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1. Guardianship

2. Supported Decision-Making
(& Other Less-Restrictive Options)

3. Guardianship Services

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OTHER WAYS

GUARDIANSHIP

THE PERSON MUST LACK
CAPACITY TO MAKE DECISIONS

THERE MUST BE NO OTHER
LESS-RESTRICTIVE
ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE

GUARDIANSHIP...NOW WHAT?

1. MAKE DECISIONS

2. GIVE CONSENT

3. EXPLAIN

4. ADVOCATE

BUT WAIT...



MISCONCEPTIONS

I HAVE TO GET GUARDIANSHIP WHEN MY SON/DAUGHTER TURNS 18

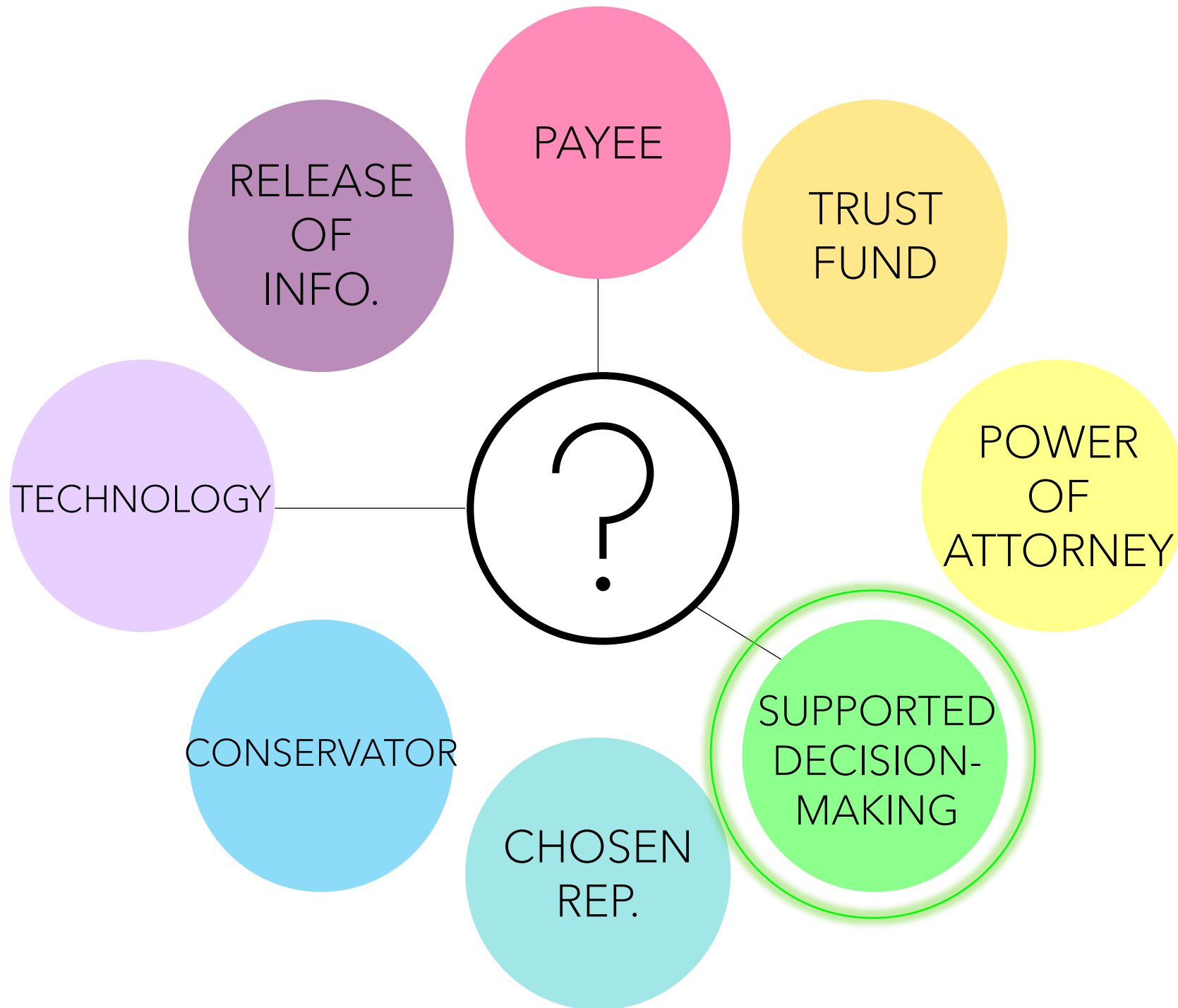
NO ONE WILL TALK TO ME IF I'M NOT THE GUARDIAN

“Guardianship
will protect the
person from
harm.”

WITH A
GUARDIAN







Supported Decision-Making



Supported Decision-Making

“While there is no one-size-fits-all model of Supported Decision-Making, it occurs when people choose trusted friends, family members, and professionals to help them understand the situations and choices they face, so they may make their own decisions.”

- Jonathan G. Martinis



GUARDIANSHIP
SERVICES

1. LACK OF GUARDIANS
AND LONG WAIT LISTS

2. PROHIBITIVELY LARGE
CASELOADS

3. SLOW RESPONSE TIMES

4. INABILITY TO KNOW THE
PERSON

LUCAS COUNTY ADULT GUARDIANSHIP ASSESSMENT REPORT

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respondents described professional interactions working directly with the courts. Some were involved with the legal aspects of representing wards, while others were medical, social services, or mental health