

Independent Facilitator

Learning Objectives

- Understand the roles, responsibilities, and training required for Independent Facilitators
- Understand the relationship between participants, financial management services providers, and regional centers

Roles and Responsibilities per statute (SB468)

- Helps participants explore different service options which can include a combination of paid and unpaid natural supports and services funded through their individual budget
 - Participants who elect not to work with Independent Facilitators may request that regional center service coordinators fulfill the role
- Receives training in the principles of self-determination, person-centered planning, and other responsibilities at his or her own cost

Roles and Responsibilities

- Chosen and directed by the participant
- Does not provide any other services to the participant, pursuant to his or her IPP
- Is not employed by an entity or person providing services to the participant
- Any fees are paid from a participant's individual budget
- Be familiar with state law and the federal Self-Determination Program Waiver.

May assist with:

- Allocating the individual budget based on needs identified in the Person-Centered Plan
- Locating, accessing and coordinating services
- Identifying immediate and long-term needs
- Advocating on behalf of the participant in the person-centered planning process and development of the IPP
- Obtaining services and supports

Other Relationships

- May be available during development of the participant's individual budget
- May advocate on behalf of the participant ensuring that service coordinators are aware of the individual's preferences
- May be a liaison to the regional center and Financial Management Services provider.

Discussion

