

FL SAND 2021 Legislative Priorities

Supported Decision-Making



When people with disabilities need support with decisions like choosing where to live or deciding how to spend their money, there are limited options. This leads to overuse of guardianship and guardian advocacy —two laws that allow a person's rights to make decisions be taken away and given to someone else.

Supported Decision-Making (SDM) allows people with disabilities to keep their rights and make their own decisions *with the help* of people they trust.

FL SAND supports SDM4FL, a non-partisan coalition of disability rights and advocacy organizations, self-advocates, and parents working together to pass a Supported Decision-Making Law in Florida. The group has secured sponsors for a bill that will make it easier for people with disabilities to use SDM. The proposed law will

include a sample agreement, explain the responsibilities of supporters, and require judges to consider SDM before they take away someone's rights. Information about SDM4FL and the proposed law can be found at www.idecideflorida.org.

FL SAND Supports the Passage of the Supported Decision-Making Bill: HB 681 & SB 1010



Michael Lincoln-McCreight, FL SAND member, SDM4FL co-chair, and the first person in Florida to terminate his guardianship using Supported Decision-Making.

Florida Self-Advocates Network'D (FL SAND) is a network of 19 grassroots, self-advocacy groups that represents people with disabilities throughout the state of Florida. We advocate for disability rights and inclusion for all.



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