

**REAL INPUT.**

**REAL IMPACT.**



# **State Plan Committee 2027- 2031 State Plan Public Comment Analysis**

# Public Comment Overview

- **Public Comment Period:**
  - Nov. 21, 2025 – Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - 45 Days
- **Total Survey Responses: 11**
- **Total Comments: 32**

# Positive Feedback



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“Right now, this so important. We need this now more than anything”

“I love this idea gives [Self-Advocates] them hope and determination”

“It is good to have measurable goals/objectives and your ideas sound great...”



# General Public Comment Themes



# General Themes: Non-Specific Language

“This seems kind of vague without tangible projects targeted..”

“I appreciate the measurable objectives you list above, but the goals and objectives are vague”

“Objective [2.1] does not specify the actual laws targeted so how does that help families know what is being done or focused upon?”

“How will the Council actually do this?”

# Why Non-Specific Language

- The 2027-2031 State plan intentionally uses broad language to ensure the Council can remain responsive to community needs in its projects and actions
- The Work Plan developed from the new State Plan will dive more deeply into specifics on what types of projects the council will design or build upon in order to achieve these objectives

# **General Themes: Lack of Language & Disparity Goal**

“Are the individuals representing California’s population or reflective of population demographics?”

“Include more self advocates and family members from all under-represented communities...”

“Just in English? [Is The Council] willing to commit to minimum number of events or people served in other languages?”

# The Council's ongoing Language and Disparity Efforts

- While the 2027-2031 State Plan does not have an explicit Language or Cultural Disparity objective as in previous years, The Council will continue to address through:
  - Making translation available for all its activities upon request
  - Offering trainings, TA, and activities in native languages whenever feasible
  - Continuing targeted outreach efforts to support unserved and underserved communities

**Activities offered in  
16 Languages in 2025**

**14 Underserved  
populations targeted  
in 2025**



# General Themes: Regional Center Systems & Services

“Regional centers deny identified needs and send individuals to hearings as a means to delay and deny requests”

“Regional centers need to have accountability and consequences for not following the law, their own policies and basic common sense”

“Better goal to me would be that by 2031, the Council will make sure that all regional center websites are user friendly ... [and] all regional centers provide consistent services so that consumers know what is available statewide in case they move

# Goal 2 & Regional Center

- The 2027-2031 State Plan aims to address Regional Center Systems and Services through its first Goal 2 Objective:
  - By 2031, the Council will develop, improve and/or change 40 practices, 25 policies, and 15 regulations (or guidance) and/or laws in the systems of **regional centers**, community-based services, education, and government entities
- While the Council would like to push for alignment of regional center services and websites, that level of specificity would be more appropriate as a project of the Council

# Emerging Issues to Be Escalated



# Emerging Issues: Statewide Service Consistency

“What someone might be able to get in Sacramento may not be available in Los Angeles”

“How about making POSs in regional center standardized so that consumers can become informed about what is available everywhere in case they need to move and so that there is consistency in what is offered?”

# Emerging Issues: Lack of Accessible Information

“The DDS directory is VERY antiquated.”

“Excel sheet format is not friendly AT ALL to families.”

“Regional center websites, employment WIOA partners and others do not have IDD friendly websites.”

“How can people advocate if the websites of organizations who are supposed to support consumers are not user friendly?”

# Consideration for the Committee



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“...How do you define "**effective self-advocates** ..." to meet this goal? That is very subjective language, kind of like the "appropriate" term found in the IDEA”

- The word "**effective**" was recommended by Feds
- Effectiveness is measured by post-training surveys which give advocates the opportunity to report on how Council activities have impacted their advocacy