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Dear Community Stakeholders:

Please be advised that Indiana Guardianship Services, Inc. has recently revised its referral form. It is imperative for organization and efficiency purposes that this form be filled out to completion and sent to Indiana Guardianship along with a physicianos report. Without both, an individualos place on the waiting list will **not** be secured.

Indiana Guardianship is committed to serving adults deemed incapacitated who require guardianship and advocacy. A guardianship is a serious legal proceeding that authorizes another party to make decisions on behalf of a person who is unable to make decisions for themselves, such as those suffering from dementia, traumatic brain injury, or a developmental disability. Indiana Guardianship is a decision-making agency that can make financial and healthcare decisions for an individual while advocating for their wishes and best interests.

To be eligible for guardianship, an individual must be:

- 18 years old or older;
- Adjudicated incapacitated;
- Subject to the jurisdiction of a participating court; and
- Have no other viable alternative for guardian.

As a reminder, Indiana Guardianship does **not** provide the following services:

- Shopping;
- Transportation;
- Direct care; and
- Medication administration.

Again, please be advised that a place is not secured on the waiting list without both the completed referral form and physician report. When sending in a referral for either Porter or LaPorte Counties, please email them to kayla@inguardian.org.

Thank you for your help, and if you have any questions, I can be reached at 219-326-6808 ext. 2645.

Warmly,

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