



GUARDIANSHIP IS NOT THE ONLY OPTION: Supports for Decisions in Adulthood

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RESOURCES & FORMS **FOR MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES**

1. GENERAL

- Center for Public Representation – <https://supporteddecisions.org>
- Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong - <https://www.wewaremass.org/supported-decision-making>
- Conexiones Latinx-MA, <https://conexioneslatinx-ma.org> (available soon)
- Disability Law Center, <https://www.dlc-ma.org>
 - “Alternatives to Guardianship and Guardianship” Self-Advocacy Materials
 - English: <https://www.dlc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Alternatives-to-Guardianship-and-Guardianship.pdf>
 - Spanish: <https://www.dlc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Spanish-Alternatives-to-Guardianship-and-Guardianship.pdf>

2. EDUCATION

- Sample Supported Decision-Making Agreement Form
 - English: <https://supporteddecisions.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/CPR-SDM-agreement-FOR-WEBSITE-English.pdf>
 - Spanish: <https://supporteddecisions.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Acuerdo-de-Toma-de-Decisiones-Apoyado-desarrollado-por-Centro-de-Representacion-Publica.pdf>
- Sample “FERPA Release” Form – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
 - U.S. Department of Education Model Form (English)
 - <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/model-form-disclosure-parents-dependent-students-and-consent-form-disclosure-parents>
- Shared or Delegated Educational Decision-Making
 - English: <https://www.dlc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Alternatives-to-Guardianship-and-Guardianship.pdf> (pages 3-4)
 - Spanish: <https://www.dlc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Spanish-Alternatives-to-Guardianship-and-Guardianship.pdf> (pages 3-4)

3. HEALTH CARE

- Sample Supported Decision-Making Agreement Form
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- Sample “HIPAA” Release Forms – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
 - Many health care providers have their own release forms that they may prefer you use. For example, Mass General Brigham (in English, Spanish, and Portuguese):
 - <https://www.massgeneralbrigham.org/en/patient-care/patient-visitor-information/medical-records#accordion-63572c023e-item-ff392db125>
 - Massachusetts Department of Public Health Form (English)
 - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/dph-model-authorization-for-release-of-confidential-information-pdf/download>
 - Greater Boston Legal Services Example of a HIPAA Release (English)
 - https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/Med%20release%20HIPAAcompliant_0.pdf
 - American Bar Association Model Form (English)
 - https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/law_aging/samplehipaaauthorizationformforfamilymembers.authcheckdam.pdf
- Health Care Proxy Form
 - English: <https://www.honoringchoicesmass.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/09.16-Health-Care-Proxy-Instructions-Document.pdf>
 - Spanish: <https://www.honoringchoicesmass.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/MA-Health-Care-Proxy-Spanish-V2-w-border1.pdf>
- Current MOLST Form (coming soon POLST)
 - English: <https://www.molst-ma.org/download-molst-form>
 - Spanish: [Órdenes médicas relacionadas con el tratamiento de prolongación de la vida | Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment \(molst-ma.org\)](https://www.molst-ma.org/ordenes-medicas-relacionadas-con-el-tratamiento-de-prolongacion-de-la-vida)

4. FINANCES

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 - Spanish: <https://supporteddecisions.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Acuerdo-de-Toma-de-Decisiones-Apoyado-desarrollado-por-Centro-de-Representacion-Publica.pdf>
- Durable Power of Attorney
 - Honoring Choices Mass, *Durable Power of Attorney Guide*, <https://www.honoringchoicesmass.com/dpoa/> (English)

4. FINANCES (continued)

- ABLÉ Accounts
 - ABLÉ National Resource Center: <https://www.ablenrc.org>
 - ABLÉ Materials Tool Kit:
 - English: <https://www.ablenrc.org/able-materials-toolkit/>
 - Spanish: <https://www.ablenrc.org/kit-de-herramientas-del-material-de-able/>
- Representative Payee
 - Social Security Administration: <https://www.ssa.gov/payee>

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