

SDM Strong!

Supported Decision Making and Alternatives to Guardianship

Supported decision-making (SDM) is an important opportunity to empower youth with disabilities so that they continue to grow and learn into adulthood, instead of taking all control away when they turn 18. SDM allows supporters to stay involved in the adult child's life, as an alternative to a court process that has risks. SDM provides young adults with a circle of support, resources, tools and ongoing encouragement and guidance to help prepare for becoming an adult.

Application to Participate in Weekend Retreat July 30-31, 2022

This application is due June 24, 2022. Please see this website for details:

Applicant Information

Supporter's Name	
Student's Name	
Address	
Phone(s)	
Email	

Supporter:

How do you identify yourself?	I have <input type="radio"/> a disability.
Race/Ethnicity	
Other identities (gender & pronouns)	
Relationship to Student	

Student:

How do you identify yourself?	I have <input type="radio"/> a disability.
Race/Ethnicity	
Other identities (gender & pronouns)	
I describe my disability as	

Questions- Please help us get to know you. Be honest and tell us what you really think! Answers do not have to be long. You can answer on a separate sheet of paper if that is easier.

Why are you interested in Supported Decision Making and Alternatives to Guardianship?

Supporter response:
Student response:

Tell us about the pros and cons of guardianship?

Supporter response:
Student response:

What are your dreams for the future?

Supporter response:

Student response:

What are your concerns for the future?

Supporter response:

Student response:

Please share anything else about you that you want us to know.

Supporter response:

Student response:

References

Please list any other supporters who are not family members that will be attending who can tell us about your family and why you should be chosen to participate.

First and Last Name	Relationship to Student	Phone

Other

How did you hear about the SDM Strong?

○ **Check here** to commit to the following:

- We will attend the training beginning at 10 am on Saturday, July 30 and ending on Sunday, July 31st at 12 pm.
- We understand that all participants are expected to stay overnight on Saturday.
- We understand that all participants are expected to be actively engaged in learning and open to new ideas and ways of thinking.
- This training is valued at \$1200 per person, the cost of the training, meals, and rooms is the program budget covers this expense.

Support's Signature	Date
Student's Signature	Date

This application is due June 24, 2022.

Post-mail the completed and signed application to the
Vermont Family Network c/o Jamie Rainville
600 Blair Park Road, Ste 240
Williston, VT 05495

You may also email a digital copy of your completed application to make sure you meet the deadline to Jamie.rainville@vtfn.org.

Thank you for your interest in SDM Strong!

Questions? Concerns?

You may contact us by phone: [802-876-5315](tel:802-876-5315) or email: Jamie.rainville@vtfn.org

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