

Supported Decision Making : 7 Juicy True Stories and More

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...to reach their **self-determined**
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...to live in homes of
their own, be with
people they **choose.**

Self Determination = Choice = Supported Decision Making (Jonathan Martinis)

What's the winning Recipe??



Today's stories will tell:

- Where are we (the tough place)
- The wonderful part
- The stakes
- Supportive or supported?
- What you can do to help



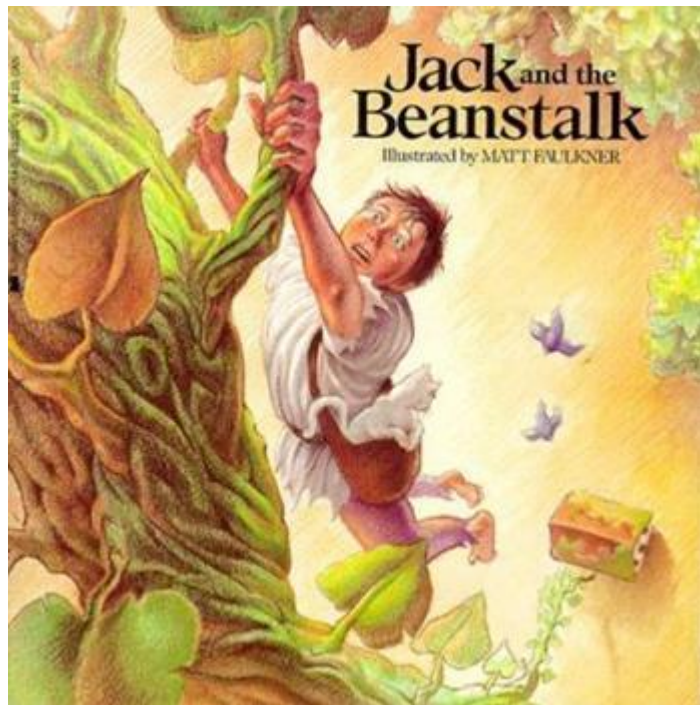
TJ & Jenna



“Agency”



Jack



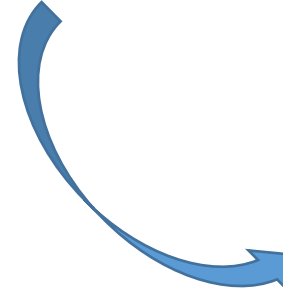
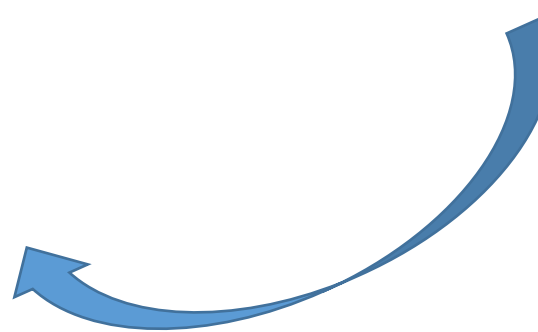
Vulnerable people

*Majority of our
History as Humans*

*Survival of the fittest or by
pure Luck*

Some Swam

Many Sunk





Bronx Developmental Center

Changing environments, changing approaches. But who decides what & how?

