



Supported Decision Making

When you work with Adult Representation Services, our goal is to maximize self-sufficiency and autonomy of individuals at risk for guardianship through the use of supported decision-making (SDM) tools.

We can:

- Work with you to identify trusted supporters who will help you make decisions on issues that are important to you
- Work with your trusted supporters to create arrangements that enable you to retain as many of your rights as possible
- At your request, educate your trusted supporters about your rights and how to honor your preferences
- Collaborate with a trusted agent to make decisions based on your preferences

Eligibility:

Those who are interested in working with ARS must meet income eligibility requirements and reside in Hennepin County.

1 SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING (Least Restrictive)

Empowers you to make decisions with trusted individuals and tools that you choose.

- Easy to amend as circumstances change
- Includes: supported decision-making agreements, power of attorney, health care directive, release of information, etc.

2 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

Appointed by Social Security Administration to receive SSI/SSDI payments on behalf of individual

3 GUARDIANSHIP (Most restrictive)

Transfers some or all decision-making authority to someone else

- Includes: mandatory and ongoing court involvement



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