

Memorial Task Force

- Who's Who in Guardianship -

List of Offices, programs, organizations, advocates, etc. related to Guardianship in New Mexico:

Organization	Services	Contact Information
<p>Office of Guardianship NMDD Planning Council Santa Fe, NM</p>	<p>a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for guardians of “last resort” to incapacitated income and resource eligible adults. Court-appointed guardians are provided when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ person’s health or safety is at risk, ✓ no family member is available to serve as the individual’s guardian, and ✓ the individual does not have resources for a paid guardian. <p>Includes legal services for guardianship court proceedings for income eligible incapacitated persons (Petitioning Attorney, Guardian Ad Litem (GAL), and Court Visitor).</p> <p>This office contracts for “corporate” guardians, mental health treatment guardians, and legal services.</p>	<p>Frank Fajardo, Manager Ph: 505-476-7321</p>
<p>Various Judicial Districts</p>	<p>District Courts are typically courts of general jurisdiction over probate cases, mental illness hearings, including all general civil cases, as well as domestic relations, and criminal cases. Probate Courts hear uncontested cases; contested cases go to district court.</p>	<p>Website for Court Sites: http://www.nmcourts.com/othercourts.html Administrative office of the Courts: http://www.nmcourts.com/newface/aoc/</p>
<p>Aging & Long-term Services Dept. (ALTSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer & Elder Rights • Adult Protective Services Division 	<p>Aging & Long-term Services Dept. (ALTSD) is dedicated to promoting the independence and dignity of elders and individuals living with a disability. Their mission is to achieve the highest quality of life for older persons, people with disabilities and their families by enhancing autonomy, health, economic well-being, community involvement, and personal responsibility.</p> <p>Consumer and Elder Rights assures elderly and disabled citizens the protection of their rights to adequate standards of care and access to essential benefits, goods and services. These protections occur through direct counseling, information and referral, care coordination, legal advocacy, and quality management activities. Services are delivered through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Bureau, the Aging and</p>	<p>Debbie Armstrong, Secretary Website: http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/</p> <p>Bill Belzner; E-mail: Bill.belzner@state.nm.us Ph: 505-476-4708; Website: http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Consumer_Elder_Rights_Division.html</p>

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<p>Continued - Human Services Dept.</p>	<p>The BHSD has a staff of 49 and a Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget of \$59 million. Some of the programs available through BHSD include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant • Prevention and Treatment Services • Co-occurring Disorder Services • Sexual Assault Services • Specialized Women’s Services • Behavioral Health Services for Veterans • Office of Consumer Affairs • Staff the Behavioral Health Planning Council • Evidence Based Practice Training and Technical Assistance 	
<p>Public Education Dept. Santa Fe, NM</p>	<p>In New Mexico, children become legal adults at age 18. Under the IDEA (federal <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i>), they are then entitled to make their own educational decisions and protect their own rights unless the courts have declared them incompetent and appointed guardians for them. Unless this is done before the child’s 18th birthday, the child will automatically have all rights and responsibilities of adulthood when he or she reaches the age of 18.</p> <p>Special education is instruction designed specifically to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities as defined by federal law, or in the state of New Mexico, who are determined to be gifted. Procedural safeguards are designed to protect legal rights, and parents or guardians play a vital role. Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) are the master plan for the child’s special education and any related services, such as speech therapy or physical therapy, that the child needs to benefit from instruction.</p>	<p>Rolletta Sue Gronewold Deputy Director of Special Ed. Ph: 505-827-1427; E-mail: rollettasue.gronewold@state.nm.us Website: http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/ http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/index.htm</p> <p>NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. of Education Website: http://www.dvrgetsjobs.com/DVRInternet/index/index.aspx Ph: 505-827-8511 E-mail: rsmith@state.nm.us</p>
<p>Protection & Advocacy System (P&A) Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p>The Protection and Advocacy System is a federally mandated program in each state that provides protection of the rights of persons with disabilities through legally based advocacy. Functions of P&A include providing information and training about the rights of people with disabilities, advocacy assistance, monitoring program compliance, technical assistance, and conducting abuse and neglect investigations. The P&A system is a federal/state funded program, and other advocacy and constituencies help ensure that these services remain independent.</p>	<p>Jim Jackson Dennis Drucker Ph: 505-256-3100 or 800-432-4682; E-mail: nmpajacksonj@yahoo.com nmpadrucker@yahoo.com</p>

