

PROJECT UPDATES

Year 4 (Apr 2019 - Mar 2020)

Pilot Program Sites



Milestones

- ✓ **Keynoted:** at National Resource Center-SDM Symposium, Washington D.C.
- ✓ **Presented:** at NYS Surrogates' Association; The ArcNY; National Association of Councils on Developmental Disability Annual Conference
- ✓ **Trained:** lawyers from Mental Hygiene Legal Services (MHLS)
- ✓ **Supported:** Decision-Makers to present at events with the National Resource Center-SDM Symposium, Washington D.C.; SANYS Annual Conference, Albany; ArcNY Annual Guardianship Conference, Saratoga Springs
- ✓ **Developed:** Train the Trainer Manual for Facilitators
- ✓ **Published:** "Supported Decision-Making, From Theory to Practice: Further Reflections from an Intentional Pilot Project," by Kristin Booth Glen (forthcoming in the *Albany Government Law Review*)
- ✓ **Assisted in:** rights restoration proceeding through DRNY for a DM who signed his SDMA
- ✓ **Established:** Legislative Working Group

Decision-Makers

Total: **83**



SDMAs: **10**

- FACILITATORS TRAINED: **83**
- STAKEHOLDERS EDUCATED: **1,035**
- WEBSITE VIEWS: **41,369**

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Testimonials

Facilitator

"This has been and continues to be a rewarding experience for me as I see the decision-maker learning and gaining more and more confidence as he progresses through the phases of the process."

Decision-Maker

"I liked working with my facilitator to come up with the right words to let everyone know how I make decisions... and seeing how my family has gained understanding about how my rights were so limited by guardianship."

Parent

"I feel he has been more of an advocate for himself. There was a conversation with him, and I said, 'No, you can't do that' and he said, 'No, I can. It's my decision.' ... He is more confident and has a say and is utilizing his say."