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CSUEB is hosting a FREE conference on Supported Decision Making in Oakland at Laney College on October 25th! The state of California granted formal recognition to SDM in September 2022 with the passage of AB 1663, Probate Conservatorship Reform and Supported Decision-Making Act. This law changed the landscape for adults with disabilities and adults with mental health challenges. The law allows these groups to choose who can support them when making decisions in their life in relation to: education, healthcare, law and finances. CSUEB received a grant that is funding a statewide conference that will go into greater detail on this topic. We are inviting current professionals, students, healthcare professionals, therapists, social workers, finance and legal professionals to join us in October. To find out more about SDM click [here](#) **AND** come to the conference!

Building Bridges: Advancing Supported Decision-Making in Diverse Communities

Conference Date: Saturday, Oct 25, 2025. Registration opens at 8:30 am, Conference 9 am - 4 pm

The conference is free!!!! Space is limited so Register Today!

[Registration is open! Click here.](#)

Location: [Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607](#)

Contact: sdmconference@csueastbay.edu

Conference Website: [Building Bridges: Advancing Supported Decision-Making in Diverse Communities Conference](#)

What is Supported Decision Making? A new law that gives adults with disabilities choices with who will support them. For more information click [here](#). And come to the Conference!!

The **Building Bridges: Advancing Supported Decision-Making (SDM) in Diverse Communities** conference aims to address [SDM for professionals](#) in California in:

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Education

- Healthcare
- Speech pathology
- Social work, social services, and behavioral health
- Law
- Nonprofit organizations

and others who work with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs), aging communities and people with mental health conditions. This conference aims to increase knowledge and application of SDM with professionals in California, facilitate community dialogue, and work towards a cultural shift to reduce the use of conservatorship.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) are available.

The conference will include workshops and community conversation sessions that can increase the capacity for professionals serving diverse people with disabilities and their families to provide relevant and culturally responsive information about SDM. Conference schedule will be available on August 1 on the [conference website](#).

[Registration is open! Click here.](#)

This conference is hosted by the [Center for Disability Justice Research \(CDJR\) at Cal State East Bay](#), and the [Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund \(DREDF\)](#) with funding from the [State Council on Developmental Disabilities \(SCDD\)](#).

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Grants and Projects:

Think by the Bay: Inclusive College Program <https://www.csueastbay.edu/cdjr/think-by-the-bay.html>

LISTEN with AAC <https://www.csueastbay.edu/slhs/listen.html>

Supported Decision Making Training

Grant: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/cdjr/supported-decision-making-outreach-team.html>

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As a member of the Cal State East Bay community with an office on the Hayward campus, I acknowledge that I am a guest on the unceded land of the First People of this region, the present-day Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. [\(CSUEB Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgment\)](#)