

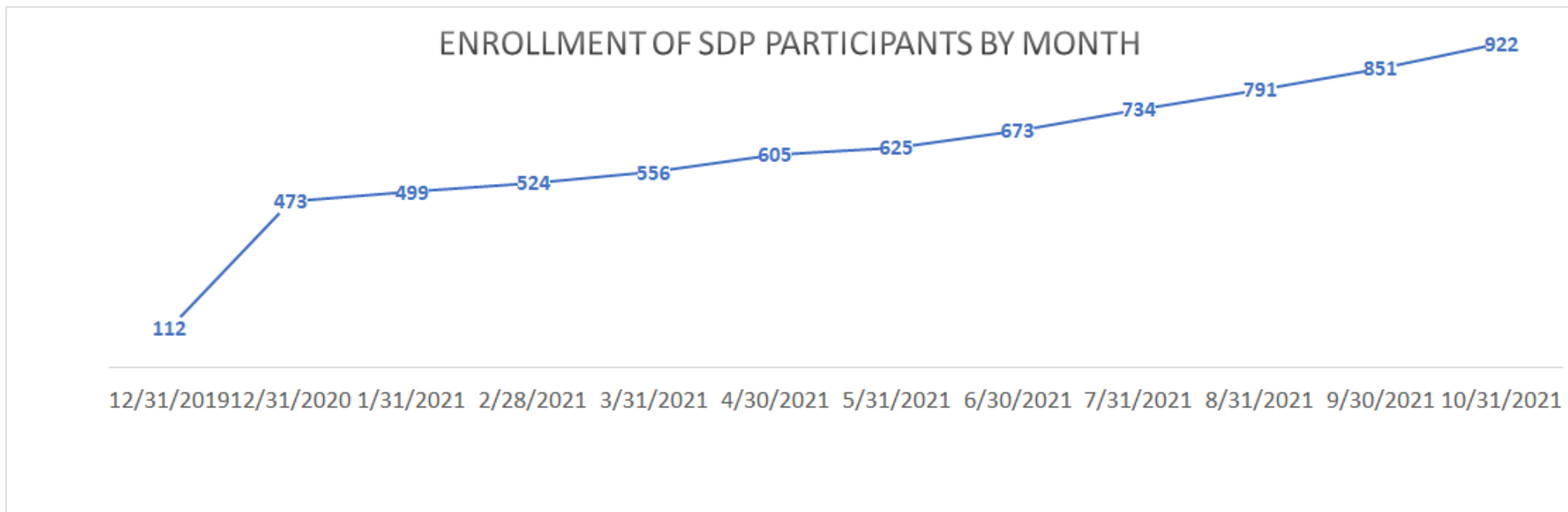
# DDS Update for the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

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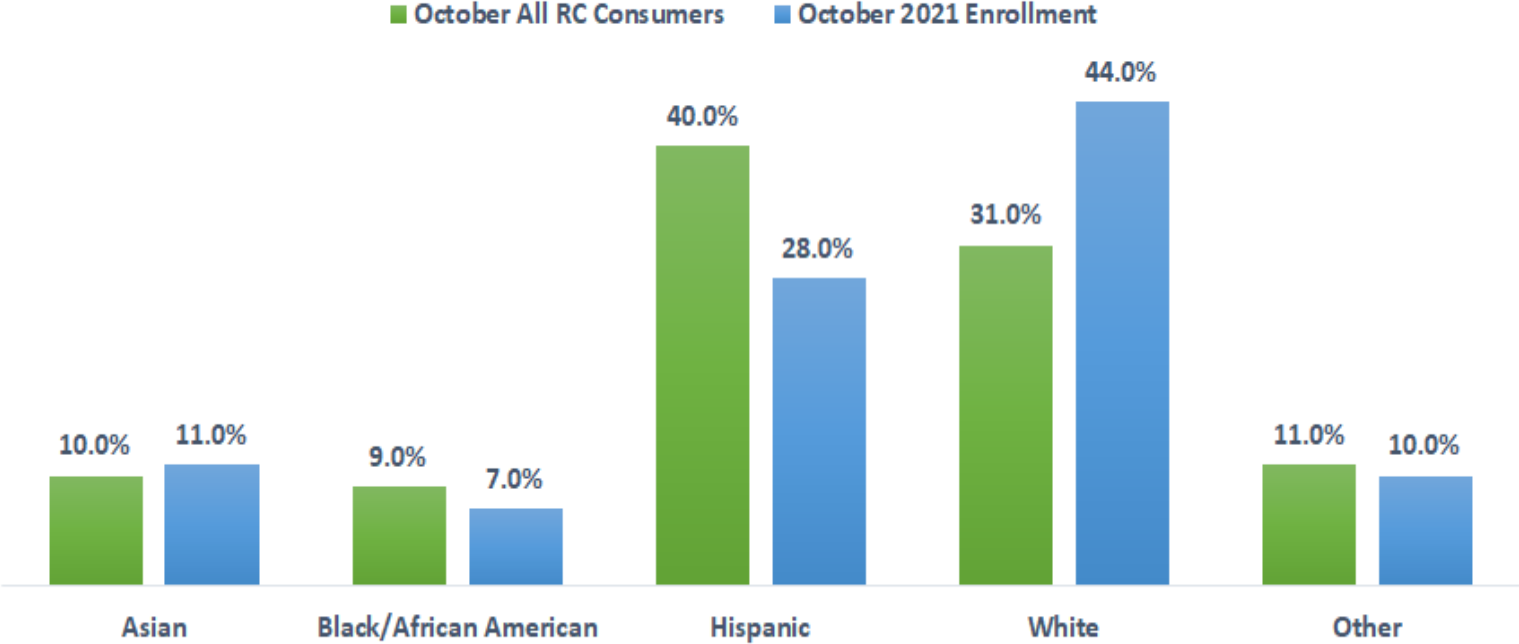
# Statewide Enrollment

922 participants are expected to be enrolled in and receiving services in the Self-Determination Program, including 73 pilot participants



# Ethnic Diversity

## Statewide Enrollment of Non-Pilot SDP Participants by Ethnicity



# Self-Determination Program

DDS is working on:

- Updating current Directives and FAQs
  - Updated Spending Plan FAQs
  - Regional Center/Local Advisory Committee Remaining Pilot Funds
- Developing 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 orientation in 2021-22

RCs will provide information about orientation

Future years: One or more contracts for materials and orientation.



## Budget Act of 2021



### **Additional funds to Support SDP:**

- Participant Choice Specialists
- Enhanced Transition Supports
- Statewide Orientation and related plain language materials
- Office of the Ombudsperson



# Other Statutory Changes

- Department letter on [October 19, 2021](#), provided an overview of July 2021 Trailer Bill Language
- **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

# Current Person-Centered Planning & Transition Supports

Pre-transition supports include:

- 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*



# New Ways to Provide Person Center Planning & Transition Supports

**Person-Centered Planning Services:** Available to all consumers—in SDP and traditional system

**Transition Supports:** Available to all consumers moving to SDP

- Service Coordinator can still help support transition to SDP
- Consumer has option to select someone else to support transition
- Transition services must be eligible for federal matching funds
- Available without cost to the consumer
- Consumers choose the kinds of supports they need and who provides the supports

## Enhanced Transition Supports

- The Budget Act 2021 provides funds for additional supports to help consumers and their families who need more help transitioning to SDP.

# Feedback About Transition Supports & Enhanced Transition Services

## Small Focus Group Recommendations:

- Make it easy for consumers and families to access transition supports
- Every consumer and family is different
  - Allow choice over 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
- Providing 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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