

# Guardianship/Protective Placement Services

The Iowa County Department of Social Services assists in proceedings on guardianships, protective placements and protective services for low-income individuals.

## ELIGIBILITY

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**Am I Eligible?** You may be eligible for assistance if:

- You have a present inability and/or incapacity to care for yourself; and
- You meet income and asset criteria. [For details about financial eligibility, call the Social Services Department at 608-930-9801.]

## BENEFITS

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**How Could I Benefit?**

Guardianships and protective placements are designed to assure that people who can't take care of themselves receive the help necessary to avoid unsafe or unhealthy living conditions. Both protections are established by court order.

In a guardianship proceeding, a competent adult is appointed to take responsibility for the physical well being of an incapacitated person and/or for management of the person's finances. In a protective placement proceeding, a care facility is designated to take custody of an incapacitated person and provide him or her with day-to-day care. The social services department will facilitate either kind of proceeding for financially eligible individuals.

## APPLICATION

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For further information about guardianships, protective placements and financial-eligibility criteria, contact the Adult Services Unit of the Iowa County Department of Social Services at 608-930-9801 or at their office, 303 W Chapel St, Ste 2300, Dodgeville, WI 53533. Visit <http://www.iowacounty.org/> click on Departments, then click Social Services.