

New York State Good Guardianship Act Introduced

Our Guardianship Access New York coalition (GANY) has announced the introduction of the New York State Good Guardianship Act, landmark legislation designed to modernize and strengthen New York State's Article 81 guardianship system. Sponsored by Senator Cordell Cleare, Chair of the Senate Aging Committee, and Assemblymember Charles Lavine, Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, the bill directly advances a high-priority recommendation of the New York State Master Plan for Aging.

If passed, this legislation would expand access to qualified nonprofit guardians, strengthen oversight and accountability, and address chronic underfunding that leaves thousands of vulnerable New Yorkers—primarily older adults and people with disabilities—without needed protection and support. Backed by research showing that a \$15 million investment could generate \$85 million in net savings, GANY members are urging lawmakers to pass the bill and include funding in the state fiscal year 2027 budget to build a more equitable, person-centered guardianship system statewide.

[Read the press release](#)

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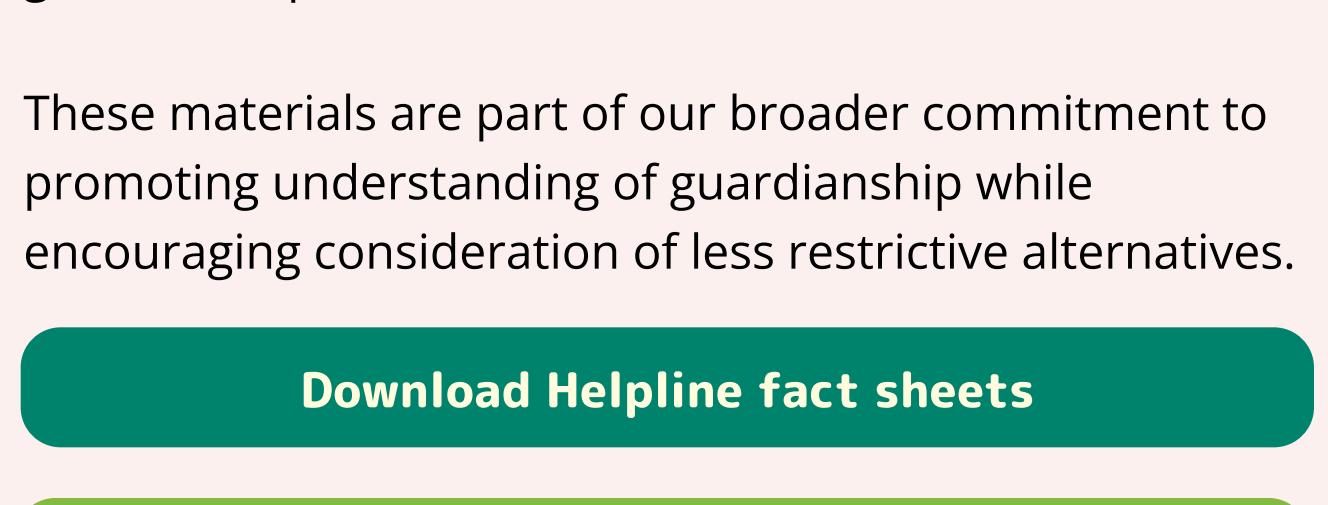
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Assemblymember Charles Lavine on GANY's New York State Good Guardianship Act

On a recent episode of Capitol Pressroom with David Lombardo, Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Charles Lavine discussed the urgent need to address gaps in New York's guardianship system and his sponsorship of the New York State Good Guardianship Act, which was developed in partnership with the Guardianship Access New York coalition (GANY) to modernize and strengthen Article 81 guardianship.

[Listen to the episode](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATES



PG Testifies at Hearing on Preventing Fraud Against Older Adults

Kimberly George, President and CEO of Project Guardianship, testified before the New York State Assembly at a hearing on Adult Protective Services and elder financial exploitation.

In her testimony, she explained how financial abuse of older adults often leads to guardianship as a last-resort safety net. Using a real case, she demonstrated how guardianship protected a vulnerable older New Yorker and outlined a growing statewide crisis: New York does not have enough qualified guardians for courts to appoint.

She closed with a call for the State to invest \$15 million in a statewide network of nonprofit guardianship providers to ensure access to protection, improve outcomes, prevent unnecessary institutionalization, create jobs, and save the State tens of millions of dollars each year.

[Watch her full testimony](#)

MOMENTUM AND MILESTONES

PG Marks 20th Anniversary Milestone

In October, we reached a major milestone—20 years of service to New Yorkers, including five years as an independent nonprofit—with an anniversary event celebrating PG's impact and future.

The evening brought together friends, partners, and supporters to reflect on two decades of advocacy and care for older adults and individuals with disabilities or mental illness who have no one else to turn to. The celebration included special recognition for Founding Board Chair Joan Malin and The Honorable Charles M. Troia, as well as a proclamation from NYC Council Member Crystal Hudson acknowledging Project Guardianship's extraordinary contributions to the city.

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[View photos from the celebration](#)

Guardianship Prevention and Support Helpline Reaches 2,000 Callers

PG's Guardianship Prevention and Support Helpline has served its 2,000th caller since launching in June 2023. The first and only statewide resource of its kind in New York, the Helpline provides free, confidential information and referrals to individuals, families, caregivers, and professionals navigating Article 81

guardianship and less restrictive alternatives.

As demand continues to grow, the Helpline has become a trusted go-to source for guardianship education statewide—empowering New Yorkers with clear information, options, and guidance to make informed decisions and access the support they need.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

PG Welcomes New Staff

In September, Kwé Nséchai joined PG as the Manager of Data and Evaluation. Kwé brings a strong background in data analysis, database management, and translating complex information into actionable insights. Their experience supports building effective systems and using data to strengthen organizational impact.

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