

Duties and Responsibilities of Court Appointed Professionals

A presentation for:
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Course Objectives

- At the end of the session, participants will identify the members of the Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team (IDT)
- At the end of the session, participants will distinguish the components of the Interdisciplinary Team Evaluation Report

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KRS 387.540 (1)

The IDT report shall be compiled by at least three (3) individuals, including a **physician**, a **psychologist** licensed or certified under the provisions of KRS Chapter 319, and a person licensed or certified as a **social worker** or an employee of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services who meets the qualifications of KRS 335.080 or 335.090 (1)(a), (b), & (c).

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KRS 387.540 (3)

If the respondent is alleged to be disabled due to mental illness, at least one (1) person participating in the IDT report shall be a qualified mental health professional as defined in KRS 202A.011(12). If the respondent is alleged to be disabled due to mental retardation, at least one (1) person participating in the IDT report shall be a qualified mental retardation professional as defined in KRS 202B.010(12).

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Online Forms

Go to <http://courts.ky.gov/>

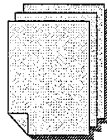
- On the menu bar, select "Legal Forms".
- Select "Categorically", scroll down to "Guardian Conservator", and select "Report of Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team", or...
- Select "Numerically" and scroll down to "765".

Benefits vs. Detractors

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KRS 387.540 (4)

The interdisciplinary evaluation report shall contain:
(a) description of the **nature and extent** of the respondent's disabilities, if any; #1



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(b) current evaluations of the respondent's social, intellectual, physical, and educational condition, adaptive behavior, and social skills. Such evaluations may be based on **prior evaluations not more than three (3) months old**, except that evaluations of the respondent's intellectual condition may be based on individual **intelligence test scores not more than one (1) year old**; #2

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(c) An opinion as to whether guardianship or conservatorship **is needed**, the **type** of guardianship or conservatorship needed, if any, and the **reasons** therefor; #3 and #5

(d) An opinion as to the **length of time** guardianship or conservatorship will be needed by the respondent, if at all, and the reasons therefor; #4 and #6

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(e) If limited guardianship or conservatorship is recommended, a further recommendation as to the **scope** of the guardianship or conservatorship, specifying **particularly the rights** to be limited and the corresponding powers and duties of the limited guardian or limited conservator; # 4 and #6

(f) A description of the social, educational, medical, and rehabilitative **services** currently being **utilized** by the respondent, if any; #7

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(g) A determination whether **alternatives** to guardianship or conservatorship are available; #8

(h) A recommendation as to the most appropriate treatment or rehabilitation plan and **living arrangement** for the respondent and the reasons therefor; #9

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(i) A listing of all **medications** the respondent is receiving, the dosage, and a description of the **impact** of the medication upon the respondent's mental and physical condition and behavior; #11

(j) An opinion whether **attending** a hearing on a petition filed under KRS 387.530 would subject the respondent to **serious risk of harm**; #10

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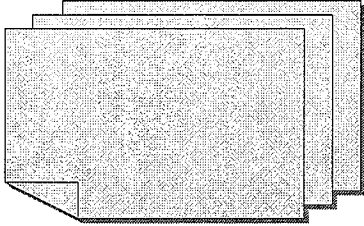
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(k) The **names and addresses** of all individuals who examined or interviewed the respondent or otherwise **participated** in the evaluation; and

(L) Any **dissenting opinions or other comments** by the evaluators. #12

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Example Format



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