

Self-Neglect vs. Self-Determination

Frequently, well meaning and beneficent care professionals, friends and families intercede with opinion, decisions, or actions presumed to be in the recipient's best interest even though the person in question may have other wishes. Ethicists have written extensively about the tension between autonomy and paternalism.

Some insist that autonomy or individual liberty must be respected in all instances except when a particular action would cause real harm to others.

Perhaps the most difficult and frequent ethical dilemma for professionals working with self neglect cases, is the effort to respect the expressed wishes of individual while society's role is to protect the individual from harm.

Where does the legal system come into play, rights of individuals; what is the person's rights under guardianship, conservatorship, and power of attorney.



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Kansas Area Agencies on
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Presents:

Addressing Self- Determination, Abuse and Legal Issues Involving Older Adults



**July 27th, 2010
Manhattan, KS
9:00AM-4:00PM**

**North Central-Flint Hills
Area Agency on Aging
401 Houston**



Who Should Attend

Professionals and students in the areas of community-based services, Nurses, Home Health Workers, Social Workers, Case Managers, Community Leaders, caregivers and others interested in developing a knowledge regarding self-determination of an older adult and how to address legal capacity issues with older adults.

The training will be conducted by:

Susan Andrews

Susan is legal staff for the Kansas Dept. on Aging. She was previously legal staff for KDHE. From 1990-2006 she operated a solo private legal practice in Topeka where she primarily handled probate, domestic and other civil matters including guardian and conservatorships, wills, estates, trusts and adoption, parentage and divorce cases.

Bessie Walker

Bessie Walker is the Adult Protective Services Program Manager for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Her duties include oversight of the Adult Protective Services program, as well as providing recommendations regarding proposed changes to the program through policy or legislation.

Delrae Jacobsen

Delrae Jacobsen, MS, NCG, Recruiter/Facilitator for the central and north central Kansas Guardianship Program region of Kansas. Del has a Masters Degree in Communications from Fort Hays State University and is certified as a National Certified Guardian by the Center for Guardianship Certification.

Event Overview

Participants will learn firsthand:

1. Older adult self-determination when considering self care
2. Competent adults have the right to make bad decisions
3. At what point does the court system decide to take away those rights?
4. Responsibility of the family/ adult children?
5. Models of intervention or legal processes.
6. Legal rights of the individual under guardianship, conservatorship, and power of attorney arrangements.

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Agenda

8:30am -Registration
9:00am-Elder Abuse and Self Determination
12:00PM Lunch - Provided
1:00PM -Issues of Guardianship,
Conservatorship and Legal Rights
4:00PM Adjourn

Sign-up Form

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