

## ECSN Toolkit

# Guardianship, Administration & Advocacy

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<b>What is Guardianship?</b>	<p>A guardian is appointed by SAT to make personal decisions in the best interests of someone who is not capable of making those decisions for themselves.</p> <p>The decision-making authority of a guardianship order may be limited to specific areas such as medical and accommodation (limited order) or apply to all areas of the person's life (plenary order).</p> <p>There are some decisions a guardian cannot make. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voting on behalf of the person they represent</li> <li>• making a will on behalf of the person they represent</li> <li>• giving consent to the marriage of the person they represent or their minor child</li> <li>• giving consent to the adoption of a child of the person they represent</li> </ul>	
<b>What is an Administration Order?</b>	<p>People with decision-making disabilities often depend on family, friends and service providers to support them in a number of areas of their lives. Usually these informal networks can help the person manage their financial affairs.</p> <p>In cases where a person does not have a close support network, or the people providing the support require formal authority to make financial transactions, it may be necessary for an administrator to be appointed.</p>	
<b>Guardianship &amp; Administration resources</b>	Office of the Public Advocate	<a href="https://www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au/guardianship.aspx">https://www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au/guardianship.aspx</a>
	State Administrative Tribunal	<a href="https://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/G/guardianship_and_administration.aspx">https://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/G/guardianship_and_administration.aspx</a>
	What to expect from a Guardianship and Administration Hearing	<a href="https://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/Information_videos.aspx">https://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/Information_videos.aspx</a>
	What to expect from a Guardianship and Administration Hearing – Easy Read	<a href="https://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/_files/What_to%20Expect_at_a_Hearing.pdf">https://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/_files/What_to%20Expect_at_a_Hearing.pdf</a>

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	Support if you are involved in proceedings with the State Administrative Tribunal – Legal Aid	<a href="https://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/find-legal-answers/managing-your-affairs/guardianship-and-administration">https://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/find-legal-answers/managing-your-affairs/guardianship-and-administration</a>
<b>What is Advocacy?</b>	Supporting a person to have access to the entitlements due to them or other resources they seek, <i>when there has been a breakdown in the process or an obstacle to this being achieved.</i>  This support can be Standing Beside (independent third party), Speaking For (representation) or Standing Behind (empowerment)	
<b>What Advocacy is not</b>	Individual advocacy is episodic and in times of need, not Case Management or continuous over time	
<b>Advocacy Organisations</b>	Disability Network of Australia – list of Advocacy organisations	<a href="https://www.dana.org.au/find-an-advocate/">https://www.dana.org.au/find-an-advocate/</a>
	Disability Gateway	<a href="https://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/legal/advocacy/wa?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI8_LNi9X78wIVhJNmAh3S-AUkEAAAYASAAEgL8Y_D_BwE&amp;gclsrc=aw.ds">https://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/legal/advocacy/wa?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI8_LNi9X78wIVhJNmAh3S-AUkEAAAYASAAEgL8Y_D_BwE&amp;gclsrc=aw.ds</a>
<b>Upskilling</b>	ECSN Webinar – Support Coordinators, Guardianship and Advocacy	<a href="https://ecsn.nulsen.com.au/support-coordinators-guardianship-and-advocacy/">https://ecsn.nulsen.com.au/support-coordinators-guardianship-and-advocacy/</a>
	ECSN Webinar – Supporting the family when an application for Guardianship has been made	<a href="https://ecsn.nulsen.com.au/supporting-a-family-when-an-application-for-guardianship-has-been-made/">https://ecsn.nulsen.com.au/supporting-a-family-when-an-application-for-guardianship-has-been-made/</a>