

## **Jordan: Termination of Guardianship after receiving supports and guidance from Successor Guardian**

*One of our MAGiC members who is a professional guardian/conservator submitted the following Guardians-in-Action story (names changed to protect privacy). The guardian felt it was a success story because within 6 months of her becoming successor guardian, she was able to assist Jordan in finding the right supports and resources so that his guardianship could be terminated.*

I received a call from a guardian of her 19-year-old cousin. I also spoke with County Social Services Adult Protection Investigator, the treatment facility and Jordan and learned the following:

Jordan grew up in an abusive adopted family and he was vulnerable to victimization (prior victim of a burglary and sexual abuse.) His time at the treatment facility had expired. The current guardian was unwilling to have him come back home to her house, as she believed him to be a danger to himself (suicidal tendency) and she had health concerns of her own. The guardian wanted him placed in a facility and was unwilling to consider other housing options. The guardian was willing to step aside and have me appointed as a successor guardian.

As successor guardian, some of the things that I did for Jordan and that he accomplished with my guidance and support:

- I found a foster-home for him
- I assisted him in legally changing his name
- I connected him with Vocational Job Rehabilitation. He worked under their program and later found his own jobs.
- He went to his counselor regularly.
- We set up a bank account – which he soon managed on his own.
- He completed and graduated with his GED.
- He reconnected with appropriate family members.
- He dated and attended social activities (with some issues)
- He applied to community college and attended and got involved in volunteer activities.
- He moved from Foster Care to his grandparents, where he now had access to a vehicle and was able to transport himself to school and work.
- His goal was and still is today to be a police officer.

With my assistance and support, I was also able to help Jordan petition for termination of the guardianship, which was granted. Jordan is currently working, has a girlfriend and is in the ARMY RESERVES!