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Intro to Less Restrictive Options for Families



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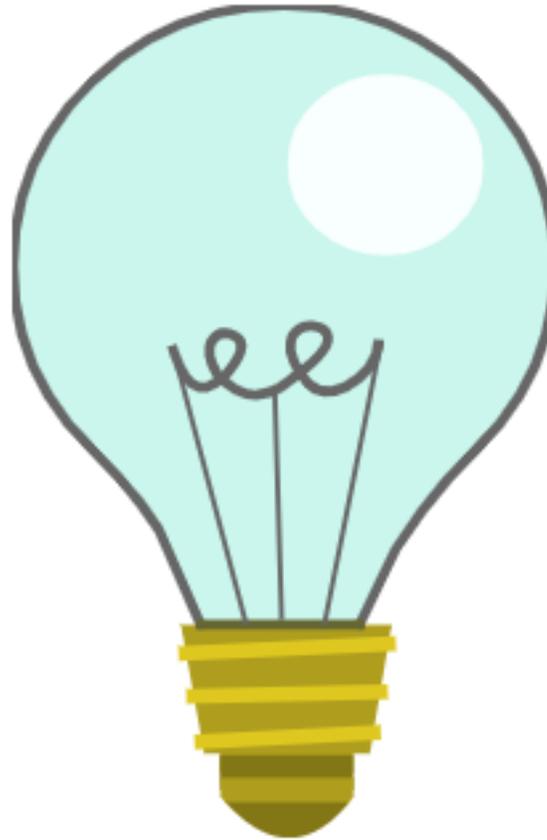
GUARDIANSHIP!



- First, guardianship is the legal removal of a person's right to make decisions about their life.
- And second, because of the very serious nature of this, guardianship is intended to be the last resort after other less-restrictive options have been tried.
- You should also know that once guardianship is established, it can be really difficult to reverse
- None of this means that guardianship should never be used, or that someone is somehow bad for getting guardianship of a loved one. What we're trying to do is help people understand all of the other ways to support others to learn and practice decision-making skills, and there are many of them. Because what we know is that people who have more self-determination, more control over their lives and their decisions, well they have better life outcomes



THE MORE YOU KNOW





We know that people with more **self-determination**, more control over their lives, live more independently, have more financial independence, and have better jobs that pay more. And all of that sounds good, but there's more. People with more self-determination are more likely to be included in their communities, spend time with friends, go on dates, have more privacy, and be able to practice their religion. They're also more likely to just have their rights respected. And then often the most surprising one – people with more self-determination are better able to identify and resist abuse and exploitation. Yeah, so that's pretty big.



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And then we also know some things about people who don't get to make their own decisions or have less self-determination, like...they might not develop decision-making skills. They also might not be included in decisions that affect them as they get older (think about that, medical decisions, living arrangements, even things as basic as food and clothing). And over time people who don't get to make their own decisions can become passive and develop low self-esteem, which can affect their physical and mental wellbeing.





YOUR DOCTOR SAYS YOU NEED SURGERY.
WHAT DO YOU DO?

A Make a Pros/Cons list

B Talk to someone who
had the surgery before

C Get a second opinion

D Just get the surgery

Supported Decision-Making Agreement

This is the Supported Decision-Making Agreement of:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

This Agreement is used for the appointment of supporters to help me make my own decisions. This Agreement is effective because I am at least 18 years of age and am able to understand the nature and effect of this Agreement.

I want to have people I trust help me make decisions. The people who will help me are called **supporters**.

My supporters are not allowed to make choices for me. I will make my own choices, with support. I am called the **Decision-Maker**.

This Agreement can be changed at any time. I can change it by crossing out words and writing my initials next to the changes. Or, I can change it by writing new information on another piece of paper, signing that paper, and attaching it to this Agreement.

Designation of Supporters

I, _____ (*Decision-Maker*), choose the following people as my supporters:

Supporter #1:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Supporter #2:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Supporter #3:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Supporter #4:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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