



## Office of Guardianship

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### Who we are and the services we provide

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), Office of Guardianship (OOG) provides statewide services to **eligible low income**, alleged incapacitated adults needing legal and/or Corporate Guardianship and does not provide Conservatorship.

Funding for the DDPC/OOG is provided through State General Funds.

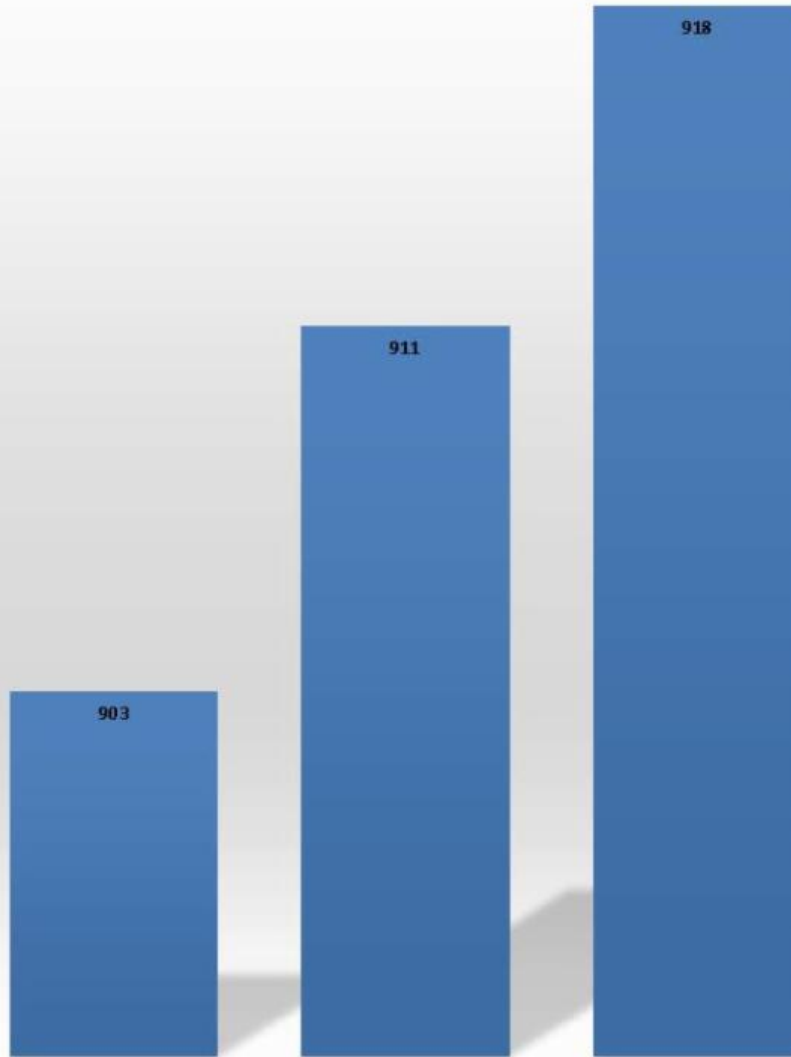
Guardianship should be used as a means of **last resort**.

“Guardianship for an incapacitated person shall be used **ONLY** as is necessary to promote and to protect the well-being of the person, shall be designed to encourage the development of maximum self-reliance and independence of the person and shall be ordered only to the extent necessitated by the person's actual functional mental and physical limitations.”

Currently, 918 Protected Persons receive services from court-appointed Corporate Guardians contracting with DDPC/OOG. If all cases assigned to the Legal team are petitioned and appointed, it is estimated to increase by thirty-nine (39) by June 30, 2019, however, this estimate might vary if there are any deaths or termination of guardianships.

Corporate Guardian Contractors shall ensure that: A Protected Person receiving services is, to the highest degree possible, involved in individual planning, decision-making, implementation and evaluation of those services; and that services provided are designed to enhance, promote and expand independence, self-sufficiency, self-esteem and quality of life of a Protected Person.

