



After the Law: Guiding the I/DD Community to Supported Decision-Making

Start Date January 1, 2024

System Gap Addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critical issues related to healthcare decision-making arose during the COVID-19 pandemic for individuals with I/DD.• Individuals with I/DD have historically been prevented from making many critical life decisions because their rights have been unnecessarily taken from them through guardianship when some type of other supported decision-making or independent decision-making was possible.
Initiative Goals and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build on the work of NCCDD’s previous initiatives that focused on rethinking North Carolina’s guardianship system and promoting alternatives to full guardianship.• Educate individuals with I/DD, family members, the legal community, and other key stakeholders about the new Guardianship Rights law titled “An Act to . . . promote the rights and independence of persons subject to the guardianship process.”• Educate community members on how these rights may specifically offer more independence in healthcare decision-making in preparation for or in light of any future pandemic.
Description of Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and assemble subject matter experts and advisory council members, including people with I/DD, family members, and professionals.• Develop a Decision Tre for people in guardianship proceedings, particularly people with I/DD, family members, and professionals in the I/DD community.• Complete the Guardianship Alternatives Step-By-Step Guide, incorporation the Decision Tree as well as previously produced materials on the Rethinking Guardianship website.