



**Inland Coalition
on Aging**



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Agenda

Welcome

IE-MPA Launch Recap

IE-MPA Updates

Presentation

Next Meeting



Last ICA Meeting

Ben Jauregui
ICA Chair



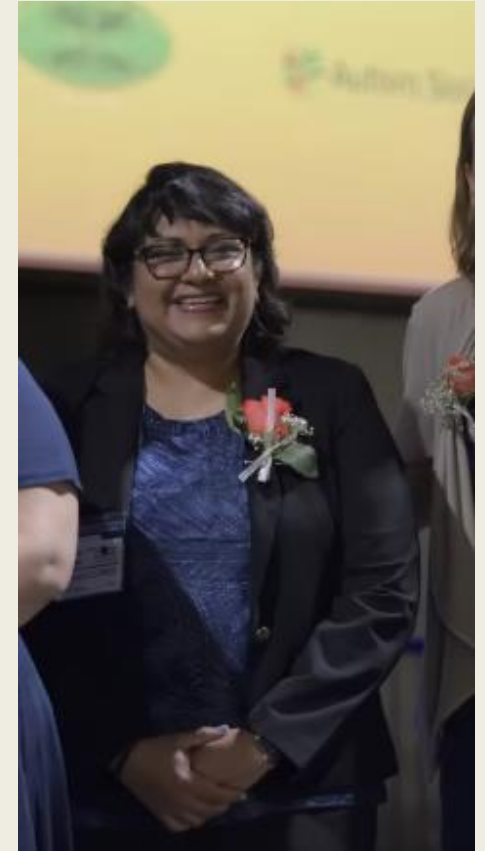
IE-MPA Launch Recap



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IE-MPA Updates

Carmen Estrada
ICA Treasurer



Updates

- ❖ **ICA will resend the annual survey to ICA members after today's meeting. Please complete it if you have not done so.**
- ❖ **IE-MPA Action Teams will begin meeting in September. If you completed a partner form, you will be contacted in August.**
- ❖ **IE-MPA Outreach**
 - **Presented to City of Riverside Commission on Aging on May 19**
 - **Participated in RCTC Coordinated Plan Prioritization Workshop July 9**
 - **Presented at the Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative on July 15**
 - **Community Awareness LiveStreams**
youtube.com/@InlandCoalitionOnAging

Help Us Spread the Word

Advocacy - The ICA will continue to send more communication requesting support on time-sensitive advocacy actions

Read and use [the Inland Empire Master Plan for Aging \(IE-MPA\)](#).

Marketing Tools [InlandAging.org/media](https://inlandaging.org/media)

- Share ICA brochures and informational flyers at your outreach events.
- Post on your social media using our Social Media Kit
- Share emails you receive from us with other professionals in your community.
- Invite someone to attend an ICA meeting and become a member

ICA LinkedIn – Follow us!

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Advocacy for and by People with Disabilities: More Critical Than Ever

Presentation to the Inland Coalition on Aging

Judy Mark, DVU President

Gilda Giron, Director of Outreach & Leadership Training

Vivian Do, Project Manager for SDM-TIC

Brian Gutierrez, Project Manager for Outreach and Leadership Training



Disability Voices United is a statewide organization directed by and for people with disabilities and our families, advocating for:

- Choice and control over our lives
- Meaningful outcomes that matter to us
- Equity and accountability in the systems that serve us

Impending Cuts to Medicaid



H.R. 1

- Cuts \$1 trillion from Medicaid over 10 years
- Work requirement for Medicaid expansion population
- Reapply every 6 months
- Punishing California on immigration issues
- Potential triggers to Medicare cuts

Implementation in California

- Unclear what will happen
- Some implementation early next year, some in November after mid-terms
- Cuts in California are certain if revenue isn't increased
- Working with coalition to increase revenue

Improving health care



Model training for healthcare professionals on supporting patients with disabilities

- Education on supported decision-making
- Tools and strategies to improve care for patients with disabilities
- Presumption of competence, providing accommodations, understanding patient preferences and communication

