

# Did You Know?

When a committed youth turns 20.6 years of age; has a need for continued protection and it has been determined that there are no family, friends, or relatives that can act as potential guardians; the ongoing social services worker (ssw) files the AOC 740, and AOC 745 to apply for state guardianship and state conservatorship. State guardianship is always the last option.

The ongoing ssw files the AOC 740 and AOC 745 in the county of residence of the committed youth. The ongoing ssw contacts the regional guardianship office (where the youth resides) to notify them of the upcoming potential guardianship case. The ongoing ssw must document the date of birth for the individual on the petitions and be proactive to ensure that guardianship is appointed as close to the age of 21 as possible.

Adult Protective Services (APS) is not involved in the guardianship petition until they are requested by the court to complete a guardianship assessment. The interdisciplinary team (IDT) files an evaluation of the youth ten days prior to the jury trial.

Please review SOP 25.3 – [Adult guardianship and Conservatorship](#)

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