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# Oversight and Monitoring: The Big Picture

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## Learning objectives

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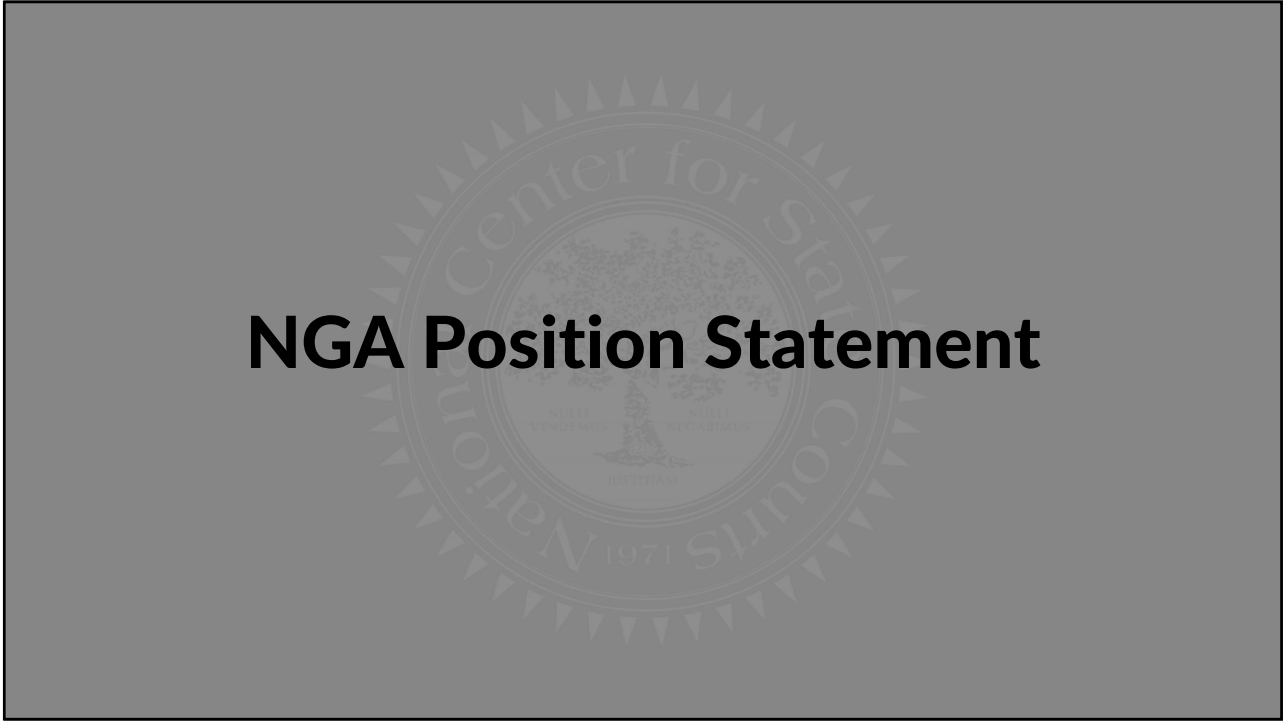
**Participants will be able to:**

- Describe three purposes of guardianship monitoring
- Explain at least one way that improved monitoring helps good guardians
- Summarize the NGA’s position statement on the necessity of collecting data regarding guardianship
- Recognize future resources

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## **Necessity of Collecting Data Regarding Guardianship NGA Position Statement**

- **Developed in 2024 and voted on by the Board January 2025**
- **Supports the implementation of standardized data collection practices**
- **Why care about data?**
  - **Improved monitoring and guardianship practices**
  - **Improve accountability**
  - **Inform public policy**
  - **Support research and education**
  - **Supports allocation of resources and funding**

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## NGA Position Statement Recommendations

- **Develop Relevant Data Collection Practices**
- **Development of Data Collection Hub or Finder**
- **Incorporation of Best Practices for Data Collection**
- **Guardianship Court Improvement Programs**
- **Continuous Evaluation and Policy Influence**

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## What do courts and guardians have in common?

- **Key role in protecting vulnerable individuals**
- **More work that can be reasonably managed**
- **Making sure voices of vulnerable individuals are heard**
- **Interest in ending unnecessary or overly broad guardianships**
- **Need for public trust and confidence**

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# Why is data important? Why is monitoring important?

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## Purposes of monitoring

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- Identify situations when a guardianship may no longer be needed or can be made more limited.
- Identify guardians who are struggling and guide guardians who need assistance in fulfilling their duties, and
- Stop a guardian from using their court appointed authority to abuse, neglect, or exploit an individual.

