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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING: DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

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What to Know

The steps that service providers need to follow to join the Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program, originally issued on [August 30, 2024](#), are being updated. Providers are now able to sign up in the Department's online portal directly.

What's Changing

Providers will need to give the Department their vendor name and address, vendor number, the regional center associated with the vendor number, primary service code where the DSP Intern will be mentored, sanction status, the name of the provider's point of contact, and their email address and telephone number. The Department will then ask Regional Centers to check if the provider has any issues and share important information. The Department will decide if providers can join the program. If yes, they will give the provider's information to the contractor.

Questions?

Service Providers and Regional Centers with questions may email: Workforce@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

Information about the DSP Internship Program is available on the Department's [Workforce Initiatives webpage](#).