

# **Self-Determination Program Local Volunteer Advisory Committee Implementation Fund Projects**

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# Who is Disability Voices United?

## It started with an idea

Pilot Project....

In 2012, six people met at a restaurant and sketched out a plan to provide individuals with disabilities more freedom, authority, and choice over their lives.

This idea became the Self-Determination Law signed October 9, 2013 by Governor Brown



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# Purpose of Implementation Funds

Intended role of the committees

# DDS Directive on How Funds Can Be Spent

- **Requirement of collaboration** between regional centers and LVACs. “Funds may only be expended after agreement is reached on local needs.”
- Maximize the ability of SDP participants to direct their own lives and ensure DDS and regional centers successfully implement the program
- **DDS must consult with community groups**, including the SSDAC, to prioritize use of funds to increase access, improve equity and reduce disparities, and implement the program.

*Source: November 17, 2023 DDS Directive*



# What Can Funds Be Spent On...

- **Recruitment and training** of person-centered planning and self-directed supports providers and independent facilitators, focusing on increasing language access
- **Joint training** for participants, families, regional centers, LVAC members and others, focusing on those underrepresented in the SDP
- Assistance with **spending plan development**
- **Collaborative groups/workshops** to foster ongoing, shared learning and problem-solving
- Can identify additional needs

*Source: November 17, 2023 DDS Directive*

# How Decisions Should Be Made and Reported

- LVAC and RC jointly assess and agree on local needs
- Listing should be developed of priority areas that will be funded
- Must estimate amount of each area
- LVAC and RC must jointly report to DDS:
  - Priorities agreed upon
  - Estimated amounts of funding for each priority
  - Description of how decisions were made
- Note: changes can be made but must still abide by directive

*Source: November 17, 2023 DDS Directive*

# Disability Voices United Projects

**01**

Informational Materials

**02**

Committee Training & Planning

**03**

Support Groups

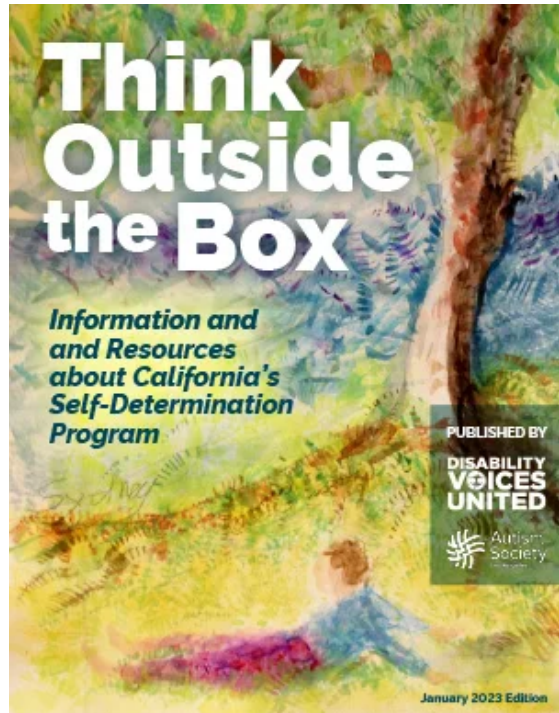
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Group Trainings

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Conferences and Resource Fairs

# Disability Voices United LVAC Projects



- **Books**
  - Thousands provided to participants, families, and staff
- **Handouts**
  - plain language
- **Independent Facilitator Handbook**



# Disability Voices United LVAC Projects

## Committee Training:

- Committee Organization and background
- Committee Roles:
  - Review development of program progress
  - Ensure advancement of SDP Principles
  - Make recommendations to regional center and DDS
- Member Roles

## Committee-Centered Plan:

- Create an actionable plan

# Disability Voices United LVAC Projects

## Support Groups

- Share experiences and tips
- Give advice and useful information
- Create a sense of community
  - Feel understood and supported
- Connect participants to services
- Advertising/Administration
- Interpretation
- Share feedback with LVAC

## Disability Voices United LVAC Projects

### Customized Training

Technology, Getting Unstuck, Choosing the right FMS, Spanish Person-Centered Planning, Spanish Frequently Asked Questions...and more

- Curriculum Development
- Advertising
- Interpretation
- Handouts
- Training Recordings

# Disability Voices United LVAC Projects

## Conferences and Resource Fairs

- Inland Regional Center, Westside Regional Center, North Los Angeles County Regional Center
  - Micro-Enterprise Market
  - Expert Speaker Panels
  - Exhibitors
  - App for ticketing, registration, exhibitor information
  - Interpretation

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