Supported Decision-Making



The Risks are Real

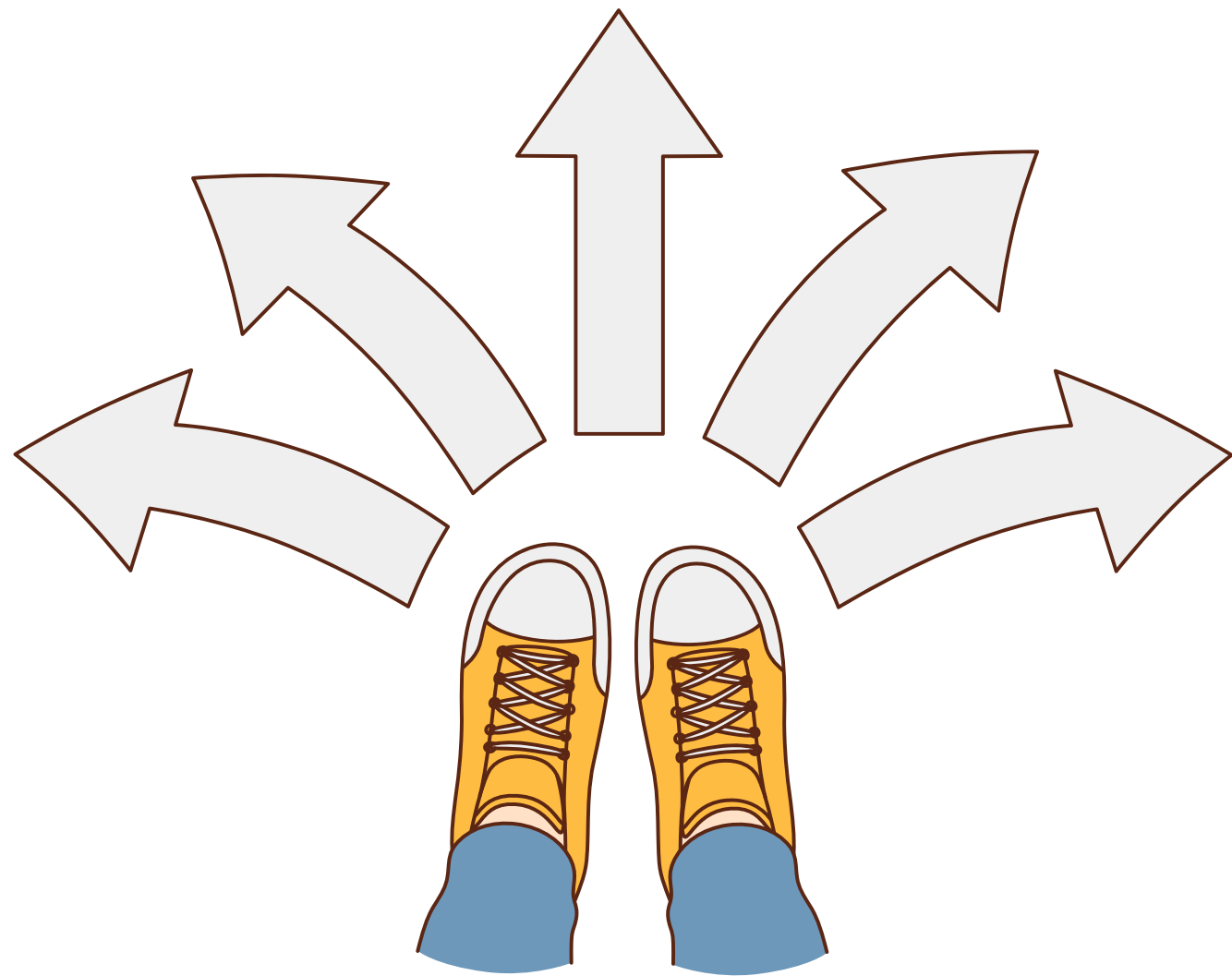
- Created from a court hearing
- Appointed “conservator” makes decisions for “conservatee”
- Loss of Rights
- Often a permanent decision
- Lack of court check-ups
- **Half of** conservators are strangers
- No extra protection
- No clear succession plan

What is SDM?

What is Supported Decision-Making?

- Choose supporters to help make decisions- circle of support
- Help understand, make, and communicate decisions
- Designed to change as life changes

What is SDM?



Supported Decision-Making: The Why

- Decision-making is a human right
- Dignity of Risk
- Empowers your autonomy

Leadership Opportunities



Leadership Opportunities

Why Leadership Matters

- People with disabilities are the experts of their own lives
- Leadership ensures our voices shape policies, programs, and services
- Representation helps build inclusive and equitable systems

Training Disability Leaders for Systems Change

- Statewide leadership program for people with disabilities and family members
- Builds skills in advocacy, public speaking, and understanding complex systems
- Centered on equity—uplifting voices of people of color, AAC users, and those most impacted

Over 400 leaders trained across California—and growing.



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Next Meeting

Tuesday
August 26, 2025
11:00 am - 12:00 pm



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