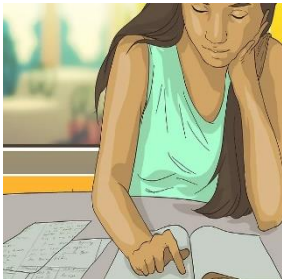


What's the difference? between OPA and the PT



The Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) wrote this factsheet.

When you see the word 'we' it means the people who work at OPA.



We wrote it in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain things.

Hard words are **bold** and **blue**.



You can ask someone to help you read this factsheet.

You can read our Hard Word Factsheet if you need more help.



We wrote this factsheet to explain what the difference is between the **Office of the Public Advocate (OPA)** and the **Public Trustee (PT)**.

Which office can help you?



The **Office of the Public Advocate** and the **Public Trustee** are two different offices.



Public Trustee

They are also called **OPA** and the **PT**.



Both offices can help the same person.



Some people need help from the **Office of the Public Advocate (OPA)**, where the Public Advocate is the guardian.



Some people need help from the **Public Trustee (PT)**, where the Public Trustee is the administrator



And some people need help from both.

The Public Advocate is the guardian and the Public Trustee is the administrator.

What's the difference?



OPA and the **PT** have separate offices.

If you have a guardian and administrator, it can be hard to know who to talk to.



If you need to talk to someone about where you live, your medicine, health, or services.



These are called **lifestyle decisions**.



You should call **OPA** and speak to a guardian.



If you need to talk to someone about money, selling things or paying bills..



These are called **financial decisions**.



You should call the **PT** and speak to a trust manager.

More information:

Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) for lifestyle decisions



The **Office of the Public Advocate** protects the rights of adults with decision-making disabilities and is appointed under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990 (WA)*.

You can learn more about what they do by visiting their website:

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Public Trustee (PT) for financial decisions



Public Trustee

You can learn more about what the Public Trustee does by visiting their website:

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