

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

**Enclosure C**

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	Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Community Skills Development Program H32043
Primary regional center	Tri-Counties Regional Center
Service type and code	Adult Day Program 515
Number of consumers currently serving	12
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	Our community lacks day program supports for those with challenging behaviors. Many of these individuals cannot tolerate being at a day program site for any length of time and programs do not have the resources to support them in the community. With individuals being moved out of Developmental Centers and in to the community, the need for skilled community based behavior programs only increases. Devereux currently supports 12 people in the Community Skills Development Program, a site based Behavior Management Program. However, the individuals in our program would be better served if they could access the community more frequently. With more resources we would also be able to support other individuals who are interested in or require more community based supports.
Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of compliance; include justification for funding request	Devereux is out of compliance with <b><u>Federal Requirement #1:</u></b> <i>The setting is integrated in and supports full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCB Services to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCB Services.</i>

	<p>While the Community Skills Development Program does allow for access to the community and choice of activities it cannot give each participant these opportunities as much as they would like or would be beneficial to them. All 12 participants do not have the opportunity to be fully engaged in community life or participate in community programs.</p> <p>In order to achieve our goal of compliance with Federal Requirement #1, which would allow options for more community based services, we would require an additional vehicle. The behavioral challenges of the individuals we support may make it unsafe for them, the staff or other community members to use public transportation. Also, a van would allow us to participate in different types of activities that may not traditionally be accessible by public transportation. Having an additional vehicle will assist the staff in de-escalating a potentially serious/injurious situation if they could quickly remove the person from a stimulating environment to a quieter space. With that in mind, it would be beneficial if our vehicles had calming activities for people to engage in if they are overstimulated. These activities could assist the person in calming and returning to the community activity in which they were previously participating. This would reduce the need for the staff and individuals to return to the site as often and increase the amount of time spent participating in community events.</p> <p>Also, transporting people with challenging behaviors can put the staff at risk for injury due to aggression. In order to maintain everyone's safety we would also like to purchase protective equipment for the vehicles. This would decrease the risk of injury to staff if there was an incident of aggression while in the vehicle.</p>
<p>Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks— attachments are acceptable</p>	<p>\$25,00-\$30,00 for a minivan                  \$3,000 for protective equipment for staff (bite guard sleeves, back braces, knee braces)                  \$2,000 for sensory items to help de-escalate in the community or the van (iPad, weighted blanket/vests, sensory toys)</p>
<p>Requested funding for 2016-17</p>	<p>Up to \$35,000</p>
<p>Estimated timeline for the project</p>	<p>Could be completed within in 3 months of the application being granted.</p>