

Practice Standards

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Section XX, Representation of Parent/Guardian in Proceeding for Involuntary Commitment of Developmentally Disabled Person

XX. REPRESENTATION OF PARENTS OR A GUARDIAN IN A PROCEEDING FOR THE INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSON

GOALS:

- A. To actively and effectively represent the parents or guardian of a disabled person in a proceeding for the involuntary commitment of that person and to provide for the protection of their procedural rights pursuant to §53-20-112, MCA.**
- B. To serve the best interests of the parents or guardian and to be independent from the court and other participants in the litigation and be unprejudiced and uncompromised in representing them.**
- C. To exercise independent and professional judgment in carrying out the duties assigned by the court and to participate fully in the case on behalf of the parents or guardian.**