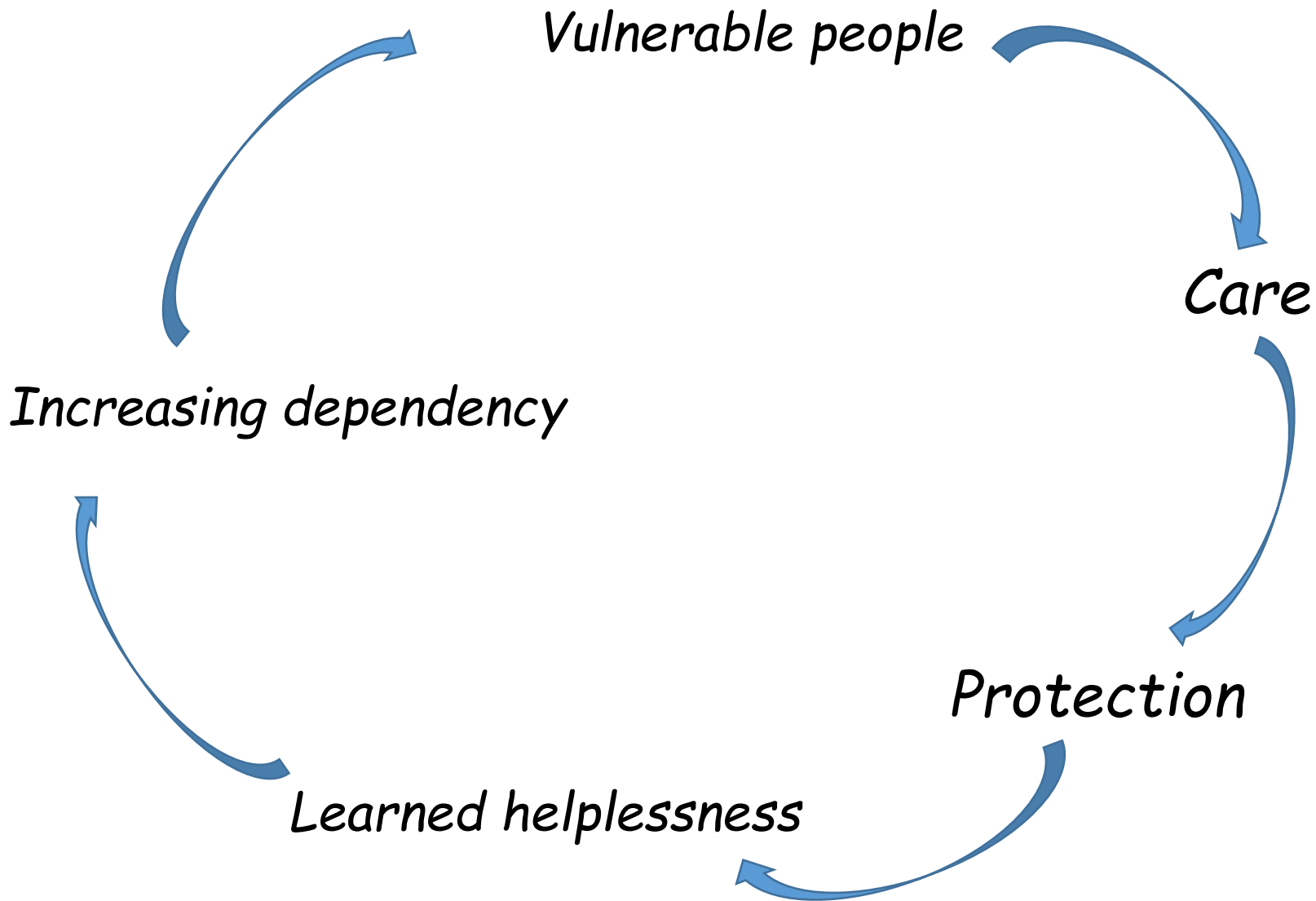
Olmstead



Trusted people

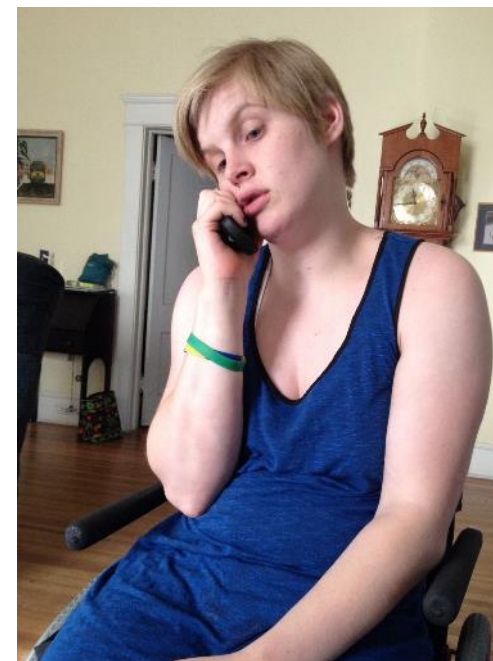
- With, or without, Forms and Agreements
- Changes over time
- One conversation at a time
- Builds confidence





Well meaning,
imperfect
System

Danger lurks



Upstairs or downstairs??



