



Mendocino County Superior Court Self-Help Legal Access Center “SHLA”

THE SHLA CENTER GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM:

LOCATION & HOURS BY APPOINTMENT:

Ukiah: Courthouse – 100 N. State Street, Room # 304 (3rd Floor)
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM;

Beginning January 4, 2017, the Self Help Center will provide eligible self-represented persons free assistance and access to legal information about the process of establish a probate guardianship over a child.

Why guardianship?

In general, a probate guardianship of a child is set up because a child is living with an adult who is not the child’s parent and the adult may need a court order to make decisions on behalf of the child.

What is a probate guardianship over a minor?

Generally, a probate guardianship is a case brought by a person asking the court to appoint them guardian. Guardianship is a custody arrangement approved by the court: a non-parent is given parental rights and responsibilities over a minor. A guardianship does not terminate parental rights.

Is probate guardianship always necessary?

No. The Self Help Center / Guardianship Program can provide you general information about alternatives to a guardianship so that you can make your own informed decisions.

What we can do for you.

The SHLA Center Guardianship Program staff does not give legal advice such as one would obtain from private counsel. There is no confidential attorney-client relationship between attorneys of the Self Help Center and the self-represented person (litigant) seeking legal information. The staff will provide information about procedures, substantive law & choices litigants may need and thereby allowing them to make informed decisions about their cases. Staff can also assist litigants in completing their legal forms.

To make an appointment:

Please obtain an intake form (required to be completed before your appointment) and an appointment from the Self Help Center during any of their regular hours – Monday, Tuesday or Thursday 1:00pm – 3:00pm or Wednesday 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

The SHLA Center: Improving access to justice for all members of the community.