Developmental Services Task Force Meeting

April 19, 2022





HOUSEKEEPING



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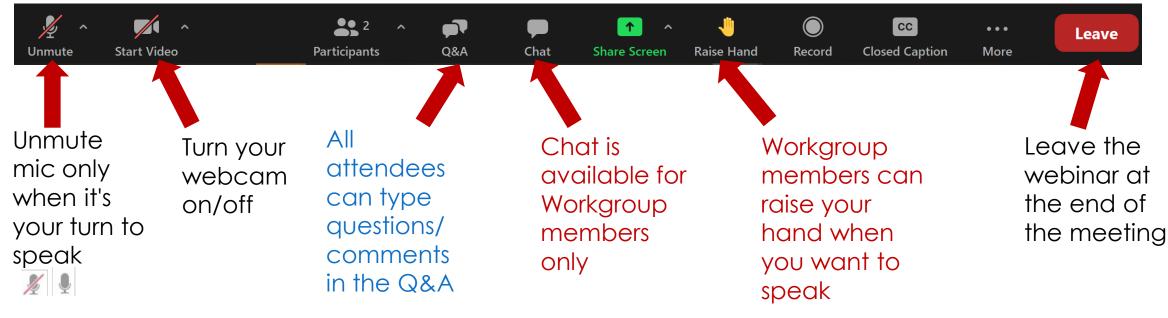


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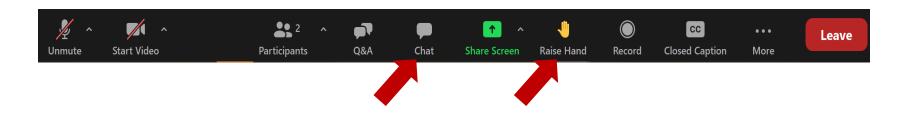
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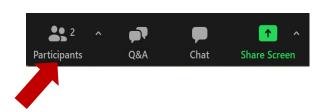
PROVIDING COMMENTS – WORKGROUP MEMBERS

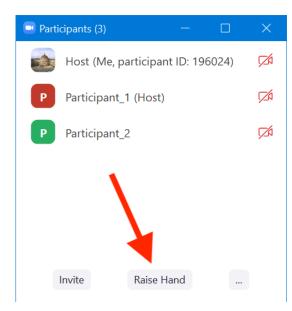
Workgroup Members: Please use the "Chat" or "Raise Hand" to comment



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can "Raise Hand"





AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review Agenda & Handouts
- III. Vision Statement
- IV. DDS Updates & Member Discussions
 - 1) Operationalizing Workgroup Recommendations
 - 2) Policy Initiatives Workgroups
 - 3) Self Determination Program (SDP)
 - 4) DSP Workforce Survey Launch
- V. Future Meeting Dates
- VI. Closing Comments

VISION STATEMENT

<u>Vision</u>: People with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience respect for their culture and language preferences, their beliefs, values, needs, choices, and goals, from a person-centered service system made up of a network of community agencies that provide high quality, outcome-based and equitable services.

<u>Visión</u>: Las personas con discapacidades intelectuales y del desarrollo serán respetadas por sus preferencias culturales y lingüísticas, creencias, valores, necesidades, decisiones y metas, apoyados por un sistema de servicios centrado en las personas formado por una red de agencias comunitarias que brindan servicios de alta calidad con resultados y servicios equitativos.

Operationalizing DS Task Force (DSTF) Recommendations



EXCERPTS FROM DS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Shift system from utilization-based towards outcome-focused <u>System & Fiscal</u> and <u>OAT</u>
- Develop a sustainable, flexible rates system <u>Rates and System & Fiscal</u>
- Explore new service models based on flexibility & individual needs; provide more information on housing options to families <u>Community Resources - CPP/CRDP</u>
- Focus on prevention; increase # of specialized providers & well-trained staff, create more accessible mobile crisis services <u>Safety Net</u>
- Increase employment opportunities/education, use of innovative practices, blended services & flexibility <u>Community Services – Employment</u>
- Provide cultural & linguistic competency training to RCs & providers, support with plain language and preferred language resources, consider improvements to the appeal process <u>Service Access & Equity</u>

