

Arizona APSE Chapter

Association of People Supporting Employment First

Mission: To expand inclusive employment opportunities for all people with disabilities through education, advocacy and legislative action.



Arizona Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) Statement Against SB1411 (Plain Language)

The Arizona Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) is against Senate Bill 1411. This bill would automatically make the primary caregiver of a minor child their legal guardian when the child turns 18. This is not fair because it takes away the young adult's ability to make their own decisions. Guardianship should only be given after careful consideration of the young adult's abilities and wishes.

The bill could also put vulnerable individuals at risk because it gives one person a lot of power without enough checks and balances. Some young adults may have other caregivers who would be better suited to serve as their guardian, like grandparents or siblings.

In short, SB1411 is a bad law that goes against the ideas of individual choice and freedom. We need to oppose it to protect the rights and well-being of young adults in Arizona.

Respectfully submitted by 2023 Arizona APSE Board of Directors