



CA STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

WORKING TO MAKE CALIFORNIA THE BEST PLACE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

POLICY ON INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATIONS

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Executive Summary

SCDD supports access to individualized communication systems and supports, including spelling and typing to communicate, that reflect each person's needs, preferences, and chosen ways of communicating.

Policy

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) recognizes communication as fundamental to dignity, self-determination, choice, inclusion, and participation.

SCDD supports access to individualized communication systems and supports, including spelling and typing to communicate, that reflect each person's needs, preferences, and chosen ways of communicating. SCDD believes services to support communication should be supported and paid for by the services system.

Communication and services should not be automatically rejected solely because assistance is used or because the communication method is disputed.

Decisions should be individualized and consider the person, method, support, and context. The process should center the person's choices, authorship, and control.

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