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<p>The Arc of NM Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p>One of 800 chapters across the nation, The Arc of NM works to ensure that Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the services and supports they need to grow, develop and live in communities, including early intervention, health care, a free appropriate public education, and supports for their families.</p> <p>For adults, services include preparation for employment, job placement, independent living skill training, leisure and recreation activities and any other supports needed (e.g. guardianship).</p>	<p>Jon Peterson, President Rebecca Shuman Doris Husted, E-mail: dhusted@arcnm.org Ph: 505-883-4630 Website: http://netcommunity.thearc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=223&srcid=1302&child=618</p>
<p>Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness - New Mexico (NAMI-NM) Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p>NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families through advocacy, research, support, and education.</p> <p>NAMI provides Treatment Guardian trainings across the state for volunteer treatment guardians who are court appointed to make treatment decisions for persons with mental illness who lack decisional capacity. The training covers mental illness, medication, medical tests, ethics & confidentiality, New Mexico Guardianship Laws, interacting with the medical staff at the hospital, and interaction with law enforcement officials and judges.</p>	<p>Kim Ahlbom, Admin. Assistant Sue Wenzel, Treatment Guardian Coordinator Ph: 505-260-0154; 800-953-6745 E-mail: naminm@aol.com Website: http://nm.nami.org or national at: http://www.faithnet.nami.org/</p>
<p>Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP), Albuquerque, NM</p>		<p>Anna Otero Hatanaka Ph: 505-232-2238 E-mail: Addcp@msn.com</p>
<p>The Senior Citizens' Law Office Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p>Dedicated to serving Seniors (over 60) in Bernalillo County, NM.</p>	<p>Angelica Anaya-Allen Patricia Stelzner, Attorney Co-Executive Directors E-mail: pstelzner@sclonet.net Ph: 505-265-2300</p>
<p>Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program (LREP) Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p>A statewide legal resource for NM residents over 55. We have a legal helpline with staff attorneys who provide issue assessment, legal information and advice and brief services, free of charge. We refer clients to other agencies or to private attorneys (who may charge fees) if necessary. We speak at senior centers and prepare Powers of Attorney and Advance Health Care Directives. We publish Senior Supplements which explain legal questions in plain English.</p>	<p>Mary Ann Baker-Randall, Managing Attorney E-mail: mbaker-randall@nmbar.org Susan Page, Staff Attorney E-mail: spage@nmbar.org New Mexico State Bar Foundation Ph: 505-797-6005</p>

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Dept. of Veterans Affairs Santa Fe, NM	The Fiduciary Division oversees and manages the financial assets of up to 300 veterans and is responsible for ensuring the proper and appropriate application of those assets. In every case the division attempts to ensure the highest possible quality of life for each veteran while ensuring their financial obligations are met and residual funds are saved and properly invested.	John Garcia, Cabinet Secretary Grace De Santiago, Fiduciary Social Worker, Albuquerque, NM E-mail: Grace.DeSantiago@state.nm.us Ph: 505-256-2736
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) Santa Fe, NM	The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) functions as a statewide planning and advocacy agency for people with developmental disabilities. DDPC also includes the Office of Guardianship and the Brain Injury Advisory Council.	Pat Putnam, Director E-mail: pat.putnam@state.nm.us Ph: 505-476-7321
Governor's Office , Santa Fe, NM	Michelle Welby	
Attorney General, heads the NM Dept. of Justice Santa Fe, NM	The state's chief legal officer, legal counsel to state government, consumer advocate, and guardian of the public interest.	Gary King Ph: 505-827-6000
NM Guardianship Association	The non-profit New Mexico Guardianship Association has been established to assist family and corporate Guardians and Conservators in carrying out their duties as appointed by the court. Our primary mission is four fold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ to ensure standards of ethics and practice, ✓ to serve and protect the best interest of those receiving Guardianship services, ✓ to promote Guardianship education and resources, ✓ to advocate for and contribute to the development of effective regulation and legislation regarding Guardianships in New Mexico. 	John Attwood, President Website: www.guardianshipnm.org Email: jattwood@ziatrust.com PH: 505-881-3338 "Handbook for Guardians and Conservators", a practical guide to NM law, is available on line at: www.guardianshipnm.org
National Guardianship Association (NGA)	Provide educational training and networking opportunities for guardians and about guardianship; to promote highest levels of values, standards and ethics; and to ensure a nationally recognized standard of excellence.	Website: http://www.guardianship.org/
AARP Santa Fe, NM Website: http://www.aarp.org/states/nm/	A membership organization for people age 50+; founding principles are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > To promote independence, dignity and purpose for older persons > To enhance the quality of life for older persons > To encourage older people "To serve, not to be served" 	Leonel Garza, Leolucygarza@aol.com , Ph: 505-471-5739 Mike Donnelly, Director, Legislative Dept. Ph: 505-946-3602
UNM School of Law University of NM, Albuquerque, NM	Prof. Robert Schwartz; Health Law Professor Guardianship/Power of Attorney issues, and health law related issues.	E-mail: Schwartz@law.unm.edu Ph: 505-277-2146

