Please Join Us for a Free Supported Decision-Making Summit:
An Alternative to Guardianship

Friday, April 15, 2016
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
The Duncan Center
500 West Loockerman Street
Dover, Delaware
Meals are included

Registration Deadline:
April 1, 2016

**Speakers:**

- Jonathan Martinis, Esq.- Quality Trust, Supported Decision Making Introduction: Theory and Practice
  
  Watch Mr. Martinis’ video, “Supported Decision Making—A Call to Action” on YouTube:
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vqF3NiTeWg&feature=youtu.be

- Tina Campanella, Esq.- Quality Trust

- Samantha Crane, Esq.- Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN)

- Susan King, Parent and Guardian

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To register, call the Developmental Disabilities Council at 302-739-3333 or email emmanuel.jenkins@state.de.us

If you require accommodations, please notify us no later than April 1, 2016

*Pending CLEs for attorneys
**Please see other side for Supported Decision Making Fact Sheet
All people use Supportive Decision-Making (SDM) to make important life decisions for such things as financial decisions, buying a house or car, car repairs, education or choices in medical treatments.

Supportive Decision-Making empowers individuals with disabilities who are capable of making decisions to use available supports to make their own choices and live a self-directed, independent life.

Even if a person with a disability needs extra help to make significant life decisions, their right to make their own choices should not be taken away (such as guardianship) without exploring all options and less-restrictive alternatives.

As proposed, the Supportive Decision-Making Act does not replace more formal substitute decision making legal structures, such as Advanced Health Care Directives, Powers of Attorney, or Guardianships. It is one more alternative, another tool in the toolbox, and would be the least restrictive option, enabling people to use their own support systems and family to obtain information and make decisions instead of having someone else to make decisions for them.

Supportive Decision-Making agreements formalize the use of these support structures to obtain and assess information to make decisions.

Supportive Decision-Making agreements would be less costly to both the State and the consumer by avoiding expensive Court process and unnecessary legal fees.

Under a SDM agreement the Supporter can:
- Obtain and understand information relevant to their decisions
- Help the individual understand the options, responsibilities, and consequences of their decisions
- Communicate their decisions to the appropriate people
- Assist in, but not make decisions for, the individual that chose them for guidance.

Supportive Decision Making Legislation has been enacted in Texas and Canada, and is being considered worldwide.

**Please see other side of this flyer for the SDM Summit date, time and details**