

DUTIES OF A TITLE 8 PERMANENT GUARDIAN

(ARS 14-5209)

If you become a Title 8 Permanent Guardian, the children will be considered your wards.

There are certain responsibilities that are part of being a guardian. They include the following:

1. A guardian **must** keep the Court informed of where the children are living.
2. A guardian **may not** return the children to any parent without the prior approval of the Court.
3. A guardian **must** follow any other orders given by the Court with regard to visitation or other matters.
4. A guardian of a child has the powers and responsibilities of a custodial parent regarding the child's support, care and education.
5. A guardian must become or remain personally familiar with the children. The guardian must know the children's capacities, limitations, needs, opportunities and physical and mental health.
6. A guardian must take reasonable care of the children's personal effects and commence protective proceedings if necessary to protect other property of the ward.
7. A guardian must apply any available monies of the children to the children's current needs for support, care and education.
8. A guardian must conserve any excess monies for the children's future needs, but if a conservator has been appointed for the estate of the minor(s) , the guardian, at least quarterly, shall pay to the conservator money of the minor(s) to be conserved for the minor(s) future needs.
9. The court can enter additional orders that a guardian must follow.

Other information:

1. A guardian is not personally liable for the children's expenses and is not liable to third persons by reason of the relationship for acts of the minor.
2. The children may be entitled to a guardianship subsidy which can be obtained through Arizona Department of Economic Security.
3. **Mediation may be requested** for any dispute which occurs in relation to the guardianship, including visitation or termination. You can reach the Mediation Program at 520-740-4587.
4. **A Status Hearing may be requested** so that the court can resolve issues in the guardianship.
 - A Status Hearing can be requested by writing a letter to the judge who presided over the case or by obtaining a **motion and order form** from the PCJCC Adoptions & Guardianship Program (520-740-2925; 520-740-2920).

Case Number: _____

Judge: _____

Date of Review Hearing: _____