligible to use the Guardianship Clinic:

- The child must be a patient at Children's Wisconsin's hospital, specialty clinics or primary care clinics.
- The patient must be 17 years and 9 months old and demonstrate an inability to make his or her own medical decisions due to a cognitive disability as documented by a physician or psychologist.
- The family must have financial need.
- The family must live in either Milwaukee or Waukesha counties.

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the free Guardianship Clinic, staff in The Daniel M. Soref Family Resource Center, located at Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital, can provide other referrals and information regarding the guardianship process.

For more information about The Daniel M. Soref Family Resource Center, call (414) 266-6333 or visit childrenswi.org.

#### Clinic schedule

The clinic is offered once a month with alternating morning and evening hours.

- Morning clinic is held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. the first Friday of every other month.
- Evening clinic is held from
  5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every other month.

For more information about the Guardianship Clinic, contact Family Services at (414) 266-3465.