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Nat'l Academy of Elder Law Attorneys	Non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations and others who work with older clients and their families. Provides a resource of information, education, networking and assistance to those who deal with the many specialized issues involved with legal services to the elderly and people with special needs. Providers of legal advocacy, guidance and services to enhance the lives of people with special needs and people as they age.	Website: http://www.naela.com/
Nat'l Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers, Inc.	Geriatric Care Managers are health and human services specialists who help families care for older relatives, while encouraging as much independence as possible. They may be trained in any of a number of fields related to long-term care, including, but not limited to, nursing, gerontology, social work, or psychology, with a specialized focus on issues related to aging and elder care. They act as a guide and advocate - identifying problems and offering solutions.	Website: http://www.caremanager.org/
Alzheimer's Association, NM Chptr. Albuquerque, NM	<p>The Alzheimer's Association is a statewide not for profit organization providing support, assistance, information and education to the 35,000 New Mexicans with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, their caregivers and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five offices in Albuquerque, Roswell, Las Cruces, Las Vegas and Farmington providing drop-in services for caregivers, family support, information and referral, respite voucher assistance, registration in the Safe Return program for wanders, oversight of Project Lifesaver program in collaboration with local sheriff's departments statewide. • A 24/7 Helpline staffed by trained professionals and available in 180 languages to consult on Alzheimer's disease and dementia care giving issues. • A statewide network of 45 support groups providing support and education for caregivers and individuals with the disease. • Educational workshops, conferences and trainings focused on educating and supporting family and professional caregivers, enhancing quality of life for the person with dementia and ultimately their caregiver. • At the state and federal level, advocacy for improved policy and legislation assisting afflicted individuals, their caregivers and families. • At the National level, research into the cause, cure and ultimately prevention of Alzheimer's disease and other dementing illnesses. • 	Maralie Waterman BeLonge, Exec. Director Ph: 505-266-4473, Fax: 505-266-0108 Email: Maralie.Waterman-BeLonge@alz.org ; Website: www.nm-alzheimers.org

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Health Industry		
Value Options	ValueOptions is a national managed care company that specializes in disease management for all mental health and chemical dependency diagnoses, and contracts with the state. ValueOptions includes traditional managed care products, integrated behavioral healthcare services, as well as wellness and prevention initiatives and work-life programs.	Website: http://www.valueoptions.com/ Pamela Galbraith, Director E-mail: pamela.galbraith@valueoptions.com
New Mexico Hospitals and Health Systems Association (now NM Hospital Association)	represents member hospitals on legislative, regulatory and public policy issues, and with its members and others to improve the health status of the citizens of New Mexico.	Website: http://nmhhsa.org/nmhhsaweb.jsp or http://nmhhsa.org/ Albuquerque, NM Ph: 505-343-0010 or 1-800-432-5050 Jeff Dye; E-mail: JDye@NMHSC.com
NM Health Care Association Representing ICF/MRs, nursing and residential care facilities.	members include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Facilities • Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (In NM these facilities are called Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded or ICF/MRs.) • Assisted Living/Residential Care Facilities. Mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining public recognition of services provided by the long term care industry • Education of long term care providers • Representing our members in legislative and regulatory areas • Development and implementation of industry standards 	Website: http://www.nmhca.org Linda Sechovec, Executive Director Ph: 505-880-1088 E-mail: lsechovec@nmhca.org
NM Association for Home & Hospice Care	serves its membership through advocacy, networking, education and communication by promoting success and best practices for home care, hospice and related home health support services.	Website: http://www.nmahc.org/ Joie Glen E-mail: joieg@nmahc.org Ph: 505 889-4556
Behavioral Health Collaborative	The Collaborative consists of individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders, professionals and state agencies who may submit recommendations to improve the system.	Website: http://www.bhd.state.nm.us/ Deborah Fickling E-mail: deborah.fickling@state.nm.us