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES ALIGNED WITH DSTF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Developing RC Measures and Quality Incentives
- Implementation of Rate Adjustments
- Developing Coordinated Family Support Services
- Expansion of state-operated STAR homes
- Expansion of Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources and Treatment (START) teams
- Establishing Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Developing a Standardized RC "Intake Packet"
- Establishing DSP Workforce Training & Development
- Establishing DSP Bilingual Differential
- Increased collaboration (DDS, EDD, DOR) and establishment of Employment Grants
- Providing Implicit Bias Training for regional centers
- Enhancing strategies to support individuals who are deaf
- Enhancement and evaluation of Service Access & Equity Grant program
- Establishing Community Navigator Program
- Enhancing Early Start outreach with tribal engagement
- Full list of DDS 2021-22 Budget Initiatives

EMPLOYMENT WORKGROUP



MEETINGS

- First meeting held on December 13, 2021 with 36 stakeholder members
- Monthly meetings in January, February, March
- Next meeting scheduled for April 25



PURPOSE

- Improve access to services that lead to Competitive Integrated Employment
- Increase pathways to employment
- Improve employment outcomes



CURRENT FOCUS

- Recommendations for the \$10M Employment Grants priority areas, proposed project types & measures
- Present data
- Presentations from state department partners



FUTURE FOCUS

- Present additional data
- Incorporate employer perspectives
- Continue broader discussions about recommendations to advance employment

Regional Center Measures



RC MEASURES WORKGROUP TIMELINE

Measures: Identify priorities* Benchmarks. Review & initial draft of Kickoff meeting, meaningful recommendations Training & purpose & potential comparisons, & for measures & background variations* education benchmarks measures. Nov. 2021 **Sept. 2021** Mar. 2022 May 2022 Jan. 2022 Oct. 2021 Dec. 2021 Feb. 2022 **April 2022** Review Federal & Guiding principles Incentives & Finalize Other LTSS HCBS & timeline methodology* recommendations; measure evaluate measures & programs* incentives Measure selection effectiveness* & initial recommendations

* From WIC 4620.5(c)

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RC MEASURES

Discussed during March 30 & April 13 RC Measures Workgroup meetings:

Recommended Performance Measures and Incentives

<u>Recomendaciones Para Medidas e Incentivos de Desenpeño</u>

Quality Incentives



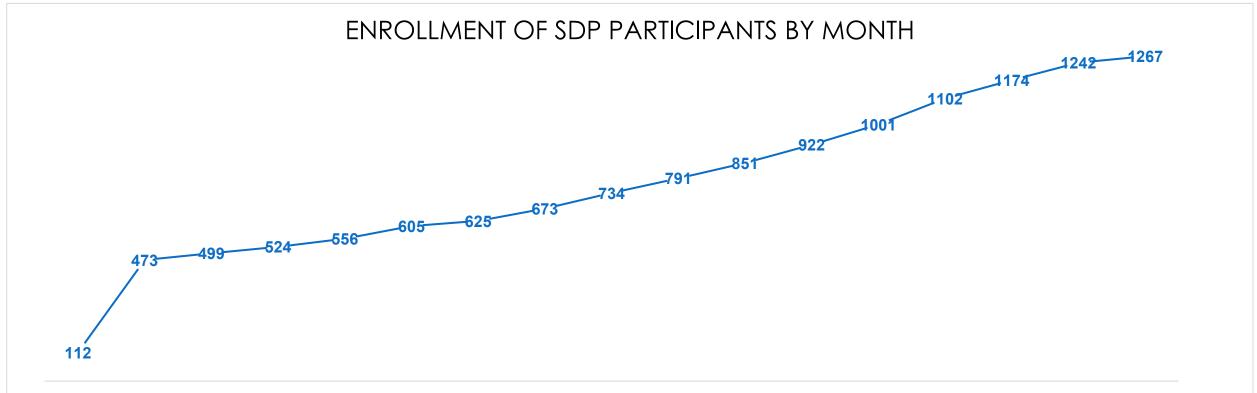
QUALITY INCENTIVES WORKGROUP TIMELINE

- Quality Incentive Program workgroup purpose (November)
- Quality Incentive Program, and other initiatives (November)
- √ Foster a common understanding (December)
- Considerations for measures (January, morning session)
- What is "quality," and existing measures of quality (January, morning session)
- ✓ Discuss and develop possible measures (January, afternoon session)
- ✓ Identify potential long-term quality measures in breakout rooms (February)
 - Identify potential steps to achieve them
- Workgroup review of draft quality measures and incentives (April 26)
- Department posts proposed quality measures for public input (early May)
- Small workgroup meetings (May)
- Refine 2022-23 measures and incentives for implementation (June)

