

Subsidized Guardianship Project
Caregiver Disclosure & Consent to Participate Form

Child: _____ **DOB:** _____

Case Worker: _____

Local Department of Social Services: _____

The above named child has been selected for inclusion in the State of Maryland's 2007 subsidized guardianship project. His/her name was drawn from a random computer generated sample of committed children living with the following relatives in a kinship care or foster care placement for at least six (6) months.

Caregiver's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Alternative Phone:** _____

- Child has been committed to the state and placed with relative for at least six (6) months.
- Child must be under 18 years of age at the time of the court hearing to award custody and guardianship.
- Reunification has been ruled out as a permanency plan.
- Adoption has been ruled out as a permanency plan.
- Caregiver must complete a comprehensive home study.
- Caregiver is able to provide safe and stable home that promotes the health, well-being and permanency for the child.
- Caregiver has an independent means of financial support for themselves and their family other than the guardianship subsidy.
- The caregiver has been informed that the state only funds have been allocated to pay for this subsidy and the funds are subject to annual legislative reauthorization.
- The caregiver attended an orientation meeting or received an overview from the caseworker.
Date of Meeting: _____

- The caregiver must be awarded custody and guardianship by the court in order to receive the subsidy.
- The caregiver and the case worker have discussed the requirements and the expectations for participating in the subsidized guardianship project.
- The caregiver agrees to participate in the subsidized guardianship project.
- The caregiver understands that the case worker will provide aftercare services and two final visits to the home within sixty (60) days of guardianship being awarded. The caregiver understands that visits should take place in the caregiver's home and include all family members.
- The caregiver understands that the case will be closed within sixty (60) days after the recession of court commitment and the award of guardianship unless the case worker and the family agree that additional services are needed.
- The caregiver must complete the annual reconsideration to continue the subsidy. The caregiver must notify the local department of social services and the court if there are any changes in the child's living arrangements.
- The caregiver understands that the subsidy will be immediately suspended if the child is no longer living with the relative. The subsidy will be terminated if the child is not returned to the custody of the guardian within sixty (60) days.

I understand the terms of participation in the project and I agree to participate in the Guardianship Subsidy Project.

Caregiver's Signature

Date

Caseworker's Signature

Date

Supervisor's Signature

Date