

The Oregon Public Guardian & Conservator

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Guardian of last resort

- No other viable option is available
 - No less restrictive alternatives to guardianship
 - No appropriate alternate guardian is available
- High-Risk of serious harm is required
 - Limited resource
 - Guardianship should only be exercised when truly needed

How do we serve?

Person centered guardianship and advocacy

- All guardianship plans are centered around the values, goals and desires of the protected person
- Personal advocacy
- Rapport building and trust

National Standards

OPGC follows all National Guardianship Association Standards

Who do we Serve?

- Caseload is highly complex and varied
- Primary reason for incapacity
 - 32 Major Neurocognitive Disorder
 - 14 With behavioral disturbances
 - 13 With co-occurring severe and persistent mental illness
 - 30 Severe and persistent mental illness
 - 13 with a significant medical issues needing ongoing management
 - 2 suffer from a brain injury
 - 20 Intellectual or developmental disability
 - 11 with significant medical issues needing ongoing management
 - 4 with co-occurring mental illness
 - 4 Brain injury
 - 3 co-occurring Major-neurocognitive disorder w/behavioral disturbances

Who do we Serve?

- 53% Homeless at the time of OPGC intervention
- 12% Veterans
- 30% Abuse by others was the primary cause of their high-risk
- OPGC clients live in 26 different Counties

Major Impacts

- Increase in quality of life for those we serve
 - Often life saving
 - Always positive
- Reduction in utilization of vital community resources
 - Interactions with law enforcement & arrests
 - Hospitalizations
 - ER Visits
- Reduction in utilization of the Oregon State Hospital
 - Significant reduction in OPGC clients returning to OSH

Program Current Structure and Resources

- Created in 2014
- 6 total FTE
 - OPGC
 - 4 Deputy
 - 1 Support staff
- Regionally based deputies
 - Huge districts
 - Inefficient
 - Lack supports

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