

Conservator of Person Program (COP)

Description:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the Conservator of Person (COP) program, which was initiated in recognition of the critical need for individuals to act on behalf of older adults who, due to mental or physical disability, are incapable of managing their own affairs. Probate Courts appoint the Commissioner of DSS as a conservator of person. Social Work staff in the DSS regional offices act as conservator of person designees for eligible persons when there is no other person to act as an individual's conservator and when the person's health or welfare is in jeopardy without the appointment of a conservator. Persons must meet financial eligibility criteria for the program. The conservator of person designees are responsible for the personal needs of the program participant, which include the person's shelter, food, clothing and safety as well as medical care and medical decision-making. Probate Courts provide forms for submitting petitions and instructions on how to file for conservatorship.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be age 60 or older.
- Must have liquid assets of no more than \$1,500. Liquid assets include all cash and any resources that can readily be converted to cash.
- Probate Court must determine a person incapable of managing his/her own affairs and that there is no other suitable person to serve as conservator.
- An individual's health or welfare must be in jeopardy without the appointment of a conservator.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

Contact Information:

To obtain information on the Conservator of Person Program contact the local DSS Regional Offices located in [Appendix H](#).

To determine which Probate Courts serve specific areas or to obtain forms for submitting petitions to file for conservatorship, persons can call the local Town Hall, access the blue pages of the telephone directory or www.jud.ct.gov/probate to obtain locations and telephone numbers of Probate Courts serving specific areas or call:

Probate Court Administration
186 Newington Road
West Hartford, CT 06111
Telephone: 860-231-2442

Related Information:

N/A