

Vendored Financial Management Services Providers Available

As participants are planning and moving forward in the Self-Determination Program (SDP), a critical support is the Financial Management Services (FMS) provider. The FMS is the only required service in SDP. The FMS is required to be vendored through a regional center. As of this date, there are FMS providers who are vendored and available to provide services. More are working toward vendorization soon. During this initial implementation, regional centers are working with providers to become vendored so participants can have an array of choices.

The Department has posted Financial Management Services (FMS) provider contact information for each regional center, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/>



Harbor Regional Center SDP Resource Fair

Harbor Regional Center recently hosted a workshop on Person-Centered Planning followed by a Resource Fair for SDP participants. There were approximately fifty SDP participants in attendance. The resource fair included representatives from FMS agencies and other community resources. Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee (SDAC) Chair Linda Chan Rapp shared that HRC was very responsive to SDAC members' ideas when planning the day's events, "the idea to invite (the speaker) came from the committee," she stated, "the nuts and bolts of vision, organization, child care, set up, legwork and planning was all Harbor Regional Center!"

Read more about SDP at HRC on their website at <http://www.harborrc.org/services/sdp>

Learn more about the activities of your Regional Center Local Advisory Committee by contacting your Regional Center.

Question of the Day

Q. Can I live in a group home and be a participant in SDP?

A. Individuals who live in Community Care Facilities (CCF) or Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) are eligible for participation in SDP. The CCF or ARF will require an assessment to ensure the site is in compliance with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule regarding choice and inclusion in the community. Read more about the Final Rule at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/docs/HCBSRegsOverview.pdf>

Individuals who live in a licensed long-term health care facility (i.e., a Skilled Nursing Facility or Intermediate Care Facility) who express interest in SDP through the person-centered planning process, can request that the regional center begin making arrangements for their transition to SDP provided that he or she is reasonably expected to transition to the community within 90 days. Read more on the DDS website SDP FAQ page at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/faq.cfm>

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF-DETERMINATION?

- ◆ Visit the Self-Determination Page of the DDS website at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/>
- ◆ Attend a Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting, contact your Regional Center or Local State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Regional Office