

# Vivian Do & Tina Ewing-Wilson

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## Understanding Supported Decision Making



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and  
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Come learn about supported decision-making, a new alternative to conservatorship which allows individuals with disabilities to continue to have choice and control in their lives without involving the courts. Explore how you can build circles of support and use supported decision-making in employment, transition planning, post-secondary plans and more!

Vivian Do (she/her) is the Project Manager for DVU's new Supported Decision-Making Training and Information Center providing information and training throughout the state for self-advocates, family members, and professionals on supported decision-making. Vivian is passionate about working with disenfranchised communities and promoting equity for all. Vivian brings her experiences as a family member and working with people with I/DD as she hosts weekly bingo sessions for adults with I/DD and has been involved with disabilities studies research during her time at UCLA. Her research focused on conservatorship reform in the aging and I/DD community and SDM for adults with I/DD in healthcare settings.

Tina is a self-advocate and has been part of the Self-Determination Program (SDP) since 2001, when she joined during its pilot phase. She practices Supported Decision Making. She currently serves as an Outreach Specialist and Howard McBroom Fellow at Disability Voices United, and she contributed to the development of the Master Plan on Developmental Disabilities as a member of one of its workgroups. Tina is also an active member of the Department of Developmental Services Lived Experience Advisory Group (DDS LEAG). Tina is the human half of a service dog team. Her companion is Buddy. With support from her Independent Facilitator (IF), she manages a team of nine caregivers, including two who provide In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), as well as an administrative assistant. Tina also has an art mentorship through NOVEL School of Art, uses a representative payee, and receives benefits counseling. She owns her own mobile home. Tina believes "We can do anything with the right supports. but they must be the right supports."