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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING: DIRECT SERVICE
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING STIPEND PROGRAM

This correspondence is in follow-up to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [September 12, 2023](#) and [December 15, 2023](#) guidance regarding implementation of the Direct Service Professional (DSP) Training Stipend Program, and specifically, the section requiring approved training courses to be completed by June 30, 2024. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide notification that the DSP Training Stipend Program will remain open until August 31, 2024, and that all courses must be completed by that date. All other aspects of the DSP Training Stipend Program remain the same.

Regional centers should share this correspondence with their vendor advisory committees. Vendors and DSPs should contact their local regional center with any questions. Regional center questions may be directed to Workforce@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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