



## GUARDIANSHIP OF IOWA NETWORK

**About the Guardianship of Iowa Network (GAIN):** GAIN is a non-profit organization focused on providing

- Advocacy
- Education
- Resources

to our members and the community to promote best practices and the provision of ethical substitute decision making services in the least restrictive manner.

**Mission and Purpose:** GAIN is the state of Iowa's affiliate to the National Guardianship Association. Our purpose is to:

- Advocate for the rights of those subject to guardianship by seeking less restrictive alternatives
- Provide for the exchange of ideas, education, and communications on issues of guardianship, conservatorship, and other less restrictive alternatives such as powers of attorney
- Establish statewide forums for those interested in substitute decision making
- Provide training and on-going education
- Educate the community on substitute decision making and alternatives
- Promote ethical standards of conduct and responsibility
- Encourage public policy discussions



**Membership:** Membership is available to persons and organizations professionally involved and/or interested in the purpose of this association. Membership is available through the following categories:

- **Individual Membership**—open to any individual who is interested in substitute decision making and shall have the right to vote
- **Organizational Membership**—open to any entity that has a supportive interest in substitute decision making and shall have the right to vote

**To join GAIN, visit our website, send an email or call!!**

#### **Benefits of Membership:**

- Opportunities to network and collaborate with peers, guardians, caregivers, and service providers across Iowa
- Access to a member only website portal
- Access to monthly webinars for updates, sharing of resources, training, and colleague best practices
- Ability to attend trainings and an annual conference at a reduced registration rate
- Support from experienced guardians, conservators, attorneys, financial professionals, trust officers, and service providers
- Affiliation with the National Guardianship Association –GAIN is the only affiliate in Iowa
- Opportunities to influence legislation and policy regarding guardianship, conservatorship, alternatives, and other services for older adults and individuals living with disabilities