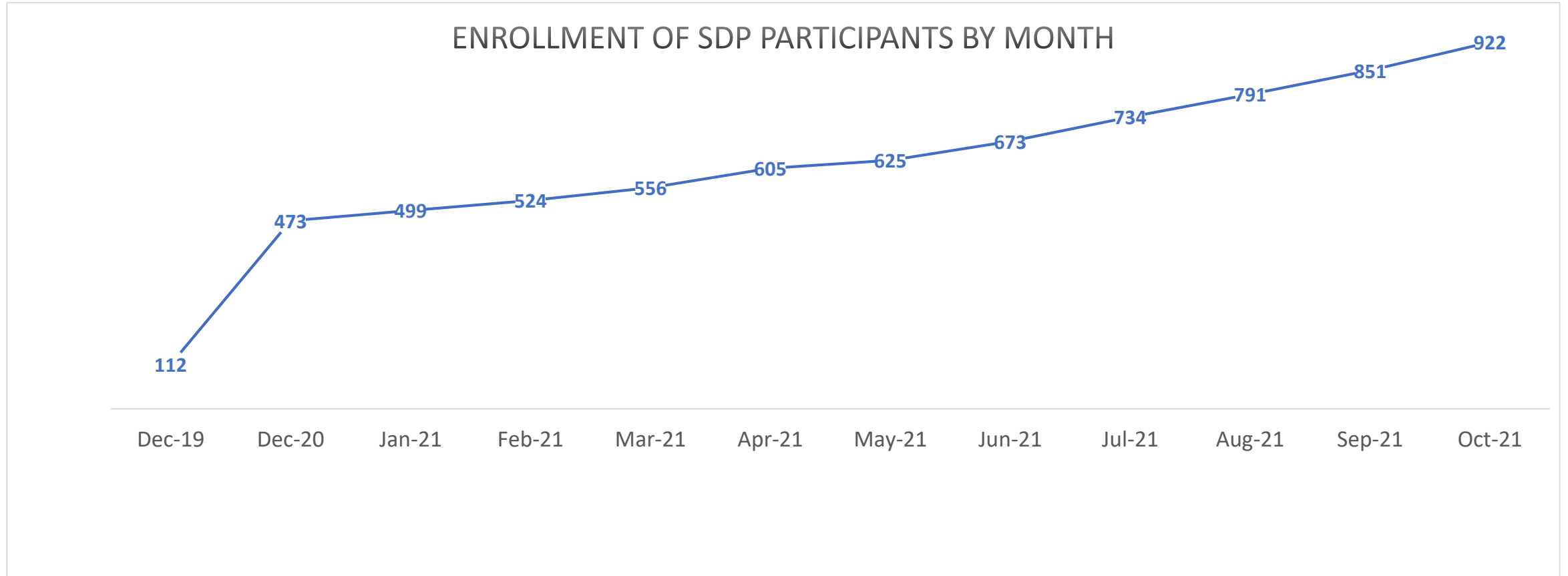


Department of Developmental Services SDP Update

Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee November 10, 2021



Statewide Enrollment

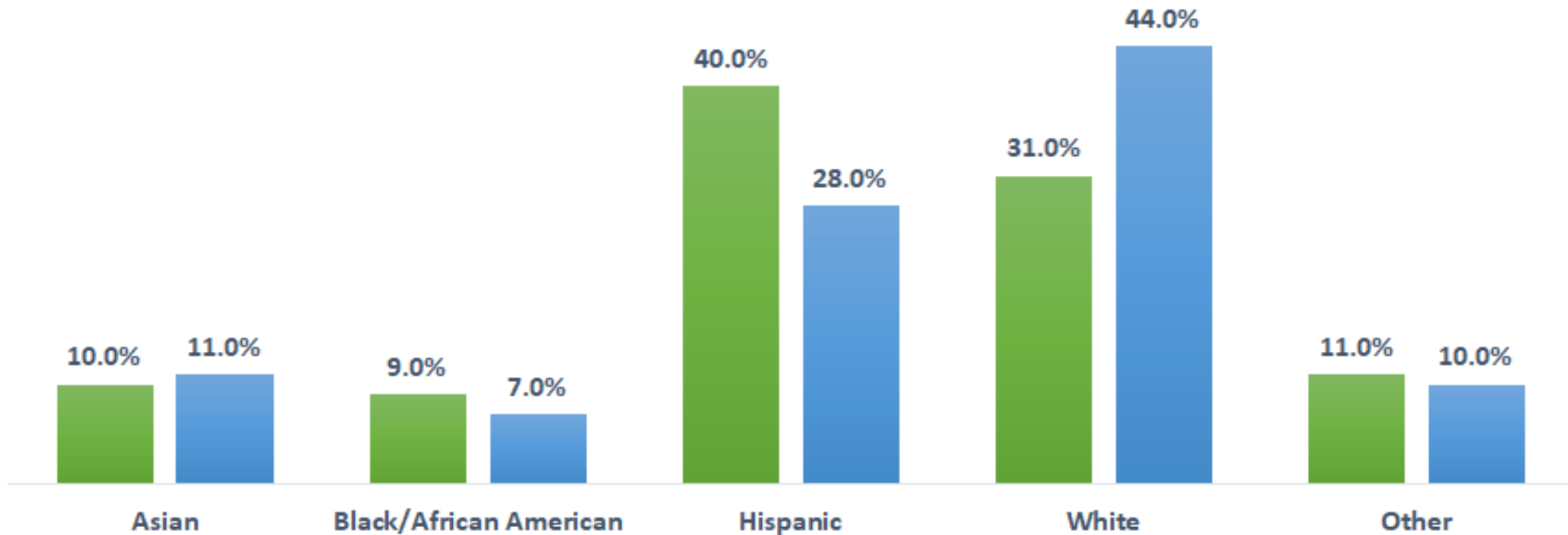


922 SDP participants, including 73 pilot participants

Enrollment by Ethnicity

Statewide Enrollment of Non-Pilot SDP Participants by Ethnicity

■ October All RC Consumers ■ October 2021 Enrollment



Self-Determination Program

DDS is working on:

- Updating Directives and FAQs
 - Spending Plan FAQs
 - Regional Center/Local Advisory Committee Remaining Pilot Funds
- New guidance as needed
 - Purchasing Goods and Services
 - 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

Transition Supports & Enhanced Transition Services

Feedback

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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