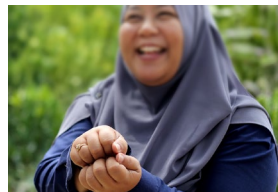


Developmental Services Task Force Meeting

January 18, 2022



HOUSEKEEPING



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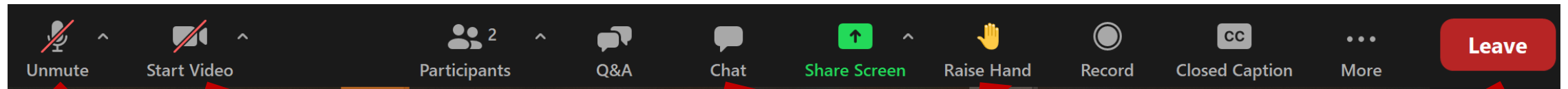


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ZOOM TIPS



Unmute mic only when it's your turn to speak



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All attendees can type questions/comments in the Q&A

Chat is available for Workgroup members only

Workgroup members can raise your hand when you want to speak

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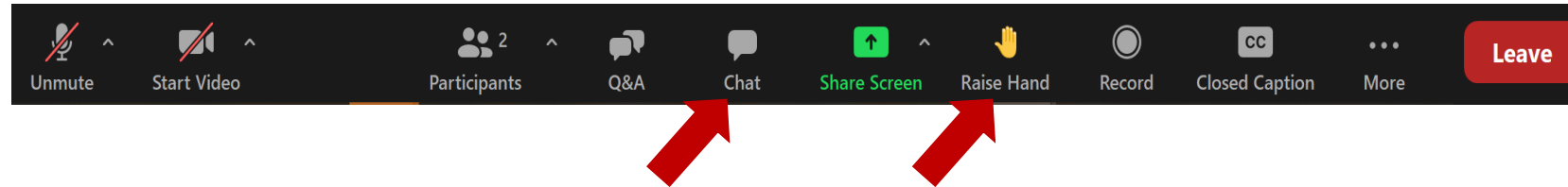
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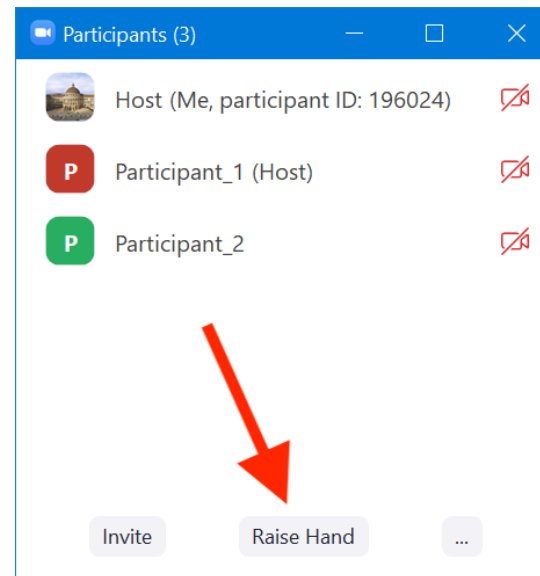
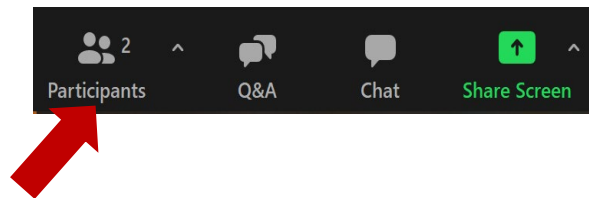
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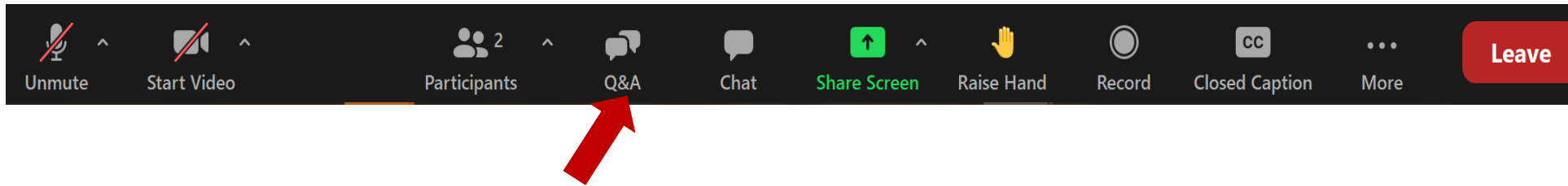


