Statewide Enrollment

ENROLLMENT OF SDP PARTICIPANTS BY MONTH

922 SDP participants, including 73 pilot participants
Self-Determination Program

DDS is working on:

• Updating Directives and FAQs
  o Spending Plan FAQs
  o Regional Center/Local Advisory Committee Remaining Pilot Funds

• New guidance as needed
  o Purchasing Goods and Services
  o Home and Community Based Settings Requirements

• State Council for Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) funding for the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC)
Statewide Orientation

- State Council for Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) will develop plain language materials and provide initial Statewide orientation
- One or more contracts for Statewide Orientation materials and orientation
- RCs will provide information about orientation
Budget Act of 2021

Additional funds to Support SDP:
• Enhanced Transition Supports
• Participant Choice Specialists
• Statewide Orientation and related plain language materials
• Office of the SDP Ombudsperson
Other Statutory Changes

- **October 19, 2021** – DDS 2021 Trailer Bill Language (TBL) Overview Letter

- **Long-Term Sustainability**
  - Individual budget and Spending Plan review
  - Individual budget also considers cost effectiveness of services, and documents reason for budget changes
  - Assist consumers and families with Medi-Cal enrollment

- **Oversight and Accountability**
  - Standards and certifications for FMS and Independent Facilitators
  - Training for RC Service Coordinators, Participant Choice Specialists and Fair Hearing Coordinators about SDP
  - Strengthen Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

- **Performance Incentives Program**
  - Develop SDP benchmarks and outcome in areas such as timely enrollment, diversity of consumers and reduction of disparities

- **Increase Service Access and Equity and Reduce Disparities**
  - RC develop SDP outreach plans to underserved communities
  - Report individual budget data similar to POS data
Transition Supports - Current

Pre-transition supports:
• Developing a Person-Centered Plan
• Assistance with IPP and individual budget and developing spending plan
• Locating services needed to implement your IPP
• Department guidance on July 15, 2021

Pre-transition supports provided by:
• Family and friends
• Up to $2500 in funding from the regional center to hire someone to help you, such as an independent facilitator or an FMS
• Transition services and supports identified and/or funded by your Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
• Service Coordinator and Participant Choice Specialist
Exploring New Ways to Provide Transition Support

**Person-Centered Planning Services:** Define and establish guidance

**Transition Supports:** Available to all consumers moving to SDP
- Service Coordinator and Participant Choice Specialists can help support transition to SDP
- Self-advocates and families have the option to select someone else to support transition
- Transition services be eligible for federal matching funds
- Pre-enrollment access to Financial Management Supports (FMS) and Independent Facilitators
- Available without cost to the consumer

**Enhanced Transition Supports**
- The Budget Act 2021 provides funds for additional supports to help individuals and their families who need more help transitioning to SDP
Small Focus Group Recommendations

- Make it easy for individuals and families to access transition supports
- Every individual and family needs are different
  - Allow choice for transition supports that make sense
- Options for who can provide supports
  - Meet language and cultural needs
- Some consumers and families need more support than others
  - Allow flexibility to meet different needs
- Provide individual training for families who need additional time to understand SDP
Discussion: Help DDS Think About -

Transition Supports and Enhanced Transition Services

• What recommendations do you have?
• What type of supports?
• Who would benefit from or be eligible for enhanced transition supports?
• Any specific skills or qualifications individuals should have to successfully provide these services?
Resources

DDS Self-Determination Webpage:
Self-Determination Program (SDP) - CA Department of Developmental Services

Self-Determination Statute (WIC 4685.8): Law section (ca.gov)

Office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson Statute (WIC 4685.9): Law section (ca.gov)

Office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson:
Office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson - CA Department of Developmental Services

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