



What Does NCI Data Tell Us about the Guardianship Status of Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities? *

The 2015-2016 Adult Consumer Survey Data indicate that **51% of participants in the Adult Consumer Survey had a partial or full guardian.**

Why does it matter? People with guardians are not able to marry, enter into contracts, get a driver's license, sign a lease, make purchases and exercise other choices without the approval of a guardian. People who have guardians cannot participate fully in their own lives.

Questions to ask: Are there alternatives to guardianship in your state?
Are families and individuals in your state familiar with supported decision-making?

Want to know more?

- Texas Guardianship law (2015) – requires exploration of alternatives to guardianship, supported decision-making and allows individuals to maintain ability to make personal decisions
- National Guardianship Association Revised Standards – Requires guardians to facilitate individual choices and preferences
- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and The Arc Joint Statement on Guardianship
- Website: www.supporteddecisionmaking.org

* National Core Indicators, Adult Consumer Survey 2015-16 Final Report. Human Services Research Institute and National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services.