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PROVIDING COMMENTS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

For all attendees not on the Workgroup: Please use Zoom's Q&A function to comment



Please let DDS staff respond to the Q&A – we are monitoring and will provide comments/answers live or written when we can



Submit written comment via email to dstaskforce@dds.ca.gov

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. COVID Update
- III. Budget Overview
- IV. DDS Updates
 - 1) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spending Plan
 - 2) Early Start Part C American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - 3) Self Determination Program (SDP)
- V. Vision Statement
- VI. Guiding Principles
- VII. Closing Comments

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

- Individuals can order online at www.covidtests.gov
- Ordering starts **TODAY, January 18**
- Every home in U.S. can order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests from this website
- **Tests are free** and will be shipped directly to your home by the U.S. Postal Service within 7-10 days



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Examples include masks, gloves, or hand sanitizer

- If you are able to buy them yourself, please try to do so.
- If you cannot buy them yourself, and you: receive regional center services, are family of someone who does, or are a service provider agency, then please ask your regional center.
- If you are a regional center, please ask your local county public health or OES agency. If unavailable locally, please contact the DDS Emergency Officer.

Budget Overview



DDS BUDGET

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT

Sacramento and Costa Mesa

STATE-OPERATED SERVICES

STAR/CAST and State Facilities

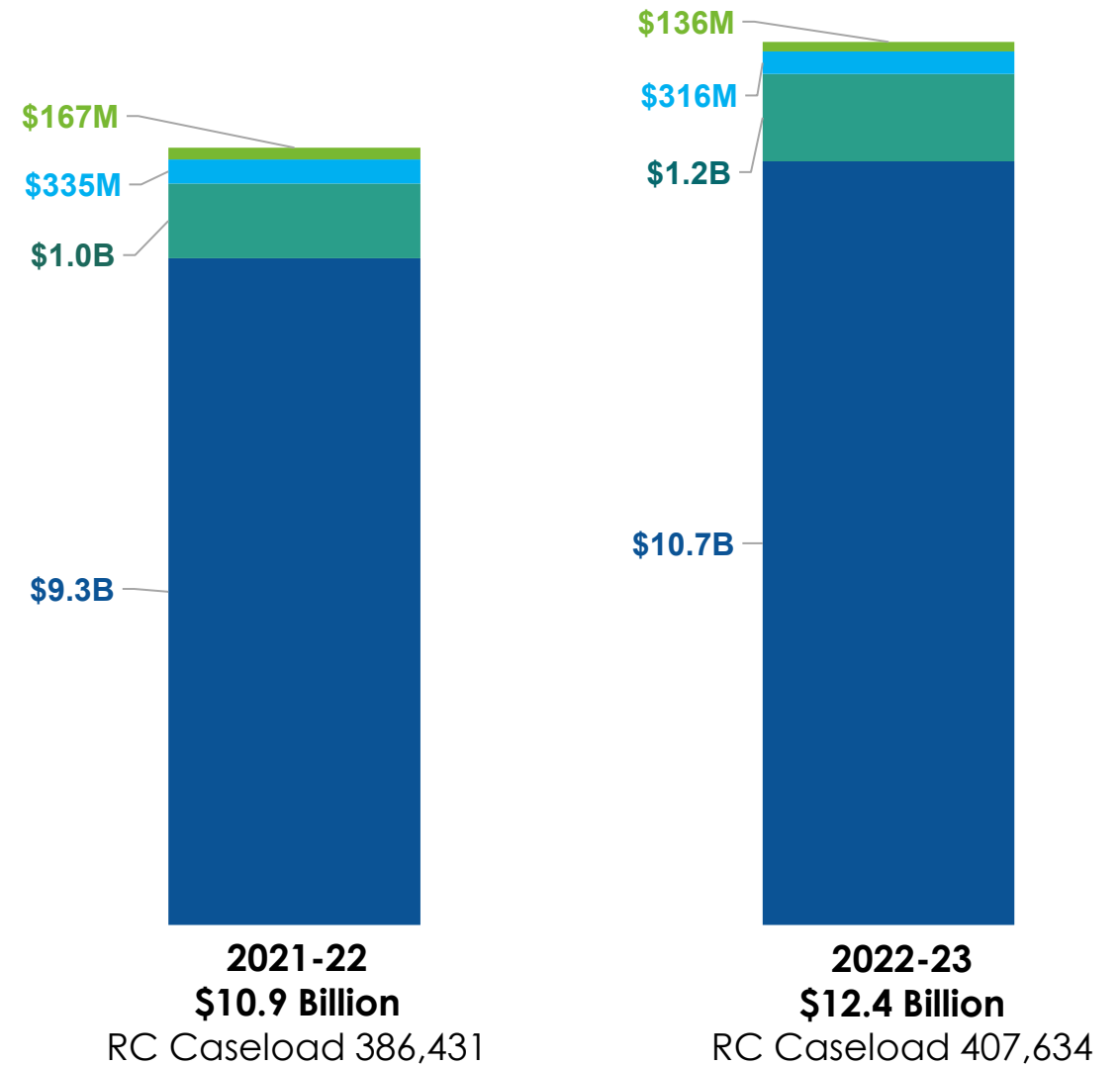
REGIONAL CENTER (RC) OPERATIONS

Intake & eligibility, service coordination & administrative functions

REGIONAL CENTER PURCHASE OF SERVICE (POS)

IPP services and Community Resource Development

May not reflect exact amounts due to rounding



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Home and Community-Based Services Spending Plan, \$1.6B Total Funds through March 2024:

- Rate Model Implementation \$1.4B
- Social Recreation & Camp Services \$121.1M
- Language Access & Cultural Competency \$45.8M
- Coordinated Family Supports \$41.7M (Pilot)
- Enhanced Community Integration for Children & Adolescents \$12.5M (Grant)
- Information Technology Modernization \$7.5M (Planning)



