

Supported decision-making is powerful. Hear stories from young people who chose supported decision-making!



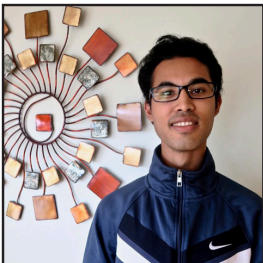
Derek

Derek is a Youth Ambassador from Georgia. Derek uses art to express how he feels about supported decision-making, how he receives support, and why it is important to make his own choices. Derek created a video about his supported decision-making journey. In this video, Derek and his mom explain Derek’s supported decision-making journey in terms of riding in different positions in a car.



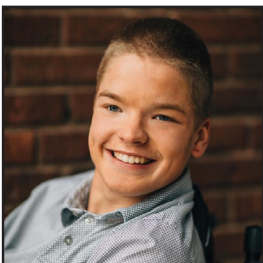
Trina

Trina is a CYVYC Advisory Board member. She recently released her first e-book titled *Special Education to College The Ketrina Story: Breaking Those Glass Ceilings*. Trina shares her supported decision-making journey and talks about the many supporters she has for different parts of her life.



Hasan

Hasan is a CYVYC Youth Ambassador Trainer and a Youth Ambassador from Vermont. He is also a leader of Green Mountain Self Advocates’ work on including people with disabilities from diverse backgrounds. In his supported decision-making story, Hasan discusses how his culture is an important part of his life and influences how he and his family make decisions.



Jordan

In 2020, when Jordan turned 18, he almost lost his voting and other decision-making rights. The day before Jordan was set to go to court for his guardianship hearing, he attended a self-determination conference where he learned about supported decision-making and alternatives to guardianship. Jordan talked to his parents about what he had learned. They listened to him and dropped the guardianship. Now, Jordan has a power of attorney for healthcare and finances.



Read more compelling stories on how youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) have adopted supported decision-making and transformed their lives by increasing their independence and autonomy.



Stories from the Center on Youth Voice, Youth Choice



Stories from the Center for Public Representation



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