



## Alternatives to Guardianship Project

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Via Email:  
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Re: Survey of Stakeholders

Dear Dr. Gotto:

I am writing on behalf of Alternatives to Guardianship, a new project funded by the Department of Mental Health on behalf of the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council. Information about our mission and activities is found at: <http://alternativestoguardianship.com/>

We are reaching out to stakeholders, such as the Institute for Human Development, who have an interest in promoting alternatives to guardianship for adults with developmental disabilities, such as supported decision-making when feasible, improving the administration of justice in guardianship proceedings, and protecting the rights of those who are involved in such cases.

So that Hulme Resources can build upon the work already done by UMKC - IHD, we are respectfully requesting information and materials regarding your organization's activities during the past five years to: (1) promote alternatives to guardianship; (2) improve the administration of justice in guardianship proceedings; and (3) better protect the rights of adults who are targeted by a guardianship petition or who are living under an order of guardianship. Hulme Resources and the people of Missouri, currently and potentially being served by this project, would benefit greatly by the sharing of information and materials among stakeholders on these important issues.

In an effort to increase and improve services to individuals who are underserved, Hulme Resources and its Alternatives to Guardianship Project would be pleased to collaborate with the Institute and other stakeholders moving forward.

Best regards,  
  
Jennifer Hulme  
Project Director

p.s. We noticed that several years ago the Institute operated a [Guardianship Project](#). We would like to know more about its activities and outcomes and to receive access to any materials it produced. We also noticed the [report](#) released four years ago arising out of the Symposium on Supported Decision-Making. We are especially eager to learn which of the recommendations have been implemented and what is presently being done to make more of them become a reality.

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