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Health Policy Commission	Provides Macro-level systems analysis, planning and formulation of policy recommendations. Health Information Systems (HIS) Act reinforces the necessity of data collection as a means to facilitate or enable a statewide health plan, but also introduces two other data gathering priorities: Support for state government health resource planning and consumer information. Health Information Alliance (HIA) was established by statute under the HIS Act as a joint public-private initiative to develop a statewide health information network to reduce duplicative data collections and reporting.	Website: http://hpc.state.nm.us/
Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of	<p>Program Development and Supports Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NM Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP) - Working Disabled Individual's(WDI) - SSA Payments/Ticket to Work - Office of African American Affairs Community Outreach - Benefits Information Center 1-800-318-1469 - Whatever It Takes (WIT) - Reasonable Accommodation Intervention for Successful Employment (RAISE) - NM Reutilization & Acquisition Model Program (NMRAM) - Disability Program Navigators - Medicaid Adjudication - LINC'S - Mentoring Diverse Abilities - Migrant Assistance Program <p>Rehabilitation Services Unit</p>	Website: http://www.dvrgetsjobs.com/DVRInternet/index/index.aspx
Disability, Governor's Commission on	Ensure that all people, regardless of disability, can participate fully in mainstream society. Address barriers - physical, programmatic and attitudinal - that may keep a person with a disability from enjoying what society has to offer.	Website: http://gcd.state.nm.us/

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Brain Injury Association Albuquerque, NM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and resources to provide accurate up-to-date information and support to persons with TBI, professionals, and family members seeking services. - Provides annual opportunities for educating the TBI community. - Support for progressive public policy for persons with TBI on the National, State and local levels. - Advocacy services for and with persons with TBI and their families. - Promote the prevention of TBI through public awareness, education and legislation. - Distribute public service announcements, posters, and other materials that educate the public regarding traumatic brain injury and its consequences. 	Website: http://www.braininjurynm.org/ David Murchio E-mail: dmurchio@msn.com Ph. 505-292-7414 or 888-292-7414 Fax 505-271-8983 Email: bia@spress.com
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons, Commission for	Provides resources that will enhance the quality of life for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens of New Mexico. Advocate on important issues impacting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. The statewide umbrella and information clearinghouse for interested individuals, organizations, agencies and institutions	Website: http://www.cdhh.state.nm.us/index.html
Blind, Commission for the	The Commission provides services that enable blind persons to enhance their abilities and assume roles in the community as working, taxpaying, and contributing citizens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adult Orientation Center - Assistive Technology - Business Enterprise Program - Emergency Eye Care - Employment Development Center - Independent Living/Older Blind Services - Students in Transition To Employment Program - Vocational Rehabilitation Services 	Website: http://www.cfb.state.nm.us/

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Mortgage Finance Authority	First-time Homebuyers Rental Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 8 Properties - Low Income Housing Tax Credit Properties - Apartment Association of New Mexico - Apartment Search - Section 8/Elderly Assisted Living - Tenant Relations Homeowners, Homebuyers & Renters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialized Services - Helping Hand - Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program - State Homeless Assistance - Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) 	Website: http://www.nmmfa.org/
Transportation, Dept. of	Provide distribution of Federal funding by a formula to provide accessible transportation.	Website: http://www.nmshtd.state.nm.us/
NM Social Services Resources Directory		http://www.nmresourcedirectory.org/site/371/services.aspx

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