### Corporate Guardianship Services



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FY18

FY19 YTD

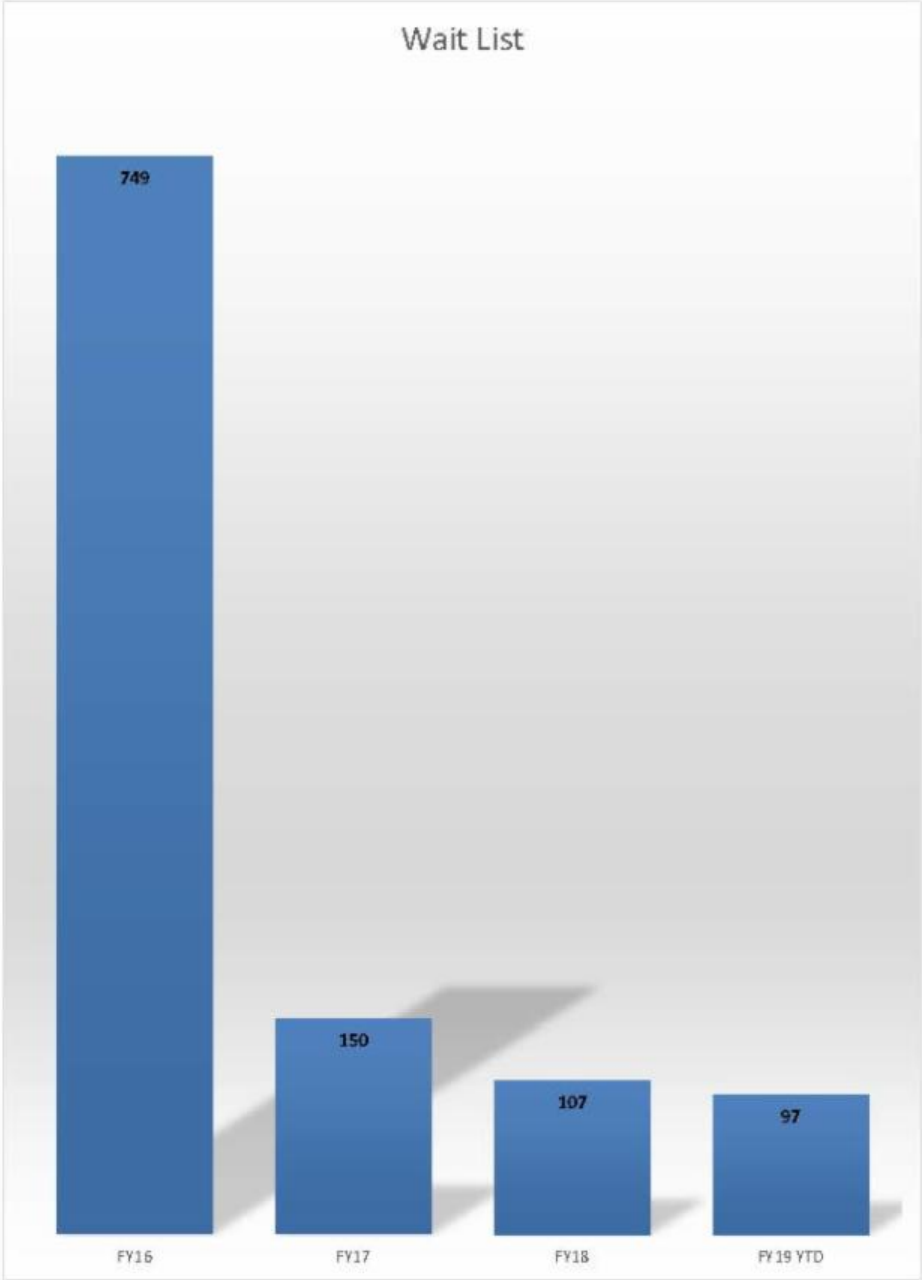
## Addressing the Waitlist

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Over the last three years, there has been a reduction in the wait list and the current list is 82, however, DDPC/OOG receives an average of ten (10) applications per month.

