

## SDAC Application

**Unique ID: SDAC-237**

First Name: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED

County of Residence: **Ventura**

Phone: REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

Race/Ethnicity (Optional): White

Regional Center: Tri-Counties

I am a: Self-Advocate (Person with disability)

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**Has Your Name Been Selected To Participate In The Roll Out Of The Self-Determination Program?**

Yes

**How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?:**

I always have been my own advocate. If someone says no to me for something: equipment or supplies, I've always taken it up to the next level, and state it as something I need not want. I have a lot of patience when making my points. I've always been a good advocate. I'm not afraid to appeal. I have a mouth!

**What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?:**

I have been successful putting together Supported Living Services and have been able to create a true home for myself. I am also good at interacting with people of all ages, and I enjoy meeting with them and bringing out the best in them. I have developed these strong interpersonal skills through my career as a dj. I'd like to see greater opportunities for people to meet socially outside of there day services and residential programs, such as bowling together. When having to know about issues, I am happy to do the research, like I have done with Self Determination.

**Please describe any previous experience with Self-Determination and explain why you wish to serve on the Self-Determination Advisory Committee?:**

I became interested in Self Determination through information shared by SCDD Central Coast. I then received a flyer about Self Determination and attended an Informational Meeting. I decided then to enroll. Within a few months my SD Budget, Spending Plan, and IPP were approved. I plan to be fully in SD by February 2022 once I complete all the work to get my staff screened and ready to go.