

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rules CONCEPT PROPOSAL

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Existing regional center vendors may receive funding to make changes to service settings and/or programs to help them come into compliance with the HCBS rules. To be considered for funding, vendors must complete and submit this form and the Provider Compliance Evaluation form by October 1, 2016, to the regional center with which it has primary vendorization.

This form may not exceed three pages and must be kept in Arial 12-point font. The narrative should link to the federal requirement that is not being met. The Provider Compliance Evaluation should guide the narrative. The results of the Evaluation should be clearly laid out in the narrative. Additionally, the narrative should describe how the funding would achieve compliance. Concept proposals should be developed with a person-centered approach, with proposed changes/activities focused on the needs and preferences of those who receive services. The estimated budget and timeline need not be detailed at this point but must include all major costs and benchmarks.

More information on the HCBS rules and this form can be found at:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/>

Vendor and vendor number	New Living Options, HJ2715
Primary regional center	Inland Regional Center
Service type and code	ADC, 510
Number of consumers currently serving	21
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	Individuals do not currently have opportunities to seek competitive integrated employment
Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of compliance; include justification for funding request	<p>New Living Options is seeking to employ a career counselor to identify opportunities for our clients to gain competitive integrated employment. This will allow our clients to gain employment within their community if they choose.</p> <p>The counselor will assist in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop career interests: Many of our clients lack realistic information on which to base their job interests. The career counselor will identify volunteer opportunities or short term job trials to develop a career preference for our clients.- Identify transferable skills. The counselor will create a strategy to identify, develop and maintain vocational skills that our clients can transfer to new job opportunities.- Secure employment opportunities. The counselor will network with community businesses to identify employment opportunities in the community.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Facilitate interviews. Practice interviewing skills with clients to ensure they feel comfortable during that process. <p>Career counselors will also intervene as necessary to ensure our client has a successful transition to new employment opportunities.</p>
Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks—attachments are acceptable	1 Career Counselor per 30 clients. Hourly rate for career counselor: \$14/hour Wages, benefits plus employer costs: \$36,000/ year
Requested funding for 2016-17	\$36,000/ per career counselor
Estimated timeline for the project	Hire and train career counselor: 2-4 months