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## **The National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making Makes Awards for its 2018/2019 State Grant Program**

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making (NRC-SDM) is pleased to announce its most recent awards of funding and/or technical assistance to seven state-based projects designed to increase knowledge of and access to Supported Decision-Making by older adults and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Funding for these awards is made possible by a Cooperative Agreement from the Administration on Community Living (ACL) with Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities. Quality Trust has led the NRC-SDM efforts to advance the use of Supported Decision-Making for the past four years, in partnership with the Burton Blatt Institute of Syracuse University, the Kansas University Life Span Institute, the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, Family Voices, and Parent to Parent USA. NRC-SDM is dedicated to advancing the “Right to Make Choices” of people with disabilities and older adults, through training, information sharing, technical assistance, research, and promotion of promising practices.

Six grantees will receive \$4,000 to stimulate innovative Supported Decision-Making practices that can be replicated around the country:

- Able South Carolina
- Disability Rights Tennessee
- Indiana Disability Rights
- The Arc of Mississippi
- The Arc Oregon
- Volunteers of America Minnesota

A seventh organization, the District of Columbia Association of Special Education on behalf of the D.C. Family Support Council, will be taking part in this program without receiving grant funding. Each of these seven projects will become a part of NRC-SDM’s Community of Practice and receive logistical, organizational, technical, and other support from NRC-SDM.

“We are excited to be awarding this third round of grants to promote pioneering advancements in Supported Decision-Making at the state and local level,” said Tina M. Campanella, Chief Executive Officer of Quality Trust and the NRC-SDM Principle Investigator. “We believe that significant progress and innovation is occurring through these local projects.” In prior grant years, NRC-SDM supported projects in states including Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

For more information on Supported Decision-Making and this state grant program, please visit the NRC-SDM website at [www.SupportedDecisionMaking.org](http://www.SupportedDecisionMaking.org).

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