**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](http://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.