

2007 Partnerships in Law and Aging Program Awards

Special Initiative

- **Ohio Association of Probate Judges**

Statewide Interdisciplinary Guardianship Recommendations to Improve Guardianship Law and Practice in Ohio

This committee will use work groups and develop recommendations for improvements in guardianship law and practice in Ohio. Recommendations will cover guardianship data, minimum standards, certifying professional guardians, improved monitoring strategies for judges and additional resources for indigent guardianship for underserved population, and will be provided to the Supreme Court.

Partners: Ohio Association of Probate Judges; Supreme Court of Ohio

Original Grant Awards

- **Legal Aid Association of California**

LAAC Online Training for Senior's Advocates

The LOTSA Project will produce interactive, web-based professional education trainings, with focused outreach to rural and underserved communities for Senior Legal Services providers who work to meet the current and future needs of California's burgeoning elder population.

Partners: Senior Legal Hotline; California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform; National Senior Citizens Law Center

- **Atlanta Legal Aid Society**

The Public Guardianship Hot Docs

The Atlanta Legal Aid Society, partnering with the Georgia Division of Aging Services, will provide legal guidance to guardians of low-income seniors by creating automated "Hot Docs" templates for creating forms and identifying conflicts of interest. Guardians for low-income seniors will provide better advocacy by completing simple interactive questionnaires.

Partners: Division of Aging Services, GA Department of Human Resources

- **Office of Public Guardian**

North Florida Family Guardian Support Project

Families considering guardianship for their loved ones will receive information and individualized assessments to determine if guardianship alternatives like Florida's medical proxy provisions or Social Security's representative payee designation would be more appropriate than plenary guardianships. Family Guardian Support groups will also be developed.

Partners: Big Bend Chapter of Florida State Guardianship Association; Area Agency of Aging for North Florida; Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association

- **Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.**

Wisconsin Indian Estate Planning Project- Publication and Reference Initiative

The Publication and Reference Initiative will publish and distribute a Handbook and Will Kit to tribal members and attorneys to assist Native Americans with Indian specific estate planning services. In addition, a training seminar will be held for attorneys and elder advocates on estate planning and Indian land tenure.

Partners: Great Lakes Indian Law Center (GLILC), Univ. of Wisconsin Law School

- **Senior Law Resource Center**

Preparing for Incapacity and End of Life

The Preparing for Incapacity and End of Life project will raise public awareness about incapacity and end-of-life planning and will promote the thoughtful and informed completion of advance directives by printing and distributing a consumer guide, offering free presentations, and providing one-on-one assistance completing advance directives.

Partners: Palliative Care Resource Center; St. John Health System; Attorney's Taskforce to improve End-of-Life Care in Oklahoma

- **Howard University**

An Interdisciplinary Partnership to Promote the Functional Capacity of Decisionally-Impaired Elders: Delivery of Online Education for Seniors

Ideally, persons with diminished capacity participate in life as fully as possible. As they regain function, some or all of their rights should be restored. Limited

guardianships, however, are rare. This project promotes the least restrictive guardianship for decisionally-impaired persons via a web-based course on therapeutic interventions for guardians.

Partners: Howard University School of Law; National Guardianship Association

- **Young Lawyers Section, Anchorage Bar Association**

Seniors & The Law: A Guide for Senior Citizens In The Last Frontier

The YLS will create an information and resource guide for senior Alaskans. Guides will be disseminated to three rural hub communities with access to surrounding native villages. Volunteers will provide the guide and pro bono legal assistance in communities normally only accessible by plane, snow machine, or dog sleds.

Partners: Young Lawyers Section; Alaska Bar Association