

## What is this project about?

The project is called the Center for Youth Voice, Youth Choice. The acronym is CYVYC. The goals of the project are:

- 1) to support states to promote alternatives to guardianship, so that fewer youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) have legal guardians; and
- 2) to give youth opportunities to lead efforts to promote alternatives to guardianship.

This is a 5-year project and it started on September 1, 2020. It is funded by the Administration on Community Living, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

## Who will be part of the project?

The Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts, Boston is partnering with the Center for Public Representation (CPR), Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), and consultants from the Harvard Law School Project on Disability (HPOD) and the Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO).

## What are the activities of the project?

### Partners will:

- 1) Do research on guardianship laws and practices across the country;
- 2) Build a National Coalition of organizations that can help spread the word;
- 3) Support Communities of Practice (group learning sessions) in 11 States to advocate for alternatives to guardianship;
- 4) Train and support 44 youth with IDD to become Youth Ambassadors.
- 5) Develop information for many types of audiences that are accessible and meaningful to people of different cultures and backgrounds.

## Who can we talk to for more information?

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