

# Independent Facilitator Services

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Meeting the needs of the Self-Determination  
Program Participants

## **Definition of a Independent Facilitator:**

A person or business entity who is hired by a Participant/Consumer to work & assist directly for and is directed by the Participant/Consumer of their Self-Determination Program.

# Duties of an Independent Facilitator

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The services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Participate in the person-centered planning process.
2. Identify immediate & long-term needs, preferences, goals and objectives of the participant for developing the IPP.

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3. Help Participants in SDP make informed decisions about their individual budgets.
4. Develop **options** to meet the identified immediate & long-term needs and access community services, generic resources and supports specified in the IPP.
5. When requested, Independent Facilitators can attend the various meetings with the Participant to assist in the Self-Determination Program process.

6. Help the Participant in coordinating both the Regional Center and the Financial Management Service (FMS) paperwork processes that are part of the Self-Determination Program.
7. **Advocate** on behalf of the participant in the person-centered planning process & development of the IPP.
8. Assist the Participant in trying to locate identified services & supports.

# Independent Facilitators:

1. **ARE NOT:** A replacement for the Participants Regional Center assigned Service Coordinator.
2. **ARE NOT:** ILS workers, Personal Care Assistants, Legal Advisors, Transportation Providers, Health/Medical Advisors or Social Workers.
3. **ARE NOT:** Employed to work for: the Regional Center, DDS, FMS or any other agencies working within the Self-Determination Program

**WE WORK FOR YOU!! the Participant.**

## Independent Facilitators

are here to help you make the most out of your  
**Self-Determination Program**



Home

DREAM YOUR  
Biggest & Brightest  
Future

Employment

Friendships

Community