service providers who address the needs of wards in community or institutional settings. One respondent was involved with the board for the Lutheran Social Services Volunteer Guardians Program, which was discontinued in Lucas County, and another reported having a ward with a disability.

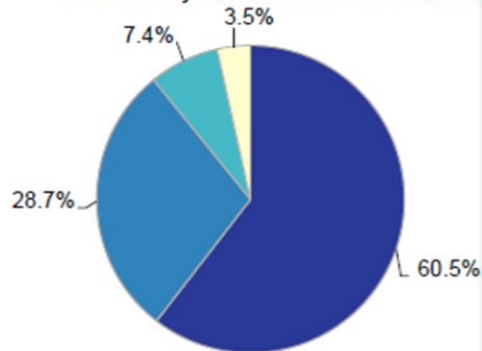
FINDINGS

The following findings are organized by topic and incorporate data from administrative data, key information interviews, the focus groups. Illustrative quotes are from both interview and focus groups.

PROFILE OF GUARDIANS IN LUCAS COUNTY

Using administrative data from a current list of 2,350 wards in Lucas County, the research team was able to examine the composition of adult guardianship cases. Figure 1 summarizes that of those who serve as guardian of the person and the estate, the majority are family members (61%). Of the remaining 11% of wards, 7% have a guardian who is categorized as APSI, while 4% of wards have a guardian who is categorized as a friend. This category represents guardians who had a personal relationship with the ward, such as friends, neighbors or significant others. The remaining 2% were connected with volunteer guardians from the previous Lucas County Social Services Guardianship Program who have stayed involved with the ward.

Figure 1. Profile of Guardians in Lucas County by Type of Guardianship: Guardian of Person Only and Guardian of Person and Estate



N=2,350

Figure 4. Challenges of Adult Guardianship in Lucas County: Online Survey Responses



