

RESOURCE TOOLBOX

“Supported Decision-Making: Considerations for Transition and Employment”

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On-Line Resources, Guides and Webinars

- National Resource Center for SDM Website (www.SupportedDecisionMaking.org):
 - “In Your State” webpage for North Carolina:
<http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/state-review/north-carolina>
 - Archived Webinars on SDM: <http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/education>
 - Supported Decision-Making Toolkit Compilation, including sample guides:
<http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/resource-type/toolkit>
 - Other NRC-SDM Resources: <http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/content/resource-library>
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network, “Everybody Communicates: Toolkit for Accessing Communication Assessments, Funding and Accommodations (October 2017), available at: <https://tinyurl.com/xpm7zez5>.
 - Explains how to find communication supports, get them paid for, and advocate for the right to effective communication
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network, “Transition to Adulthood: A Health Care Guide for Youth and Families” (2014), available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ptcrdap2/>
 - Includes worksheets for making an appointment, what to bring to a health care visit, describing symptoms, and what to do after the visit
- Parent to Parent USA, Supported Decision Making, available at: <https://www.p2pusa.org/sdm/>
 - Includes results of a survey of feedback from families about Supported Decision-Making, an article on a parent’s perspective, and resources for families.
- The South Carolina Supported Decision-Making Project Resource page, available at: <http://scsupporteddecisionmaking.org/resources/>
 - Includes a “Stop, Look, and Listen Supported Decision Making Tool,” “Supported Decision Making Manual for Service Providers,” “Supported Decision Making Manual for Attorneys,” “Supported Decision Making Manual for Medical Professionals,” “Supported Decision Making Handout for Health Care Providers.”

- U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, “A Transition Guide to Post-Secondary Education and Employment Services for Students and Youth with Disabilities (rev. August 2020), available at: <https://tinyurl.com/vtf6787f>,
 - Recognizes supported decision-making and less-restrictive alternatives to guardianship in education.
- University of Missouri – Kansas City Institute for Human Development, *LifeCourse Toolkit, Charting the Lifecourse: Tool for Exploring Decision Making Supports* (Jul. 2018), <https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/LifeCourse-Guardianship-and-Alternatives.pdf>.
 - Designed to assist individuals and supporters with exploring decision-making support needs for each life domain.

“Looking Nationally” References

- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, The Arc of the U.S. & Arc Chapters, *Autonomy, Decision-Making Supports, and Guardianship* (rev'd 2016), <https://tinyurl.com/fnvuka24>.
 - Promotes less restrictive means of decision-making support, including Supported Decision-Making (SDM).
- American Bar Association. *Practical Tool and Resource Guide* (2016), <https://tinyurl.com/3abw3re3>.
 - Helps identify and implement decision-making options that are less restrictive than guardianship, including SDM.
- National Council on Disability, *Beyond Guardianship: Towards Alternatives That Promote Greater Self-Determination for People with Disabilities* (March 22, 2018), <https://tinyurl.com/3rc6kvt2>.
 - Recommends expansion of Supported Decision-Making at state and local level, among other reforms.
- National Council on Disability, *Turning Rights Into Reality: How Guardianship and Alternatives Impact the Autonomy of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (June 10, 2019), <https://ncd.gov/publications/2019/turning-rights-into-reality>.
 - Includes recommendations to the U.S. Department of Education, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Health and Human Services to further advance alternatives to guardianship, including SDM.
- National Guardianship Association, *Position Statement on Guardianship, Surrogate Decision-Making, and Supported Decision-Making* (Sept. 20, 2017), <https://tinyurl.com/4akew4nj>.
 - States that SDM should be considered before guardianship and incorporated as part of the guardianship, if guardianship is necessary.
- Social Security Advisory Board, *Representative Payees: A Call to Action* (2016), <https://tinyurl.com/5d8byd5a>.
 - States the Social Security Administration should consider SDM as an alternative to appointing a representative payee
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, *Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act*, Uniform Guardianship (2017), <https://tinyurl.com/5dakdatb>.
 - Model law that, among other things, formally recognizes SDM and requires its consideration as a less-restrictive alternative to guardianship.
- U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, *Ensuring Trust: Strengthening Efforts to Overhaul the Guardianship Process and Protect Older Adults* (2018), <https://tinyurl.com/tk76rt4w>.
 - Recommends, among other reforms, state promotion of less-restrictive alternatives to guardianship, including Supported Decision-Making.