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Early Start Part C, \$24M through January 2024

- Family Wellness \$7.0M (Pilot)
- Develop Culturally & Linguistically Sensitive Services \$4.5M
- Outreach \$4.2M
- Technology \$1.3M
- Technical Assistance & Monitoring \$0.5M (DDS – HQ)
- Initiatives in Collaboration with CDE \$6.5M

REGIONAL CENTER OPERATIONS: 2022-23 UPDATED POLICIES

- Performance Incentives Program, \$87.5M (\$83.8M increase)
 - RC Service Coordinators & caseload ratio reduction
- DSP Workforce Training & Development, \$16.2M (\$11.9M increase)
- Enhanced Service Coordination for Low-No POS, \$14.2M (\$1.4M increase)
- Specialized Home Monitoring, \$10.2M (\$1.9M increase)
- Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility, \$8.1M (\$0.5M increase)
- Specialized Caseload Ratio for Complex Needs, \$4.4M (\$0.2M increase)
- RC Emergency Coordinators, \$2.5M (\$0.5M increase)

Reflects total funds for budget year compared to updated current year

PURCHASE OF SERVICES: 2022-23 UPDATED POLICIES

- Service Provider Rate Reform, including quality incentive payment, \$554.2M (\$427.1M increase)
- SB 3 Minimum Wage Increase, \$4.1M
- Social Recreation & Camp Services, \$49.0M (\$19.6M increase)
- START Services, \$17.9M (\$1.3M increase)
- Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility, \$17.4M (\$1.2M increase)

Reflects total funds for budget year compared to updated current year

REGIONAL CENTERS & DDS: 2022-2023 NEW POLICIES

Children's Support and Early Start Coordination, \$65.5M

- Reduced caseload ratios for children through age 5, [\\$51.1M](#)
- Resources to increase preschool inclusion of children served by RCs, [\\$10.0M](#)
- IDEA Technical support for service coordinators, [\\$3.2M](#)
- DDS HQ*: Coordinating and monitoring activities, [\\$1.2M](#)

Communications assessments for consumers who are deaf, \$15M

Subminimum wage phase-out pilot, \$8.4M

- New Service Model, [\\$8.2M](#) (3-Year Pilot)
- DDS HQ*: Workload associated with phase-out implementation plan, [\\$0.2M](#)

Federal Compliance, \$1.7M

- Screening activities RCs/providers, [\\$0.5M](#) (screening & background checks)
- DDS HQ*: SDP & HCBS monitoring, State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) contract, [\\$1.2M](#)

Reflects total funds for budget year

BCPs & STATE OPERATED FACILITIES

DDS BCPs

- Reimbursement System Project, \$6.5M
- Electronic Visit Verification Phase II, DDS share \$5.9M
- Administrative Support-STAR Homes, \$1.0M
- Information Security Staffing Support, \$0.9M
- Clinical Monitoring, \$0.7M
- Safety Net Program Support, \$0.6M

