

Consent, Capacity, and Substitute Decision-Making

To make decisions for oneself is a core human and civil right, and for too long too many people with disabilities have had that right unnecessarily infringed. When someone needs help making decisions, such assistance must be tailored to that person's unique needs and abilities so that their right to self-determination is honored to the maximum extent possible.

With support by a grant from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council, DRN has developed a guide, [Consent, Capacity, and Substitute-Decision Making](#), and four videos to accompany the guide, to help people with disabilities, their family members, service providers, and others to be better informed about the important issues related to decision-making and thus assure that this right is protected for all.

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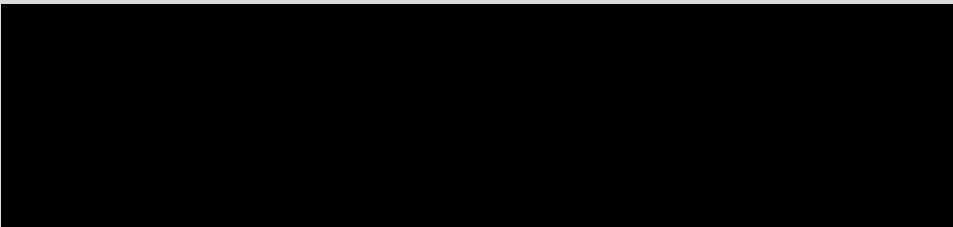
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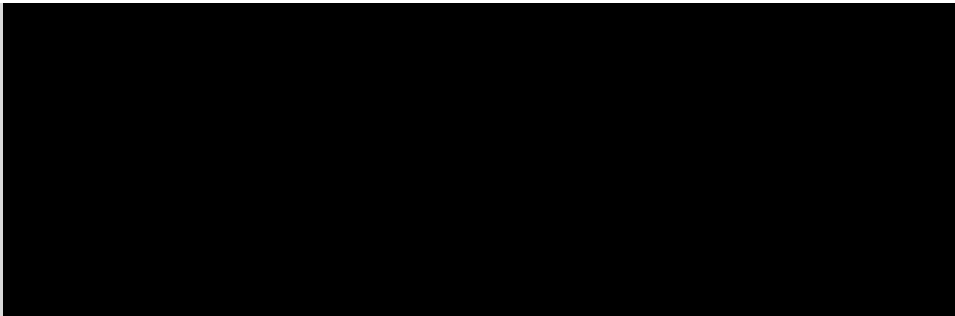
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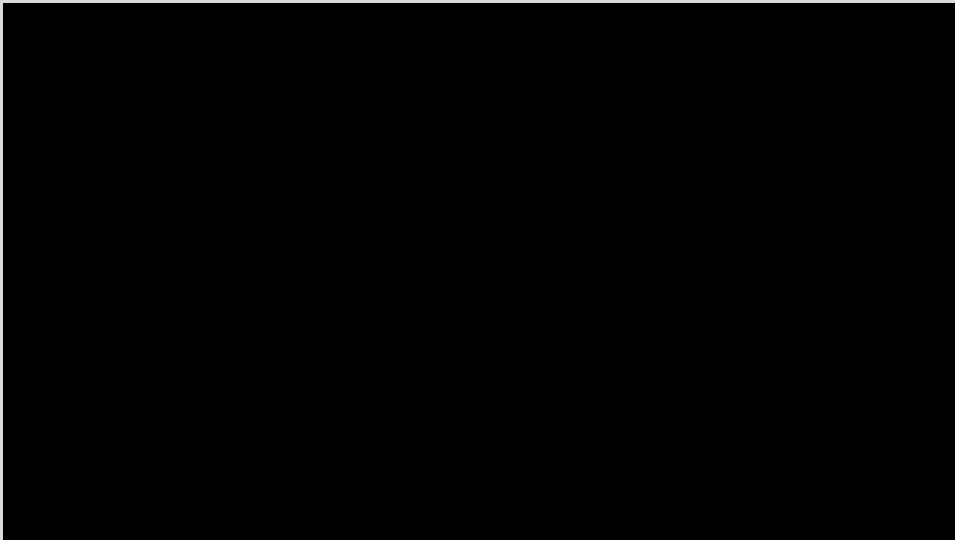
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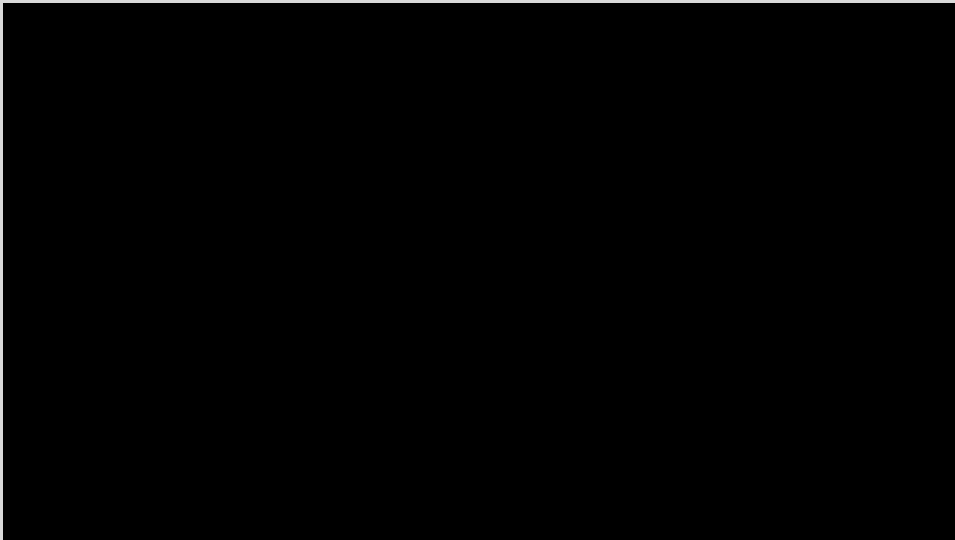
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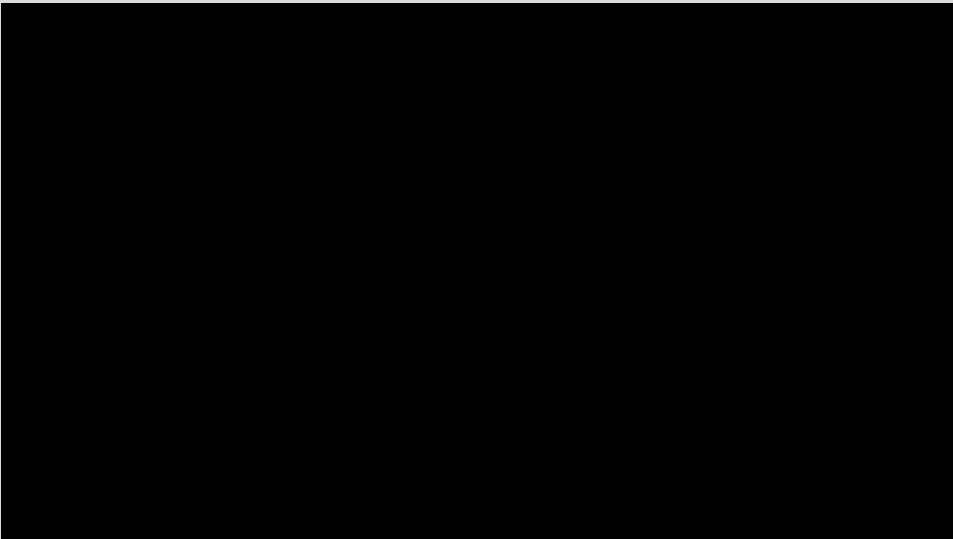
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