N=48

Top Three Challenges in Adult Guardianship

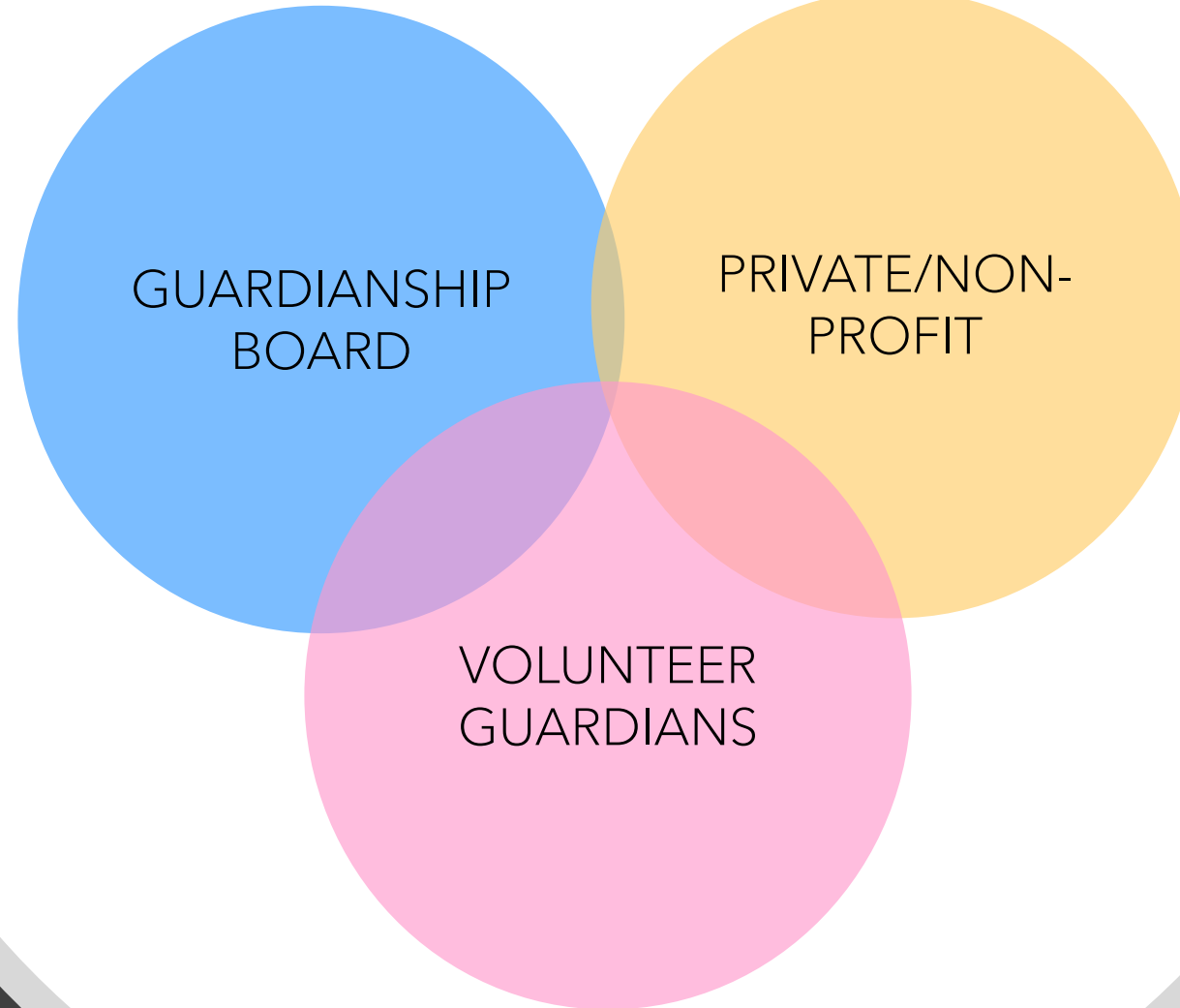
Survey respondents were then asked to prioritize the top three challenges in adult guardianship in Lucas County from the list of options provided. The most frequently indicated top challenges were:

- identifying guardians who will make decisions in the best interest of the ward
- increased complexity of guardianship cases
- difficulty with ensuring compliance with all of the responsibilities of being a guardian, including filing and reporting requirements

FINDINGS

1. COMPREHENSIVE
GUARDIANSHIP SOLUTION

FINDINGS



GUARDIANSHIP
BOARD

PRIVATE/NON-
PROFIT

VOLUNTEER
GUARDIANS

FINDINGS

2. ENHANCED INFORMATION,
TRAINING, AND SUPPORT FOR
GUARDIANS

FINDINGS

3. GUARDIANSHIP MONITORING PROGRAM



SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING

INDEPENDENT DECISIONS

CHOSEN REPRESENTATIVE

GUARDIANSHIP

PAYEE

LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP

POWER OF ATTORNEY

CONSERVATORSHIP



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