

# Center for Decision-Making Supports

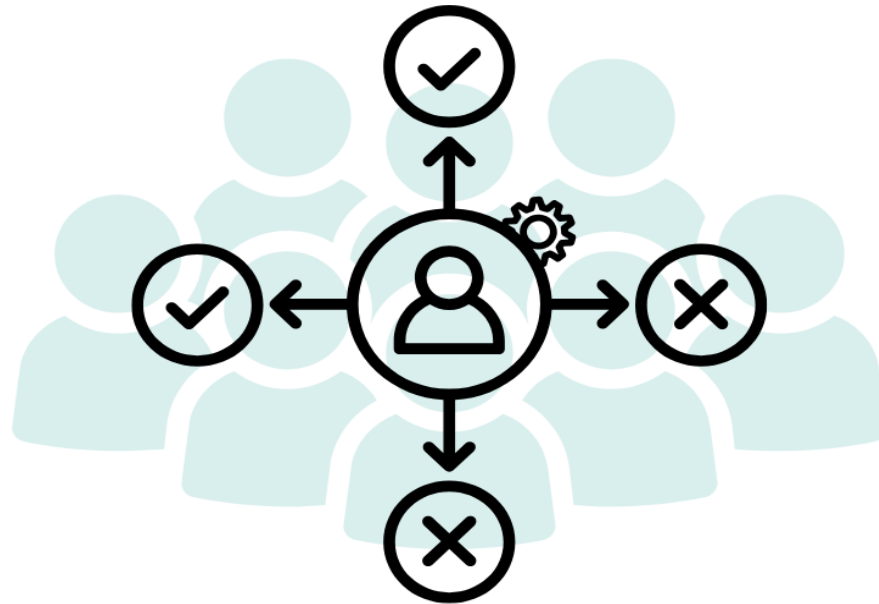


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Advancing social and policy change so that people with developmental disabilities,  
their families and communities may live, work, play, and learn together.

# Center for Decision-Making Supports

Every person has a right to support to make decisions



# Primary Components



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Two Components:

1. Center for Decision-Making Supports
2. Definition of Supported Decision-Making



# Community Engagement



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# Community Engagement

The following organizations are among those consulted to provide input on the concept:

<b>Centers for Independent Living</b>	<b>System of Care Advisory Council</b>
<b>Allies for Healthier Oregon</b>	<b>AARP</b>
<b>Guardianship Partners</b>	<b>Multnomah County Public Guardian</b>
<b>Working Interdisciplinary Team of Guardianship Stakeholders</b>	<b>Oregon Community Brokerages</b>



# Defining the Need



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## Individuals Seeking Decision-Making Supports

- Families supporting individuals in crisis
- Transition-aged youth planning for independent living
- Older adults experiencing cognitive symptoms
- Individuals with mental health or substance abuse disorders
- Adults with intellectual / developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Those with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)





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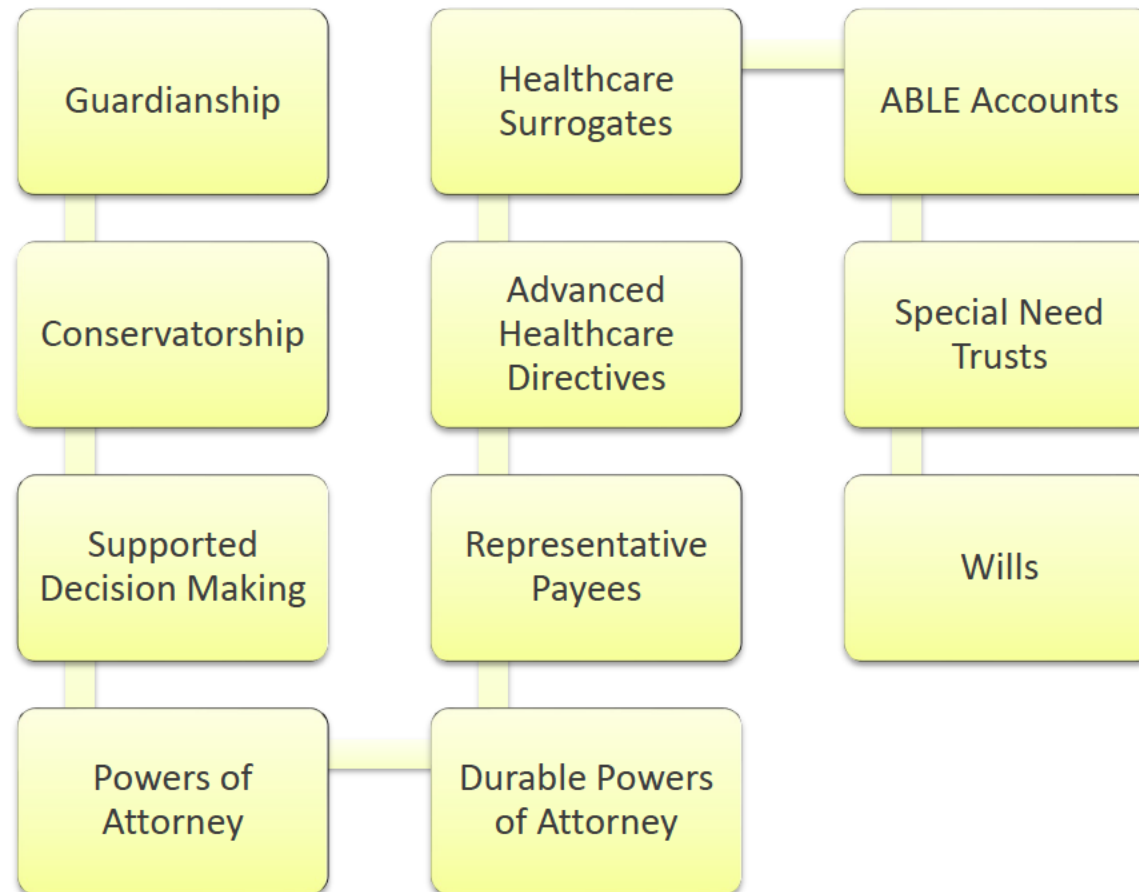
## **Problems the Center for Decision-Making Supports Addresses**

- Lack of uniform and centralized resources
- Navigating the tension between self-determination and guardianship
- Disrupting the “school-to-guardianship” pipeline
- Limited access for culturally-specific populations



# Defining the Need

## The Confusing Web of Decision-Making Supports



# What the Center Does



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## **One-Stop Shop for Info on Guardianship, Conservatorship and Its Alternatives**

- Online virtual and on-demand resources for understanding every type of decision-making support
- Technical assistance
- Referral
- Outreach and Education
- Cross-Agency Collaboration



# What the Center Does NOT

## **It Does NOT Designate the Appointment of Guardians / Conservators**

- No representation in court
- No legal advice
- No intervention directly in guardianship or conservatorship cases



# Structuring the Center



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## The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman is Where It Lives Best

- The Office of the LTCO currently includes three independent programs:
  - The Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Oregon Public Guardian
  - The Residential Facilities Ombuds
- The Center for Decision-Making would be a fourth independent program within the Office of the LTCO



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## The Benefits Within the Office of the Long-term Care Ombudsman

- Stability of an existing agency
- LTCO and its supportive relationships
  - APD and ODDS
  - Vocational Rehabilitation
  - OHA mental and behavioral health
  - Public guardian
  - Residential Ombudsman & Public Guardian Advisory Board





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# Questions



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