Self-Determination Program



STATEWIDE ENROLLMENT

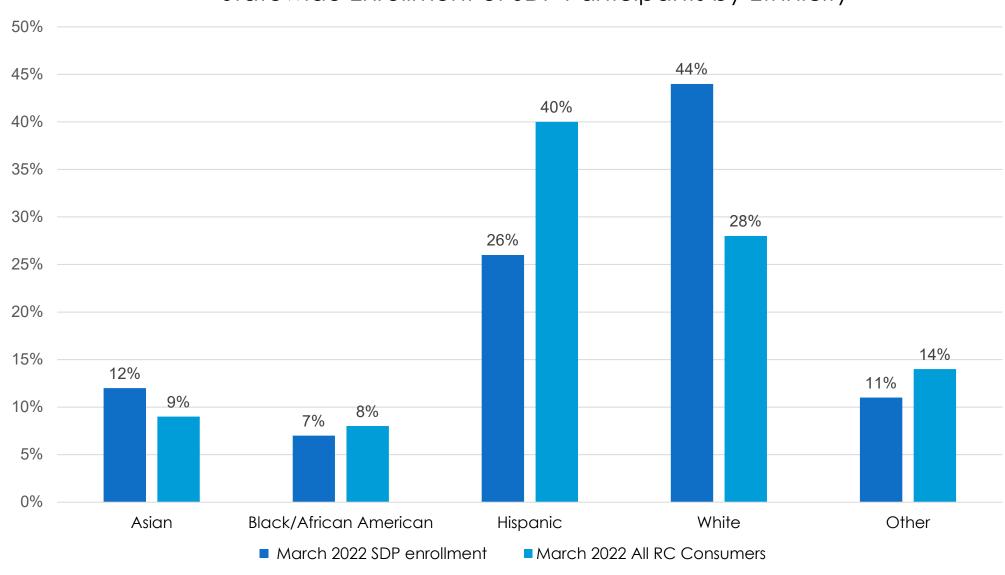


Dec-19 Dec-20 Jan-21 Feb-21 Mar-21 Apr-21 May-21 Jun-21 Jul-21 Aug-21 Sep-21 Oct-21 Nov-21 Dec-21 Jan-22 Feb-22 Mar-22

1267 SDP participants, including 73 pilot participants

ETHNIC DIVERSITY- STATEWIDE





OTHER SDP UPDATES

January 2022

- Goods and Services
- Individual Budget Development and Certification Tool and Spending Plan Frequently Asked Questions

