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Introduction to Supported Decision Making: *An Alternative to Guardianship*

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This webinar will provide the basics of Supported Decision Making as an alternative to guardianship. Parents, students and professionals are encouraged to attend. Learn about supported decision making and the work of the Supported Decision-Making Coalition.

Thursday, June 8, 2023

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Register through Eventbrite and a Zoom link will be sent to you before the webinar.

This session will be a one hour presentation followed by 30 minutes of questions and discussion.

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