



# West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council

## ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP

*ONE-DAY* workshop presented by Dohn Hoyle from the Arc of Michigan  
May 14, 15, or 16, 2013

**Have you been advised to apply for Guardianship of your family member with an intellectual disability?**

**Have you advised others to apply for Guardianship?**

Guardianship is the route most often suggested to parents when their son or daughter approaches the age of 18, if they have an intellectual disability.

Guardianship is a legal process that removes rights and privileges from an individual. Although limited guardianship is an option in the WV law, many counties do not allow family members to apply for anything other than full guardianship – stripping an incapacitated person of all rights.

**Are you interested in learning how many individuals with intellectual disabilities can be supported in making decisions related to school, healthcare, money, living situations, etc., without having a guardian?**

**Dohn Hoyle** is the Executive Director of The Arc Michigan and long-time advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. Dohn was appointed by the governor to establish the Michigan Quality Community Care Council (MQC3) that supports the “Home Help” (Michigan’s State Plan Personal Assistance Option) workforce in Michigan. The governor also appointed him to Michigan’s Long Term Care Commission. He is Past President/CEO of the Association for Community Advocacy (advocating for people with disabilities since 1949). He convenes the Howell Group – an organization of people across Michigan who intend to see that people with disabilities have the opportunity to experience what we know is right and they desire. Dohn also serves as Chair of the Board for the Center on Self-Determination. He is a frequent speaker, published author and consults nationally on a number of topics including the subject of, and reasons for, alternatives to guardianship.

**This workshop is approved for 3 CEU’s (Social Work) and is being offered to:**

- family members of individuals who have developmental disabilities who have not yet applied for guardianship of their family member.
- advocates for people with developmental disabilities.
- providers of services to people with developmental disabilities, including school personnel who oversee transition services for students.
- policy makers, and others who are involved in the decision making process for individuals who have developmental disabilities.
- mental hygiene commissioners, and others involved in the court process.

**You must register to attend. Registration is limited to 50 people at each location.**

The workshop will be held from **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** in each location. Please plan to arrive prior to the start time in order to sign in and be ready to begin at 9:00, sign-in will begin at 8:30 AM. The workshop will be offered in three locations within the State. **The fee to attend will be \$10.** Payment must be made in advance – no payment will be accepted at the event. **(Family members of individuals with developmental disabilities may attend at no cost.)**

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**Please register for only one location.**



- \_\_\_ Tuesday, **May 14** – Catholic Charities Center – **space donated by:**  
2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 905-9860 (free parking across street in bank lot)
  
- \_\_\_ Wednesday, **May 15** – Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center  
200 Armory Drive, Beckley, WV 25801 (304) 252-7361 (Exit 124/Eisenhower Dr. off I-64)
  
- \_\_\_ Thursday, **May 16** – Ramada Limited  
3094 16<sup>th</sup> Street Rd., Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 523-4242 (Exit 11/Hal Greer Blvd off I-64)

I am registering as a: \_\_\_ family member \_\_\_ advocate \_\_\_ service provider  
\_\_\_ policy maker \_\_\_ other (please explain)\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address) (city) (zip code)

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2013**

**Checks must be made payable to Community Access, Inc.  
Credit cards cannot be accepted.**

Mail check and registration to:  
WV DD Council, 110 Stockton St., Charleston, WV 25387

Or, fax registration to:  
304-558-0941

For questions, call or e-mail Linda Higgs at 304-558-4884 or Linda.s.higgs@wv.gov