Trouble in paradise



Conflict



dignity of risk and more dignity



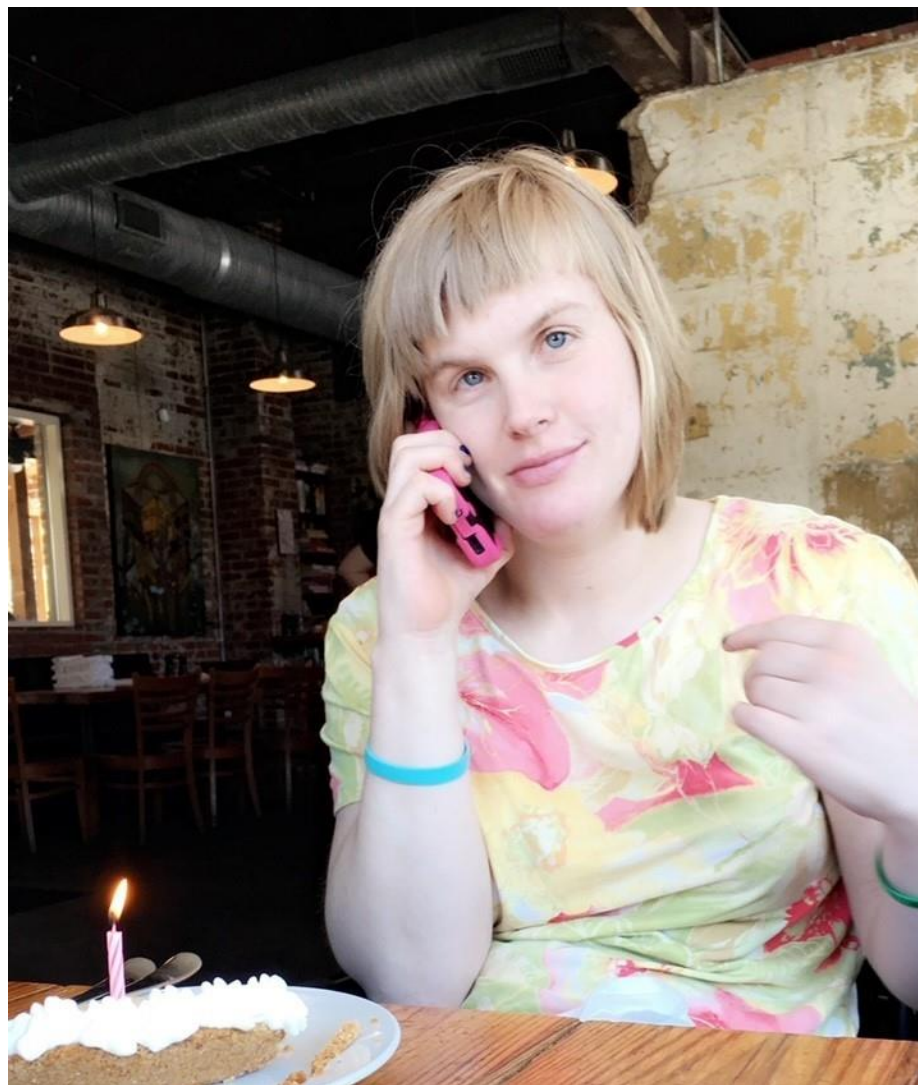
Nathan the Innovator



Bowling with Sloan



Guess what?



Good call



Bonnie

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Thank you! Conversation & questions

