

Supported Decision-Making 2025 Virtual Training Schedule

The Office of Community Network Supports (CNS) at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) offers virtual trainings throughout the year for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (DD), their families, Community Services Boards staff (CSBs), and those supporting individuals with DD in the community related to Supported Decision-Making and Supported Decision-Making Agreements. Three different trainings will be offered, each on a quarterly basis throughout 2025.

Please see the training descriptions below. Click on the preferred date(s) to register. All trainings will be offered virtually using Microsoft Teams.

Supported Decision-Making in Virginia: An Overview for CSBs and Providers

Gain a general understanding of the history of supported decision-making and the difference between supported decision-making and supported decision-making agreements. Learn about Virginia's Supported Decision-Making Agreement, the roles and responsibilities of those involved, and tools that can help someone in creating their own supported decision-making agreement.

Who should attend?

People working at CSBs in developmental services, waiver providers, or anyone in the community who works or interacts with people with developmental disabilities (educators, those in the fields of law, medicine, or finance, etc.) who are interested in learning more about supported decision-making agreements.

Time:

9:00am – 10:30am

Dates:

[Tuesday, January 21st](#)

[Tuesday, April 15th](#)

[Tuesday, July 15th](#)

[Tuesday, October 21st](#)

Supported Decision-Making in Virginia: An Overview for People with DD and Their Families

Hear about the history of supported decision-making and Virginia's laws related to supported decision-making. Learn more about the Virginia Supported Decision-Making Agreement template, discovery tools, and how to create your own agreement.

Who should attend?

People with developmental disabilities and their family members who are interested in learning more about Supported Decision-Making and the steps Virginia is taking to create a Supported Decision-Making Agreement.

Time:

6:00pm- 7:30pm

Dates:

[Tuesday, February 18th](#)

[Tuesday, May 20th](#)

[Tuesday, August 19th](#)

[Tuesday, November 18th](#)

***The Spectrum of Decision-Making Options in Virginia:
Supported Decision-Making to Guardianship & Everything In Between***

Learn about the decision-making options available to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Virginia. Learn about the difference between capacity, competency, and consent, as well as how people can get help with making decisions from the least restrictive options (i.e. supported decision-making) to the most restrictive options (i.e. legal guardianship).

Who should attend?

People with DD, their families, people working at CSBs in developmental services, waiver providers, or anyone in the community who works or interacts with people with developmental disabilities (educators, those in the fields of law, medicine, or finance, etc.) are interested in learning more about Virginia's decision-making options.

Time:

9:00am – 10:30am

Dates:

[Tuesday, March 18th](#)

[Tuesday, June 17th](#)

[Tuesday, September 16th](#)

[Tuesday, December 16th](#)