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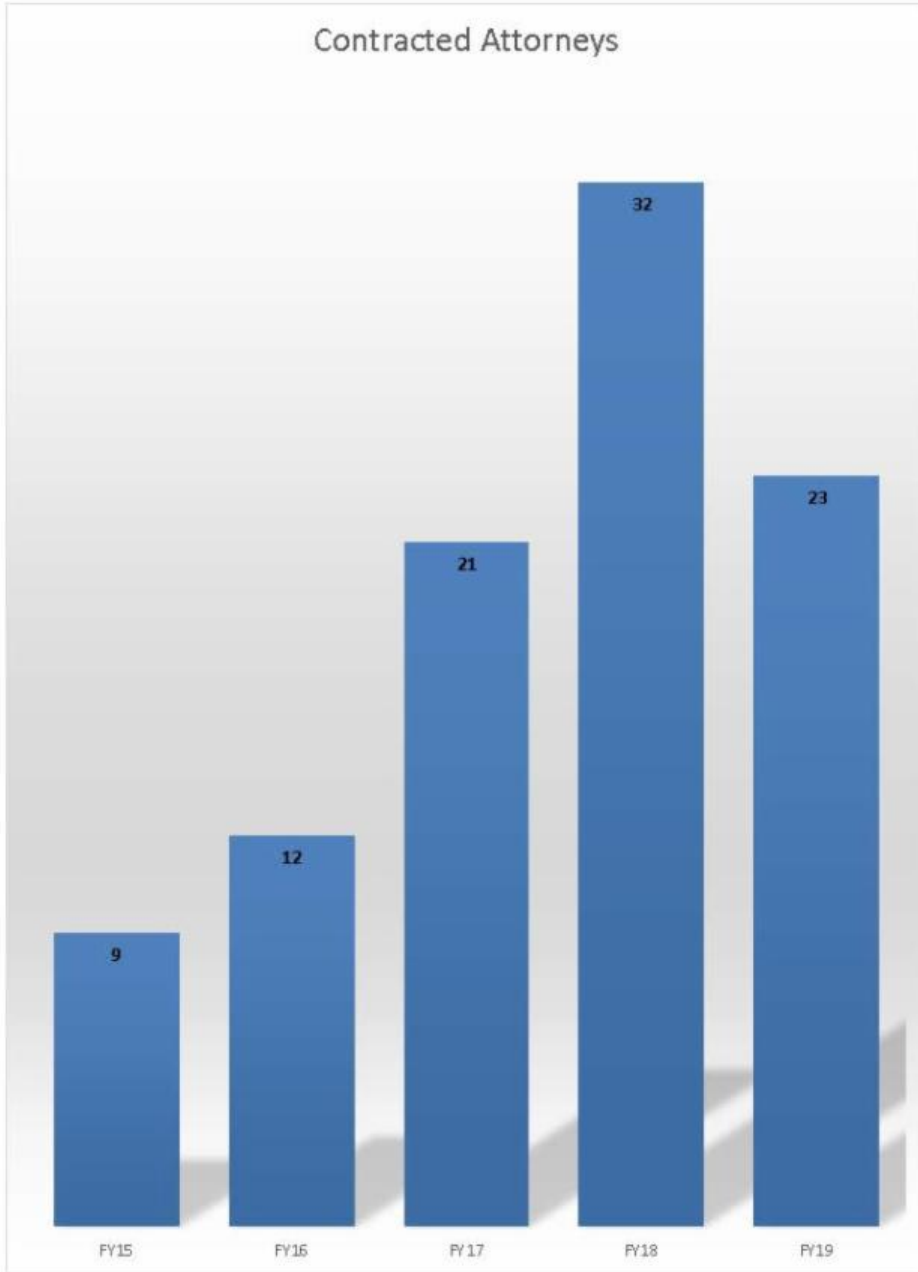
Wait List



To assist with the reduction of the wait list, DDPC/OOG has increased the number of Attorney Contractors and is working on increasing the Court Visitor Contractors in FY20.

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### Contracted Attorneys



**If you wish to learn more about the Office of Guardianship** program services, outcome and the positive impact that we are having on low income New Mexicans and their family members, please contact Maria Bourassa at [Maria.Bourassa@state.nm.us](mailto:Maria.Bourassa@state.nm.us) or (505) 841-4524.

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