

FIVE FAST FACTS FOR FRIDAY

Guardianship



- At age 18 all individuals, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, reach the legal age of majority and parents can no longer make decisions legally on behalf of their children.
- A guardian is a person or agency appointed by a court to make decisions for an individual who is not capable of making some or any decisions independently.
- New Jersey law allows for limited guardianship.
- Families can pursue guardianship by: representing themselves (pro se), through an attorney or with assistance of the NJ Bureau of Guardianship Services.
- Supported decision-making is designed to assist an individual to make and communicate to others decisions about the their life.