State Operated Facilities

- Continue Warm Shutdown, \$18.2M
- Retention Stipend Carryover, \$0.5M
- Control Section Adjustments, \$0.5M
- BCP: Capital Outlay for Porterville Sprinklers, \$3.9M reappropriation

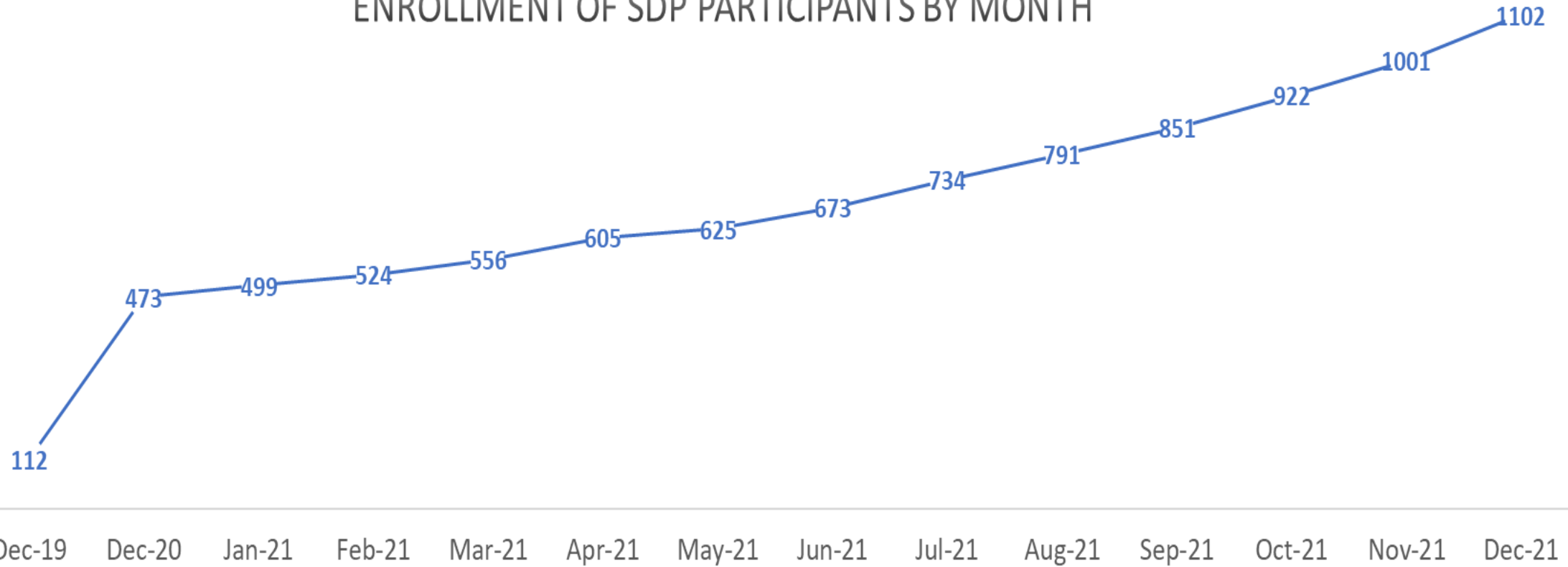
**Budget Change Proposals (BCPs)*

Self-Determination Program



SDP STATEWIDE ENROLLMENT

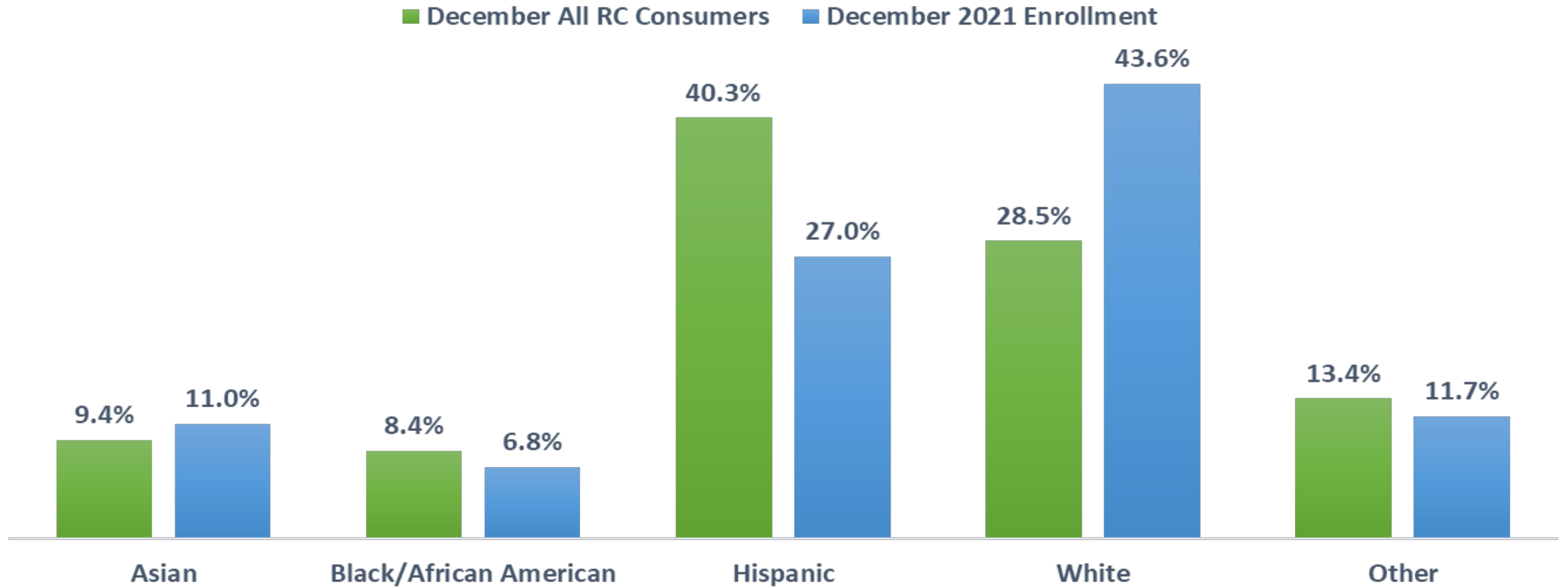
ENROLLMENT OF SDP PARTICIPANTS BY MONTH



1102 SDP participants, including 76 pilot participants

SDP ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY

Statewide Enrollment of SDP Participants by Ethnicity



OTHER SDP UPDATES

October 2021 – [DDS 2021 Trailer Bill Language Overview Letter](#)

- Increase Service Access & Equity and Reduce Disparities
- Establish the SDP Ombudsperson Office
- Oversight and Accountability
- Regional Center Performance Incentive Program

November 2021

- [Updated FAQs](#)
- [Budget Template](#)

OFFICE OF THE SDP OMBUDSPERSON

- Acting Ombudsperson: Katie Hornberger
 - Effective October 12, 2021
- Office Information
 - Website: [Office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)
 - Phone Number: (877) 658-9731
 - Email Address: SDP.Ombudsperson@dds.ca.gov
- Office will have 6 staff members
 - Ombudsperson position will be re-advertised statewide
 - Other staff position advertisements are posted.
Click “Careers” at the top of www.dds.ca.gov