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## Public Trust and Confidence From the NGA Facebook Page

- It's the worst violation of human rights anyone could go through! This is a form of human trafficking at its worst, and all involved in this criminal organization needs to be charged under the Rico Act!*
- "Good map for people to move to to get away from guardianships."*
- "It's disgusting these predatory attorneys and those they are colluding with are preying upon the elderly for their own benefit. Shameful!"*

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## Public Trust and Confidence

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### Ex-Nevada guardian to serve up to 40 years behind bars

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/courts/ex-nevada-guardian-to-serve-up-to-40-years-behind-bars-1565690/>

**This Guardian Enriched Herself Using the Finances of Vulnerable People In Her Care. Judges Let It Happen.**

<https://www.propublica.org/article/new-york-guardian-yvonne-murphy-beacon-eldercare-judges>

A REPORTER AT LARGE


### HOW THE ELDERLY LOSE THEIR RIGHTS

*Guardians can sell the assets and control the lives of senior citizens without their consent—and reap a profit from it.*

By Rachel Aviv  
October 2, 2017

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/10/09/how-the-elderly-lose-their-rights>

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# Increase communication

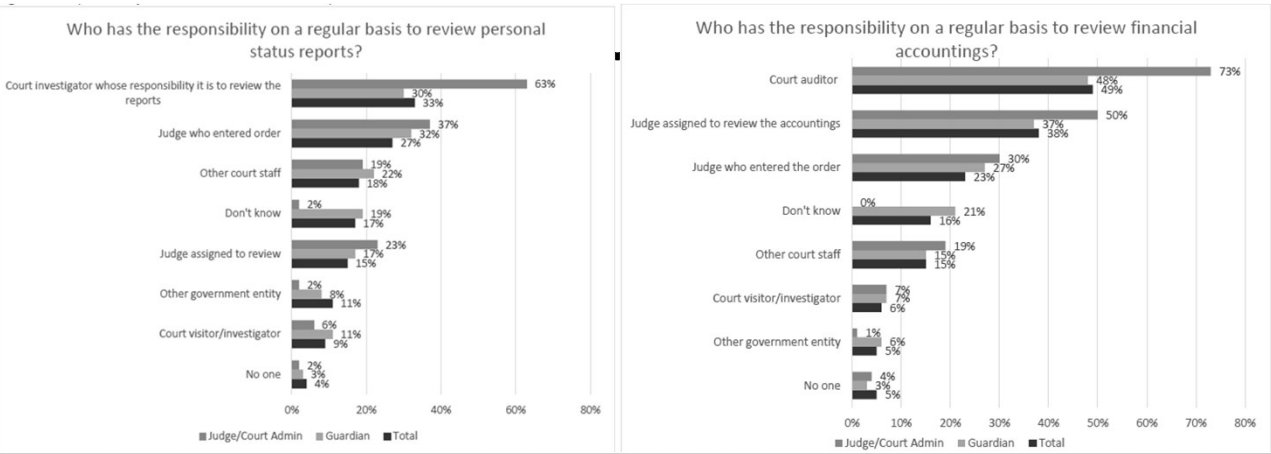
- Reminders
- Acknowledgement of reports
  - Courts: no news is good news
  - Guardian: nobody read my report

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# Increase communication



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# Advocating for more resources

- Recognizing trends/patterns
  - School-to-guardianship pipeline
  - Healthcare-to-guardianship pipeline

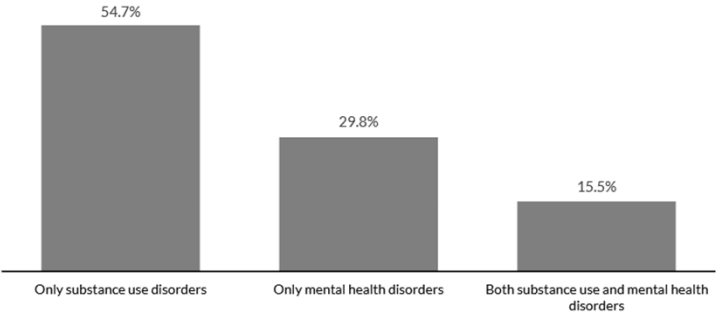
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# Advocating for more resources

FIGURE 1  
Percentage Distribution of Behavioral Health Facilities by Type of Treatment Focus  
US national estimates, 2022



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# What will the future bring?

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## Technical Standards for Courts

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- What electronic filing and case management systems should provide
- Reminders
- Easier reporting
- More consistent information

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## Future trends

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- Ubiquitous online reporting
  - Importing financial data
  - Interview-style reports
- GenAI initial review of reports
  - Looking for identified red flags
  - Human-in-the-loop

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## What do you wish courts/judicial officers knew?

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