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## GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON FOR A CHILD GUIDELINE

CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
PROBATE OFFICE  
711 N BRIDGE STREET  
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729

HOURS:  
MONDAY – FRIDAY  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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### **Full Guardianship:**

The child's parents are unfit, unwilling, or unable to provide for the care, custody and control of the child **or** other compelling facts and circumstances that demonstrate a full guardianship is necessary. The guardianship remains in place until the child turns 18 or if terminated by court order.

### **Limited Guardianship:**

The parents need assistance in providing for the care, custody and control of the child. Parent may retain certain decision-making powers and may share placement with the guardian. The court may specify duties to retain certain decision-making powers and allow shared physical custody, if in the child's best interest. The guardianship has an expiration date (can expire on child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or an earlier date as determined the court).

### **Temporary Guardianship:**

The child's particular situation, including the inability of the child's parents to provide for the care, custody and control of the child for a temporary period of time, requires the appointment of a guardian. The court must limit the authority of the guardian to those acts reasonably related to the need for a guardianship. A temporary guardianship is valid for a period of 180 days and may be extended **one** time for a period not to exceed an additional 180 days (360 days total).

### **Emergency Guardianship:**

The child's welfare requires immediate appointment of an emergency guardian. The court must limit the authority of the guardian to those acts related to the reasons for the appointment of the guardian. An emergency guardianship is valid for 60 days. No extensions are permitted.

**Packets for the above guardianships may be purchased at the Register in Probate office for \$3.00. The forms area also available on the Wisconsin Court Website – [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov). Please see Ch. 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes for further information.**