

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## WHO CAN BENEFIT?

- Professional care systems
- Family, friends, and community supporters
- People concerned about an existing guardianship
- Adults subject to, or at risk of, Guardianship because of:
  - Cognitive, intellectual, or psychiatric challenges
  - Need for help with decision-making
  - Intellectual disabilities and transitioning to adulthood
  - Lack of insight into their needs
  - Difficulty managing finances
  - Lack of supports
  - Neglect of their own needs
  - Abuse or exploitation

 All-inclusive services



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**VISION** Communities where all lives are uplifted

**VALUES** Compassion, Integrity and Perseverance

**MISSION** We help people build hope, resilience and well-being



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For more than 40 years, CESDM (formerly Protective Services) has advocated for best practices in guardianship and protecting the right to self-determination. There is strong and growing evidence that people with disabilities are happier, safer, and healthier when they are empowered to make choices about their own lives.

### SERVING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

The Center for Excellence hosts Minnesota's free Guardianship Information Line which provides in-depth phone based consultation, information, advice, and referral, with an emphasis on identifying suitable alternatives to guardianship where possible. Depending on the situation, social workers may be able to provide direct services on a short-term basis. Services may include objective assessments regarding need for guardianship and available alternatives; post-guardianship support; and facilitation of Health Care Directives and Supported Decision Making Agreements.

### FEES

Services are funded by state and county contracts, client fees, speaker honoraria, and private donations.

Initial telephone consultation, advice, and referral, is at no charge. Fees for other services are based on type of service required.

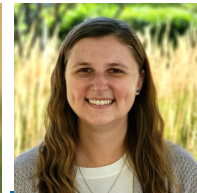
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### IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

Outreach and collaboration are critical to creating statewide systems and practices which enhance the right to self-determination, dignity of risk and helping people find the balance between health/safety and choice/quality of life. CESDM:

- Offers a variety of training topics for professionals or community groups including supported decision making, guardianship/conservatorship, spectrum of decision making options, ethics, rights of people subject to guardianship.
- Collaborates with attorneys in the decision making arena including Estate & Elder Law, a part of Volunteers of America MN.
- Engages with external coalitions and working groups to further guardianship systems improvement and best practices, person-centered work, and supported decision making.
- Co-convenes WINGS MN (Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders), part of a nationwide movement for improving guardianship practices

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