

# HOW TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS FOR A PERSON UNDER GUARDIANSHIP: SOMETIMES NO IS THE RIGHT ANSWER

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. We will explore critical thinking techniques for considering client requests

2. Consider possible information sources for decision making

3. Learn to define the top considerations for decision making

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## WHAT IS CRITICAL THINKING?

- crit i cal think ing
- noun
- noun: **critical thinking**
- The objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgment.
- Critical thinking is not the accumulation of facts or information, rather it is thinking about what is relevant to arrive at the best possible solution in the circumstances based on the information and facts we have gathered. It is the ability to clearly and rationally connect the dots. If this, then that... It is about being an active learner rather than a passive listener.

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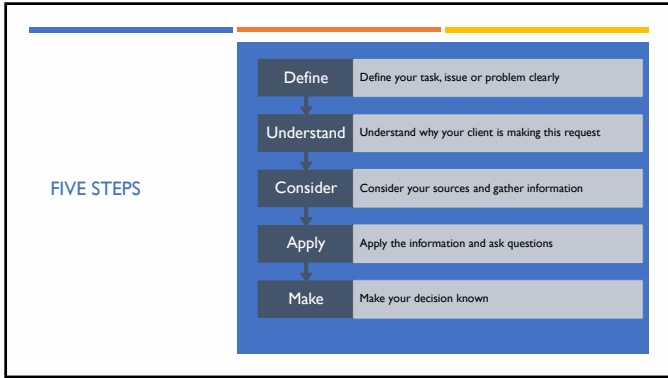
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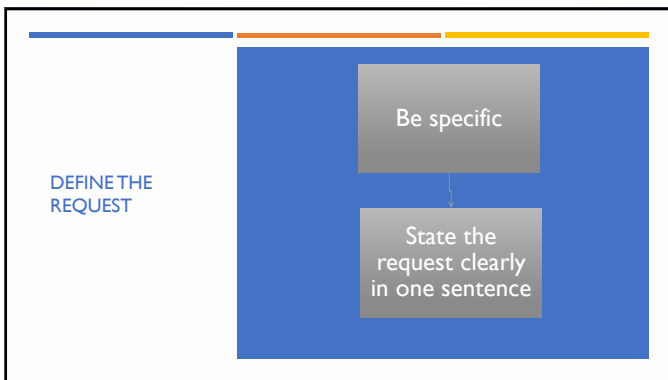
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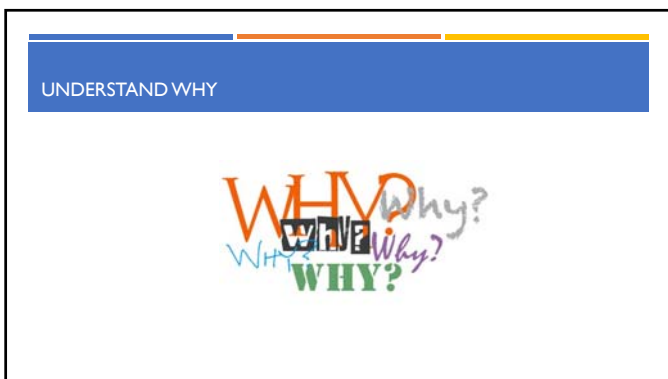
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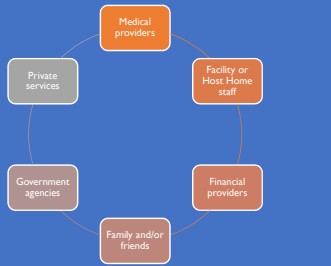
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### WHAT ARE MY INFORMATION SOURCES



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### APPLY INFORMATION AND ASK QUESTIONS



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### MAKE YOUR DECISION KNOWN



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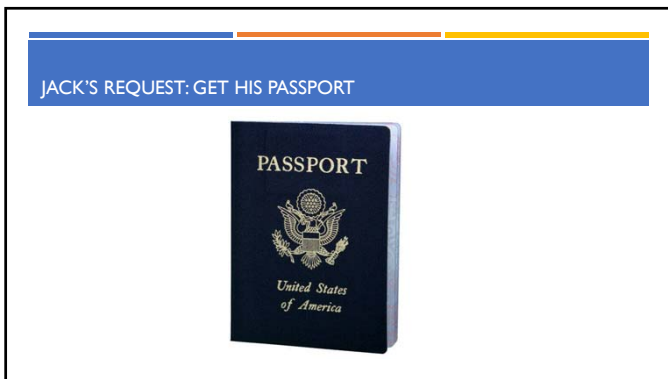
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MARY'S  
REQUEST:  
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JANE'S  
REQUEST:  
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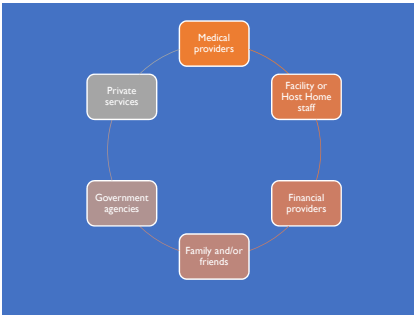
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WHAT ARE MY  
INFORMATION  
SOURCES



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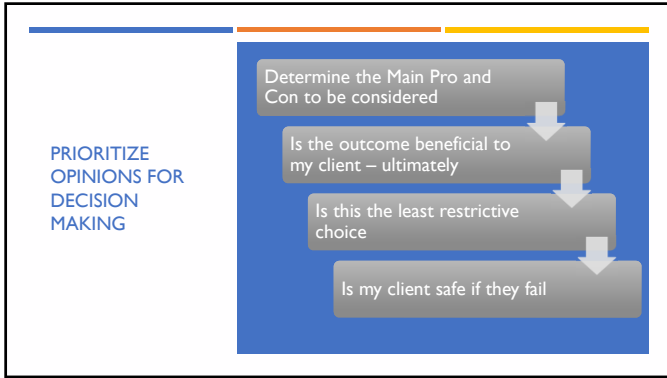
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JACK: PROS AND CONS

- Pro –He will have his second form of ID. (Remember this was the request)
- Con – The possibility of flight is real. He has means, has indicated desire and also has others that have influence on his decisions which appears to be detrimental to his well-being.

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MARY: PROS AND CONS

- Pro – She believes she will have a more positive body image.
- Con – There is a real possibility that she will lose ground in her substance abuse battle. This surgery is not **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**. There is no guarantee the Mary will be happy with the outcome of the surgery.

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JANE: PROS AND CONS

- Pro – Driving would be a big step towards increased independence.
- Con – The increased stress level and history of decompensating are big concerns along with the ability to make split second decisions while driving.

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JACK: PRIORITIZE INFORMATION

- Questions: Is the outcome, assisting him in getting a passport beneficial to him in the long run? He does have a state issued ID as well as his Medicare card. Does he have the funds to pay for the passport?
- Top Consideration: Is Jack unsafe if we pursue his passport?

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MARY: PRIORITIZE INFORMATION

- Is the outcome beneficial to her? Is it possible to pursue therapy around her body image issues rather than begin what may be a long road for surgery requests? Recovery from relapse.
- Top Consideration: This is not a medically necessary surgery and controlled pain medications will be part of the recovery.

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JANE: PRIORITIZE INFORMATION

- Questions: Will she be safe if this request is granted and she fails? Is she a flight risk? Is she ready for this kind of independence?
- Top Consideration: Is Jane able to moderate her stress level while driving?

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MAKE YOUR  
DECISION  
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