

# National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making

**EVERYONE has the Right To Make Choices**

## **SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING SYMPOSIUM** “Taking Stock and Forging Ahead”

**June 10 – 11, 2019**

Hosted by: American University Washington College of Law  
4300 Nebraska Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016

### **AGENDA**

#### **Day One – June 10**

**9:00am-9:20am**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Robert Dinerstein, American University Washington College of Law;  
Tina Campanella, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities,  
“Purpose of Symposium and Projected Outcomes”

**9:20am-10:00am**

#### **Opening Plenary Session**

Tina Campanella, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making, “Supported Decision-Making in Perspective”

**10:15am-11:45am**

#### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1. “The Pivot from Policy Change to Information Dissemination: Changing the Culture One Training at a Time in Tennessee” – Lauren Percy, TN Council on Developmental Disabilities; Carrie Hobbs Guiden, The Arc of TN; Susan Mee, Disability Rights TN
2. “Supported Decision-Making in Maine” – Nell Brimmer, Disability Rights Maine; Margaret Cardoza, Self-Advocate
3. “Learning from Supported Decision-Making Pilot Projects in Georgia and Massachusetts” – Michael Kendrick, Center for Public Representation; Dana Lloyd, Georgia Advocacy Office; John McCarty, Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center Fellow
4. “The Alaska Experience: How System-Wide Collaboration and Focused Leadership Brought Effective Supported Decision-Making Agreements to the Last Frontier and Where Our Momentum Leads Next” – Anne Applegate, Governor’s Council on Disability and Special Education

**12:00pm-1:15pm**

#### **Lunch and Plenary Speaker**

Phoebe Ball, National Council on Disability, Newly Released Report, “Turning Rights Into Reality: How Guardianship and Alternatives Impact the Autonomy of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”

## **Day One – June 10 (cont.)**

**1:30pm-3:00pm**

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1. “More on NCD Reports: Beyond Guardianship and Turning Rights into Reality” – Phoebe Ball, National Council on Disability; Morgan Whitlatch, Quality Trust; Nicole Jorwic, The Arc of the United States; Kelly Israel, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
2. “100 Miles an Hour: Getting from Project to Law in Three Years in Indiana” – Melissa Keyes, Indiana Disability Rights; Erica Costello, Indiana Supreme Court Adult Guardianship Office
3. “My Choice Kentucky: Grassroots Efforts to Expand Supported Decision-Making” – Laura Butler, Human Development Institute University of Kentucky
4. “Transforming Guardianship: How One Guardianship Agency is Implementing Supported Decision-Making in Ohio” – Kristen Henry, Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc.

**3:15pm-4:45pm**

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1. “Everyone Communicates: A Toolkit from the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network” – Samantha Crane, ASAN
2. “Learning the Language of Dementia to Enhance Supported Decision-Making” – Kim Grier, Grier Dementia Training
3. “Exploring Opportunities and Barriers to Supported Decision-Making in the District of Columbia” – Molly Whalen, DC Association for Special Education; Thomas Mangrum, Project ACTION!; Liz Seaton, DC Department on Disability Services; Joan Christopher, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development
4. “Supported Decision-Making in Nevada: Going from No Support to Full Support” – The Honorable Frances Doherty, Second Judicial District Court, Nevada

**4:45pm–6:30pm**

### **Networking Reception**

## **Day Two – June 11**

**9:00am-9:45am**

### **Opening Speaker**

Professor Rebekah Diller, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, “Legal Capacity for All: Including Older Persons in the Shift from Adult Guardianship to Supported Decision-Making”

**10:00am-11:30am**

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1. “Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act (UGCOPAA), the PRACTICAL Tool, and Elder Justice Initiative Finding the Right Fit Curriculum” – Erica Wood and Dari Pogach, ABA Commission on Law and Aging
2. “Supported Decision-Making for People with Psychiatric Disabilities” – Christopher Schneiders and Sonja Castaneda-Cudney, Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics

## Day Two – June 11 (cont.)

**10:00am-11:30am**

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions (cont.)**

3. “A Multi-Faceted Journey to Supported Decision-Making in Missouri” – Jane St. John, UMKC Institute for Human Development
4. “The Role of Family Organizations in Advancing Supported Decision-Making: Parent Centers and Family to Family Health Information Centers Leading the Way!” – Dawn Monaco, REACH for Transition at the SPAN Parent Advocacy Network; Bev Baker, Family Voices; and Carrie Woodcock and Dylan Campbell, Maine Parent Federation

**11:45am-12:45pm**

### **Lunch and Plenary Speaker**

The Honorable Kristin Booth Glen, University Professor and Dean Emerita at CUNY School of Law, Project Director of Supported Decision-Making New York (SDMNY)

**1:00pm-2:30pm**

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1. “SDMNY: Lessons Learned 3 Years into a Statewide Supported Decision-Making Pilot Program” – Matthew “Hezzy” Smith, Joan Cornachio, Ketrina Hazell, and Nelle Richardson from SDMNY
2. “ABLE Accounts and Supported Decision-Making” – Jonathan Martinis, Burton Blatt Institute; Jason Harris, Jason’s Connections
3. “Supported Decision-Making in Health Care” – David Hutt, National Disability Rights Network; Thelma Green, Project ACTION!
4. “The Social Model of Disability in Supported Decision-Making Efforts: Assessing the Environment, Not the Individual, in South Carolina” – Jerri Davison, Able South Carolina

**2:45 pm- 3:45pm**

### **Plenary Panel: Looking to the Future of Supported Decision-Making**

**3:45 pm- 4:00 pm**

### **Closing Remarks**

Tina Campanella, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making



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