

100 Miles an Hour: Getting from Project to Law in Three Years in Indiana

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WINGS
Working Interdisciplinary Networks
of Guardianship Stakeholders

What we will cover

- Timeline and project details
- SDM by the numbers
- Discussion of successes and challenges:
- Next steps



Timeline – 2017

Jan	SDM bill filed – FAILED - Summer Study
Feb	Met to discuss grant opportunity
Mar	Applied for WINGS Expansion Grant
Apr	Awarded
May	Awarded WINGS Expansion Grant
Jun	Initial Grant Planning Meeting



It Begins...



Project Conception

- WINGS Group Members
- Determining who to involve
- Determining where to start
- Understanding what is out there



WINGS Supported Decision-Making Grant Project

- **Goal:** To develop a county-level judicial reform project that reduces the need for guardianship using supported decision-making.
- **Objectives:**
 - Community education
 - Screening tools
 - Case referral and management model
 - Training for judges and *pro bono* GALs



WINGS Project Stakeholders

- **Project Stakeholders include:**
 - The Honorable Gregory Horn, Wayne County Superior Court
 - Indiana Supreme Court
 - Indiana Disability Rights
 - Achieva Resources, Inc.
 - The ARC of Indiana
 - The Indiana Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services
 - The Indiana Division of Aging
 - Indiana Adult Protective Services
 - Indiana Legal Services, Inc.
 - The WINGS/Adult Guardianship State Task Force

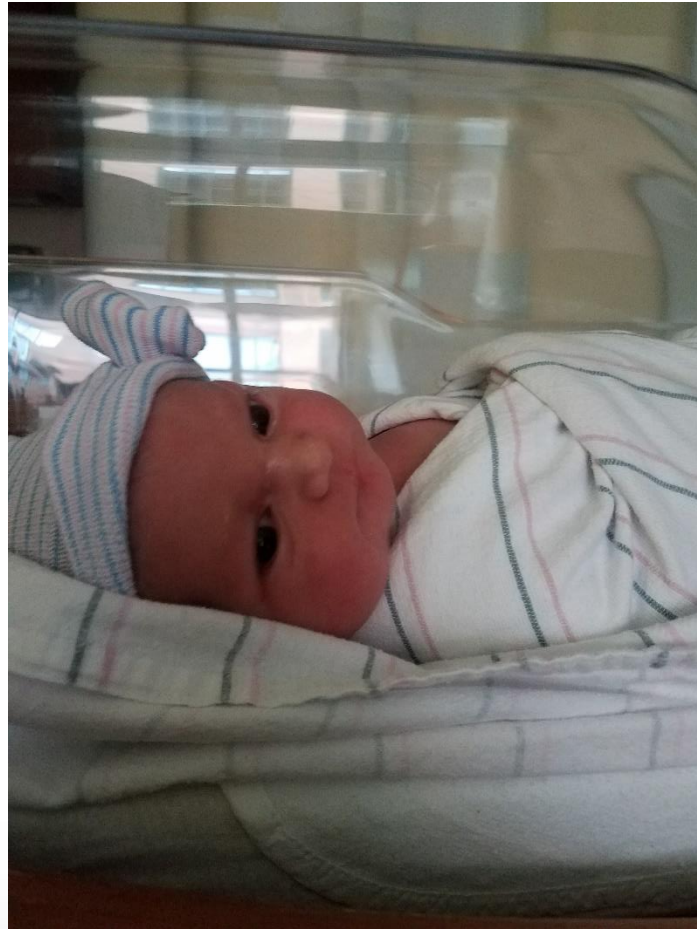


Timeline – 2017

Jul	Developed initial materials
Aug	Summer Study Committee on SDM
Sep	Project planning
Oct	GAL Training (Wayne County)
Nov	Started regular education events
Dec	Planning and education events



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Early Planning

- Identification of needs
 - Forms
 - Education – by audience with targeted message
- Project logistics
- Common language



Timeline – 2018

Jan	Training event for parents in Wayne County (no one showed)
Feb	Began planning w/ Jamie Beck, parent event 2.0 (no one showed); Implementation phase begins in Wayne Sup. Ct. 2
Mar	Preparing petition to terminate, educating supporters
Apr	Case file review begins monthly in Wayne County
May	5/7 Filed Petition to Terminate Guardianship of Jamie Beck
Jun	6/13 Hearing on Petition - Granted



Project Implementation

- Revision of forms – again
- Collecting stakeholder input and feedback
- Ongoing education
- Data collection
- Petition documents and preparation



