Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Lectures on Development and Developmental Disabilities
Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Lecture

Supported Decision-Making: Protecting Rights, Ensuring Choices

This presentation will introduce the theory and practice of Supported Decision-Making (SDM), where older adults and people with disabilities work with trusted friends, family members, and professionals to understand the situations and choices they face, so they may make their own decisions. SDM is associated with increased self-determination, or life control, which has been linked with improved life outcomes. Thus, SDM may help medical professionals improve patient communication, collaboration, health and wellbeing across the life course. SDM also applies to other life areas, e.g., living arrangements, financial matters, and lifestyles.

Martinis is a nationally recognized disability legal and policy advocate. For over 20 years, he has represented and advocated for people with disabilities to ensure that they receive the services and supports they need and want to live full, meaningful, and community integrated lives.

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