OFFICE OF THE SDP OMBUDSPERSON

Two months of providing service, the office handled:

- 91 Contacts
 - 52 direct emails
 - 21 phone calls
 - 18 web form
- Status of Contacts
 - 54 closed contacts
 - 37 open contacts
- Topics of Closed Contacts
 - SDP General Information - 18
 - Budgets - 25
 - Spending Plans - 16
 - Financial Management Services (FMS) - 10
 - Non SDP Related - 7
 - Other topics – 15

VISION STATEMENT DISCUSSION

Vision: A person-centered developmental disabilities service system comprised of a community network which respects each individual's beliefs, values, attitudes, choices, needs, cultural and language preferences, that leads to high-quality and equitable service delivery.

Guiding Principles



TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE - SAVE THE DATE(S)

- **January 20** – RC Measures Workgroup
- **January 24** – Employment Workgroup
- **January 25** – EVV Monthly Stakeholder Meeting
- **January 28** – SDP Stakeholder Meeting

- **February 1** – Quality Incentives Program Workgroup
- **February 10** – Combined OAT & SAE Workgroup
- **February 23** – Safety Net Workgroup
- **February TBD** - Full DS Task Force

Ongoing: Information on all public stakeholder meetings (with registration links) can be found on the DDS website at: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/calendar/>

CLOSING COMMENTS