Timeline – 2018

Jul	Legislation Stakeholders begin regular meetings
Aug	Drafting legislation, meeting w/ stakeholders and opponents
Sep	IDR Launches SDM/Guardianship Resource website
Oct	Draft legislation finalized, GAL Training in Lawrence County
Nov	Education Event for Legislators, start expansion to Monroe County
Dec	Status hearing for Jamie Beck - Court no longer retains jurisdiction





Legislation Planning

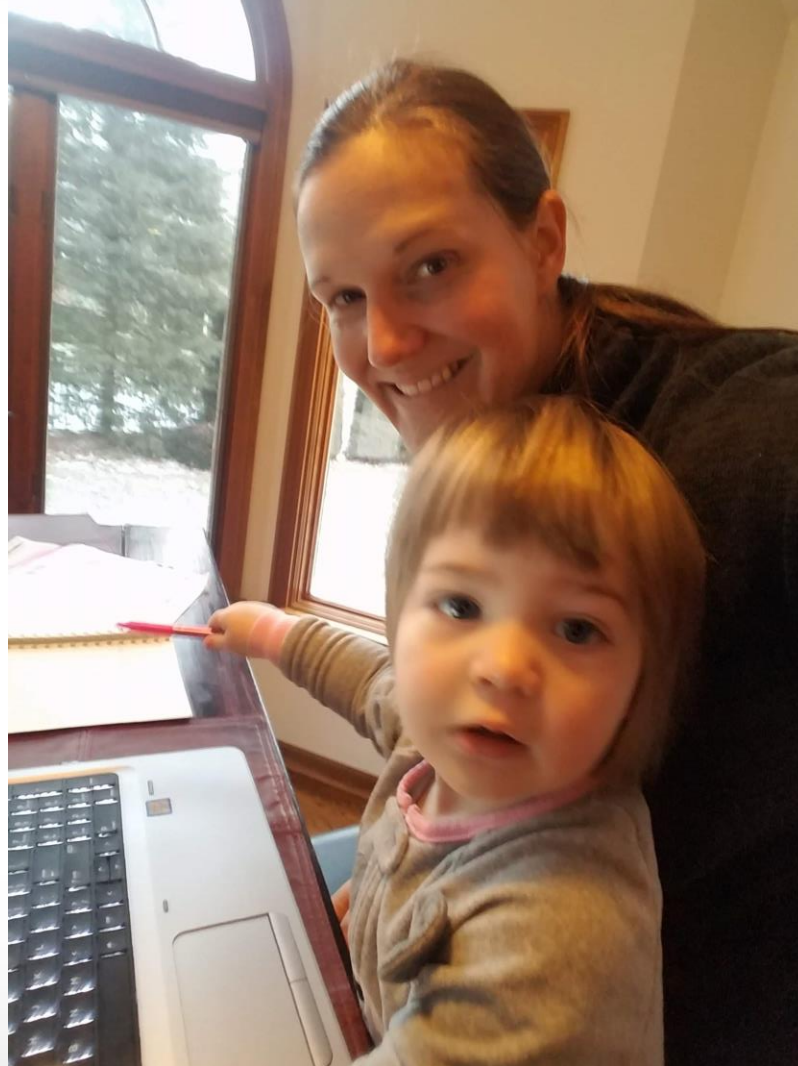
- Engaging stakeholders
 - Aging
 - Disability
 - General
- Opposition
 - Probate bar
 - Professional guardians
- Legislation drafting process



Timeline – 2019

Jan	Meeting 1:1 with legislators and opponents/stakeholders
Feb	Passed unanimously out of Senate Committee and full Senate
Mar	Passed unanimously out of House Committee and full House
Apr	Legislation signed by Governor
May	Initial results of research on SDM presented
Jun	Train the trainer event
Jul	Law goes into effect





SDM by the Numbers

- 45 presentations
- 36 project stakeholder meetings
- 20 legislative meetings
- 49 case files reviewed
- 4 clients assisted
- 13 products developed
- 480 hours of documented work (MLK)



Products Developed

- Model SDM Agreement (10 versions)
- Model Physician Statement
- Model GAL appointment order
- Model GAL report
- Termination of Guardianship Template
- One-page handouts
- Audience targeted presentation slides
- Website
- Videos



Successes and Challenges

- THE FORM
- Education, education, and more education
- Combating opposition
- Building Coalitions
- Engaging stakeholders
- LRA Study



Next Steps

- Continuing education – train the trainer
- Development of materials and resources for families, supporters, attorneys and judges
- Expansion of project to other counties
- Vigilance on the legislative front



Next Steps





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