

GUARDIANSHIP AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM (GAP)

Helping you make informed decisions.



Making life better

We can support you in caring for a person with impaired decision-making capacity.

The GAP program helps family carers navigate the Queensland and Civil Administrative Tribunal System known as QCAT.

You may need to appoint a Guardian or Administrator to act on behalf of the person you care for if the person has impaired decision-making capacity, our GAP team can assist you to navigate this process.

Determining the reasons for applying, what type of application would be most appropriate and whether there is a need for the formal appointment of a Guardian and or Administrator.

How can we support you?

Carers Queensland's Guardianship and Advocacy Program (GAP) offers:

- Advice on applications for the appointment of a Guardian and/or Administrator for an adult or young person 18 years and over.
- Advice on the completion of the Enduring Power of Attorney document and Advanced Health Directive.
- Support in negotiating and working with the Office of the Public Guardian and Public Trustee of Queensland.
- Advice on the best way to work with service providers and identification of possibilities for an intervention by the Office of the Public Guardian or Public Trustee by an Order from the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The GAP team's role is to educate and empower carers to take control of the situation and to safeguard their family. We take instruction from the carer and no information is shared without consent.

The Advocacy Program will seek informed consent and written permission before any work is undertaken.

Who we work with?

The **Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT)** aims to provide accessible, cost effective and informal tribunal services for a wide range of matters affecting the community.

The **Public Trustee** provides enduring powers of attorney, free wills, investment, executor and financial administration services to Queenslanders.

The Office of the Public Guardian aims to protect the rights of vulnerable Queenslanders.

Community Education

Carers Queensland's Guardianship & Advocacy team also provides community education sessions to groups, service providers, health practitioners and organisations throughout Queensland.



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