

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR BUDGET-RELATED ADVOCACY

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# Purpose<sub>1</sub>

- Share guiding principles developed to support the California Legislature and state agencies in making Medicaid-related budget decisions

# Purpose<sub>2</sub>

- Highlight a framework rooted in equity, transparency, and community inclusion, combining SCDD's core values with the California Health and Human Services Agency's (CA HHS) guiding principles

# Purpose<sub>3</sub>

- Combining SCDD core values and HHS Principles together:
  - Bridge values with practical actions
  - Ensure consistency across state departments
  - Help agencies balance fiscal responsibility with human impact

# Align with SCDD Core Values

- Every budget decision should strengthen:
  - Independence
  - Inclusion
  - Self-determination and
  - Quality of life for people with developmental disabilities

# Align with SCDD Policy Priorities

- Decisions should focus on SCDD's priorities:
  - Civil rights
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Housing
  - Safety and
  - Quality supports in the community



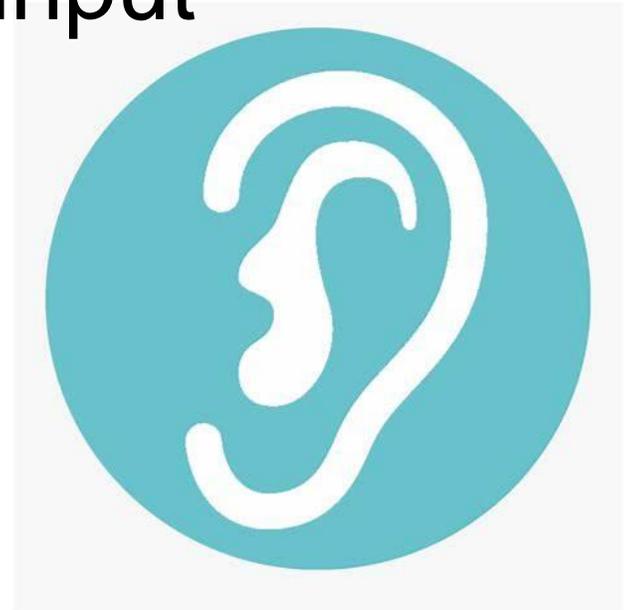
# Focus on Equity

- Make equity central to all budget decisions
- Remove barriers so identity does not dictate health or opportunity



# Actively Listen, Learn, and Understand

- Engage directly with individuals, families, and communities to shape policies that meet real needs
  - Must be opportunities for meaningful input
    - Town halls
    - Advisory committees
    - Work groups



# Use Data to Drive Action & Mitigate Harm

- Use data to understand needs, measure results, and prevent unintended harm
  - Data aren't just numbers, data are a tool for accountability and improvement
  - Monitoring helps avoid policies that unintentionally hurt people



# See the Whole Person

- Recognize people's full lives and design programs that meet diverse cultural, social, economic, and service needs
  - This ensures person-centered systems that are integrated and holistic, and avoid siloing
    - Cost shifting vs costs savings
- Supports dignity and autonomy



# Cultivate a Culture of Innovation

- Encourage creative, collaborative solutions to serve diverse and emerging needs
- It's not just tech, it's flexibility, partnerships, and responsiveness
  - Cross-agency collaboration is critical



THANK YOU!  
QUESTIONS?

