



# Michigan Advancing Guardianship Innovations Center: Lived Experience

## The Initiative

We are establishing a Lived Experience Work Group made up of individuals who have been directly impacted by the adult guardianship system, as well as individuals who have avoided guardianship through alternatives. This work group exists to ensure reforms are informed by real-world experience, grounded in dignity and autonomy, and aligned with the principle **Nothing about us without us**.

## Our Objectives

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### Center Lived Experience

Position lived experience as essential expertise and a foundation for guardianship reform, ensuring those most impacted shape the solutions.

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### Inform System Improvements

Identify strengths, gaps, and harms within current guardianship practices and policies.

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### Advance Alternatives to Guardianship

Champion effective, person-centered alternatives that preserve autonomy and self-determination.

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### Ensure Meaningful Participation

Create accessible, trauma-informed spaces for engagement that value diverse experiences.

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### Advance Accountability & Impact

Ensure lived experience input meaningfully influences policy, practice, and program development.