

THE Jenny Hatch STORY



SDM burst into view when a young woman named Jenny Hatch became the first person to win the right to use it instead of being put into a permanent guardianship⁵. Jenny showed the Judge that she had people in her life who helped her understand, make, and communicate her decisions. Because she had this support, she didn't (and still doesn't) need a guardian.

Jenny's victory was covered in national and international news, and she became known as the "rock that started the avalanche" of SDM⁶.

Since Jenny's case, over twenty states have passed laws recognizing SDM as an option and alternative to guardianship and conservatorship

For information about Jenny Hatch and her case, see www.jennyhatchjusticeproject.org