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● The Alternatives to Guardianship Project helps people with developmental disabilities avoid or terminate unnecessary guardianships by using safe and legal alternatives.

● It encourages and assists parents, educators, judges, lawyers, physicians, and other professionals to implement such alternatives whenever feasible.

● It promotes the adoption of public policies and systemic changes to protect the rights of people with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights and access to justice.

● These activities are accomplished through research, education, counseling, and advocacy.

○ Guardianship and Alternatives- We provide support to individuals with I/DD and families thinking about guardianship and feasible alternatives.

○ Supported Decision-Making- We provide guidance to those who want to develop a supported decision-making plan to be implemented with or without guardianship.

○ Powers of Attorney-We suggest resources for individuals and families who want to explore financial and medical powers of attorney as an alternative to guardianship.

○ Mediation-We help individuals and families seek mediation as a method to terminate an existing guardianship and restore rights.

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