



Utah State Courts

Court Visitor Volunteer Program Training Agenda

**St. George District Court
206 West Tabernacle, Suite 1101**

Thursday, September 4th, 2014

- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome: why the court needs visitors; volunteer objectives. Ethics, confidentiality and conflict of interest (**Judge Westfall, Fifth District Court; Karolina Abuzyarova, Program Coordinator, Court Visitor Volunteer Program**)
- 9:30 – 10:15 Guardianship law and procedures. Understanding the role of the guardian (**Brent Blanchard, Attorney at Law, Blanchard Legal Solutions PC**)
- 10:15 – 10:30 Court case files – how to find them, how to read them, what information to get from them (**Judy Brader, Probate Clerk, Fifth District Court**)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Alzheimer’s disease symptoms, resources (**Anita Stiens, Alzheimer’s Association**)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Mental conditions affecting individuals under guardianship (**Linda Timmins, National Alliance on Mental Illness representative to Mental Health Court**)
- 11:30 - 12:00 Living conditions of vulnerable adults (**Tina Blanchard, Nursing Home Transition Coordinator, Red Rock Center for Independence**)

Friday, September 5th, 2014

- 9:00 – 10:30 Overview of problems in guardianships (**Karen Sevilla, Adult Protective Services, Allyson Holt, Long-Term Care Ombudsman**):
- How to identify abuse, neglect and isolation of vulnerable adults
 - Red flags of financial exploitation
- 10:30 – 11:00 Courthouse tour (**Bart MacKay, Court Mediator**)
- 11:00 – 12:00 Interviewer assignments: excusing respondent from the hearing and ensuring protected person’s well-being (**Karolina Abuzyarova**):
- Volunteer assignment process. Volunteer contracts and work reports
 - How to get started on the visit, how to best communicate
 - Safety matters