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## ElderServe to Help State Improve Guardianship Program

*Agency joins group that will make recommendations to lawmakers*

LOUISVILLE, KY (July 10, 2018) – ElderServe has joined other stakeholders in a new group tasked with finding ways to improve Kentucky’s adult guardianship program.

At the recommendation of House legislators, Kentucky became the 25th state to add WINGS (Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders). The group, which is coordinated by CHFS and the Administrative Office of the Courts, will report annually to state lawmakers.

In Kentucky, courts appoint public and private guardians for individuals who cannot care for themselves. Many such individuals are older adults with no close family relatives.

“As our elderly and disabled populations grow, it is essential that our safety net services for this vital portion of our community keeps pace,” Timothy Feeley, Deputy Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), said in a [news release](#).

ElderServe added a guardianship program in 2016, when it merged with GuardiaCare. Robin Bandy, who recently joined ElderServe as senior director of programs, holds a law degree and formerly headed a guardianship program in Indianapolis, will chair the Court Liaison Committee of WINGS.



**Bandy**

“ElderServe is very excited to be a part of the WINGS initiative,” Bandy said. “We look forward to working alongside others in our community who want to ensure that we have adequate and high quality adult guardianship services available for our vulnerable populations in Kentucky.”

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*ElderServe, located at 215 W. Breckinridge St. and formed in 1962, is one of Louisville's largest non-profit organizations devoted to seniors. Its mission is to empower older adults to live independently with dignity. The organization provides services to more than 2,000 older adults annually through multiple programs with four areas of focus: supporting independence, overcoming social isolation, protecting seniors and promoting wellness. Services include home care, crime victim support, financial management and guardianship. ElderServe also operates one of the few adult day centers in northwestern Jefferson County, along with a Senior Center, both located at 631 S. 28th St. For more information and a complete list of programs, visit <https://elderserveinc.org> or call 502.587.8673. Follow us on Twitter (@ElderServeInc) and Facebook (/elderserve).*

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