February 2022

Funding to support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program

March 2022

Home and Community- Based Services Setting Assessment

Updated FAQs

OFFICE OF THE SDP OMBUDSPERSON

Acting Ombudsperson: Katie Hornberger

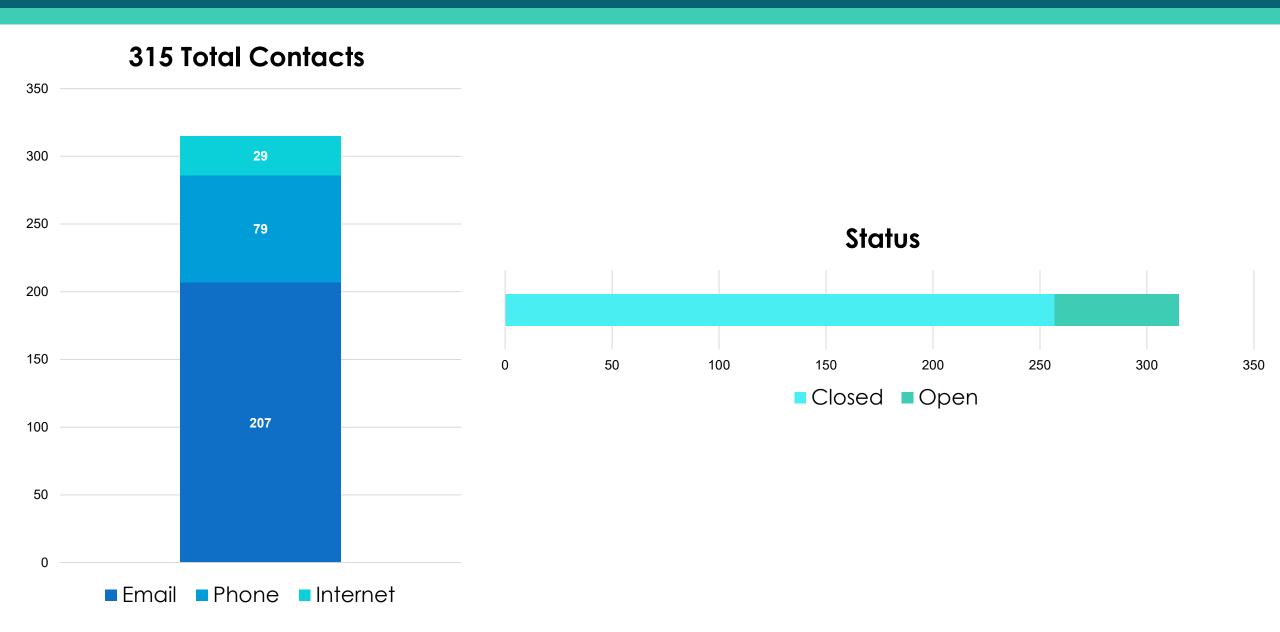
Effective October 12, 2021

Office Information

- Website: Office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson CA Department of Developmental Services
- Phone Number: (877) 658-9731
- Email Address: <u>SDP.Ombudsperson@dds.ca.gov</u>

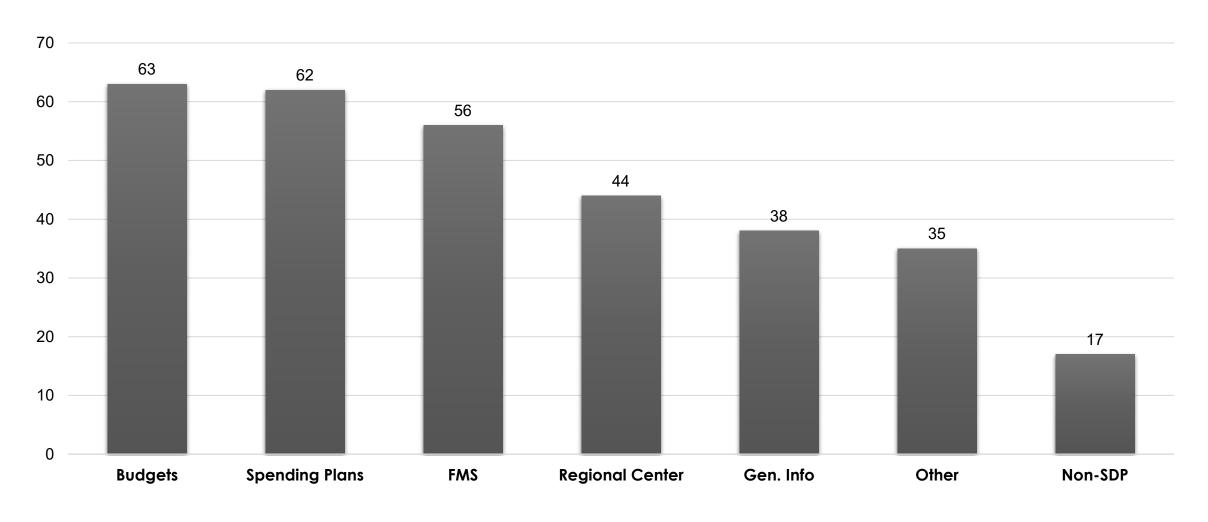
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Primary Issue



DSP WORKFORCE SURVEY

What:

 Agencies employing direct support professionals (DSPs) will receive a survey to collect info about factors impacting this workforce during 2021

Why:

- Establish quantitative baseline info on factors impacting the DSP workforce
- Provide insight to potential improvement opportunities
- Evaluate impact of current initiatives

Who:

- Over 4,300 agencies that employed DSPs
 - In-home, residential,
 & non-residential
 supports
 - In operation for at least 6 months in 2021

The survey is voluntary; we want maximum participation!

DSP WORKFORCE SURVEY

Survey Instrument:

- National Core Indicator (NCI) Staff Stability Survey tool collects data on payroll, benefits, compensation, retention and recruitment, bonuses, overtime, and front-line supervision.
- Providers will receive an email invitation with their own unique link to the survey portal from HSRI.

Key Dates:

- Soft launch of 4 regional centers on April 20th
- Full launch of remaining 17 regional centers on May 4th
- Survey portal closes **June 30th**. Results will be aggregated to protect confidentiality.

For more information:

- DSP workforce survey page on DDS website or email <u>DSPworkforce@dds.ca.gov</u>
- NCI-IDD 2020 Staff Stability Report and COVID-Supplement

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE - SAVE THE DATE(S)

Workgroups:

Employment – April 25 Quality Incentives – April 26

RC Measures – April 28

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

