Strengthening the Family Voice

Supported Decision Making

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Define the essence

Every person, no matter how severe his or her disability, can maintain control over his or her life solely by means of the commitment that other people are willing to make to that person's well-being: people should be enabled and supported to maintain that control.

Adopt a perspective

People who, intellectually, might never be able to understand what a decision is, why it has to be made what its reasonably foreseeable consequences would be yet, ironically, they (my son included) make dozens of personal decisions every day of their lives solely from their experiential knowledge of life.

Protect the essence

Create the 'how' in practice

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