

1 AN ACT concerning guardianship and advocacy.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Guardianship and Advocacy Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3955/2) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 702)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the  
8 context requires otherwise:

9 (a) "Authority" means a Human Rights Authority.

10 (b) "Commission" means the Guardianship and Advocacy  
11 Commission.

12 (c) "Director" means the Director of the Guardianship  
13 and Advocacy Commission.

14 (d) "Guardian" means a court appointed guardian or  
15 conservator.

16 (e) "Services" includes but is not limited to  
17 examination, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, care,  
18 training, psychotherapy, pharmaceuticals, after-care,  
19 habilitation, and rehabilitation provided for an eligible  
20 person.

21 (f) "Person" means an individual, corporation,  
22 partnership, association, unincorporated organization, or a  
23 government or any subdivision, agency, or instrumentality  
24 thereof.

25 (g) "Eligible persons" means individuals who have  
26 received, are receiving, have requested, or may be in need of  
27 mental health services, or are "persons with a developmental  
28 disability" as defined in the federal Developmental  
29 Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act (Public  
30 Law 94-103, Title II), as now or hereafter amended, or  
31 "persons disabled" as defined in the Disabled Persons

1 Rehabilitation Act.

2 (h) "Rights" includes but is not limited to all rights,  
3 benefits, and privileges guaranteed by law, the Constitution  
4 of the State of Illinois, and the Constitution of the United  
5 States.

6 (i) "Legal Advocacy Service attorney" means an attorney  
7 employed by or under contract with the Legal Advocacy  
8 Service.

9 (j) "Service provider" means any public or private  
10 facility, center, hospital, clinic, program, or any other  
11 person devoted in whole or in part to providing services to  
12 eligible persons.

13 (k) "State Guardian" means the Office of State Guardian.

14 (l) "Ward" means a ward as defined by the Probate Act of  
15 1975, as now or hereafter amended, who is at least 18 years  
16 of age.

17 (Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)