

**ADULT GUARDIANSHIP/FAMILY CAREGIVER MEDIATION  
MATERIALS & TRAINING  
AVAILABLE FROM THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY**

Over the years, The Center for Social Gerontology (TCSG) has pioneered the use of mediation in adult guardianship cases and found it to be an extremely valuable alternative to litigation. We have recently expanded and found it equally valuable in family caregiver/non-court cases. To promote its use, we offer the following training and materials.

***ADULT GUARDIANSHIP/FAMILY CAREGIVER MEDIATION TRAINING -- OCT. 15-17, 2006***

October 15-17, 2006, the Tenth Annual Adult Guardianship Mediation Training will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This annual training is targeted to trained mediators who would like to expand their practice to include mediation of disputes that arise when adult guardianship is being considered and when difficult decisions confront elders and family caregivers, as well as to persons interested in establishing such programs. For details and registration information, go to:  
[www.tcsg.org/mediation/training2006.htm](http://www.tcsg.org/mediation/training2006.htm)

***ADULT GUARDIANSHIP MEDIATION MANUAL***

For Mediators, Courts, Attorneys, Aging and Adult Service Workers, this state-of-the-art and highly acclaimed manual is unique in this developing field. It is a comprehensive, three-module manual authored by Susan Hartman for TCSG. *Module One* provides guidance for setting up and operating a program. (*See below*: Module One has been updated and expanded.) *Module Three* is a complete practice manual, describing guardianship law and process, and mediation skills and techniques; it includes role of attorneys and guardians *ad litem*, balance of power and confidentiality issues. *Module Four* provides an annotated bibliography, and guides readers to additional resources. (Note: *Module Two* which gave information for mediator training is no longer a part of the Manual.)

**1996 with 2002 Update/Expansion of Module One • Purchase Price: \$75**

***DEVELOPMENT & OPERATION OF ADULT GUARDIANSHIP  
MEDIATION SERVICES: A HANDBOOK***

For judges/court personnel, mediators, service providers, advocates for older persons, and others who want to organize adult guardianship mediation services. This new *Handbook* is an expanded and updated version of Module One of our *Adult Guardianship Mediation Manual* to be published as a stand-alone “how to” guide. It draws on TCSG’s experiences with demonstration projects across the country, and addresses specific issues and questions that have arisen from them. It provides: (1) background information on the origins and development of adult guardianship mediation; and (2) comprehensive “how to” guidance for organizing and operating adult guardianship mediation services. The appendices provide sample forms, policies, checklists, etc.

**Mid - 2006 • Purchase Price: \$50**

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***ADULT GUARDIANSHIP MEDIATION: AN INTRODUCTION -- VIDEO PRESENTATION***

This 30-minute video presents a demonstration of a guardianship mediation, using actors to portray family members. Narrated by Academy of Family Mediators' Past President, Zena Zumeta, it introduces viewers to mediation and its application in guardianship disputes. It tells the story -- based on a real case -- of a seventy-five year old man, who lives in his own home with his daughter and her two children, and who has a son who is concerned about his father's living situation, is worried that his father's money is being mishandled and files a petition for guardianship over his father. Segments of the mediation sessions are shown, with each step (introductory meetings, information sharing, issue identification, option generation, discussion and negotiation, resolution) illustrated, to give the viewer an understanding of the process as used in a guardianship case. This video is useful for attorneys, social workers, and others who work with older persons and their families, so that they can make informed referrals of appropriate cases. It also provides an excellent introduction in mediator training, and for family members and others facing conflicts arising out of guardianship petitions and related matters. Assistance in producing the video was provided by the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

**January 1999 • VHS Purchase Price \$50 • DVD Purchase Price \$50**

***ADULT GUARDIANSHIP MEDIATION: A JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE -- VIDEO PRESENTATION***

This 20 minute video features Washtenaw County, Michigan Probate Judge John Kirkendall, who discusses the value of adult guardianship mediation to courts and judges. Judge Kirkendall, with The Center for Social Gerontology, implemented the first adult guardianship mediation program in the nation, and, as a result has a "hands-on" feel for how mediation can assist the courts in best meeting the needs of persons who are under consideration for guardianship. A perfect video for judges, lawyers, mediators, and directors of programs for older persons who are considering developing adult guardianship mediation programs.

**June 1997 • VHS Purchase Price \$25 • DVD Purchase Price \$25**

***FAMILY CAREGIVER MEDIATION PROJECT -- VIDEO PRESENTATION***

This 12 minute video provides an excellent overview of caregiver/guardianship mediation and how it benefits elders and family caregivers confronted with the often difficult decisions about future care and assistance. It provides role-play demonstrations of eldercare mediation in action. It was produced by the Woodbury College Dispute Resolution Center and the Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities, as part of TCSG's Caregiver Mediation Demonstration in Three States. (It is also available on DVD and Video CD (formatted for PCs and Macs).

**Summer 2004 • VHS Purchase Price \$20 • CD Purchase Price \$17 • VHS Purchase Price \$20**

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