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RHODE ISLAND

**Developmental Disabilities Council**

*Charting a New Course*

June 30, 2023

### **Request for Proposal**

*The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council (The Council) is seeking a consultant to assist the Council increasing the utilization of Supported Decision Making (SDM) by: collecting data from courts, disseminating information, and developing strategies for implementation. This project will run through September 30, 2023 with the potential for an extension.*

*The Council's mission is to advocate for the improvement in the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities. It is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit. Funds are 100% federal USDHHS, funds are drawn down by the Council's Designated State Agency which is the University of Rhode Island. The Council is comprised of 24 members appointed by the Governor of Rhode Island representing people with developmental disabilities, family members, and various agencies.*

#### **The Council requires the following services:**

- 1. In person data collection about the utilization of guardianship, SDM, and other alternatives to guardianship from each of the probate courts in Rhode Island.*
- 2. Development and dissemination of materials and trainings about the use of SDM.*
- 3. Work with experts and community partners in Rhode Island such as Disability Rights Rhode Island, The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, Advocates in Action, and the Cross Disability Coalition.*
- 4. Develop strategies and documents to implement SDM in Rhode Island.*
- 5. Collect Data and file reports to the Council*

#### **Qualities important to The Council:**

- 1. Dedication to the rights of people with developmental disabilities.*
- 2. Knowledge of Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship.*

3. *Ability to work with experts in a variety of fields*
4. *Experience in research and writing.*
5. *Knowledge and dedication to self determination.*
6. *Organizational and communication skills.*
7. *Experience with people with disabilities, preferably the family member or guardian of a person with a disability.*

**Information Requested:**

- *A short summary of qualifications and approach to working with The Council.*
- *A Resume or CV*
- *References may be requested at a later date.*

*All submissions must be received by the Council via email at [riddc@riddc.org](mailto:riddc@riddc.org) by mail at 400 Bald Hill Road, Suite 515, Warwick RI 02886 or in person at the same address no later than **4:00 PM on July 11, 2023***

*Please call (401 737 1238) or email me ([kevinnerney@riddc.org](mailto:kevinnerney@riddc.org)) with any questions regarding this RFP.*

*Salary between \$25 and \$50 per hour based on experience and skills of the contractor.*

*We look forward to receiving your proposal*



*Kevin Nerney, Executive Director  
Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council*