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# Self-Determination Program Community Engagement: SDP Orientation

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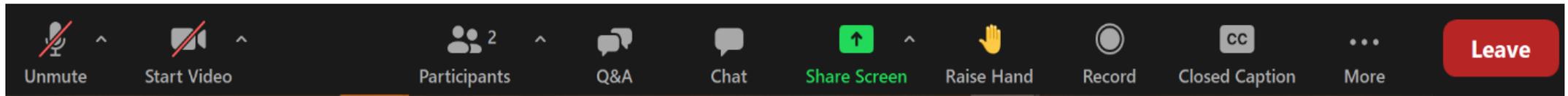


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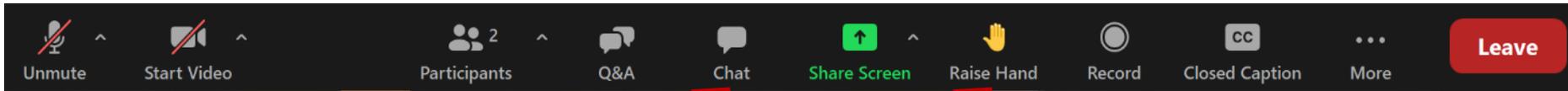
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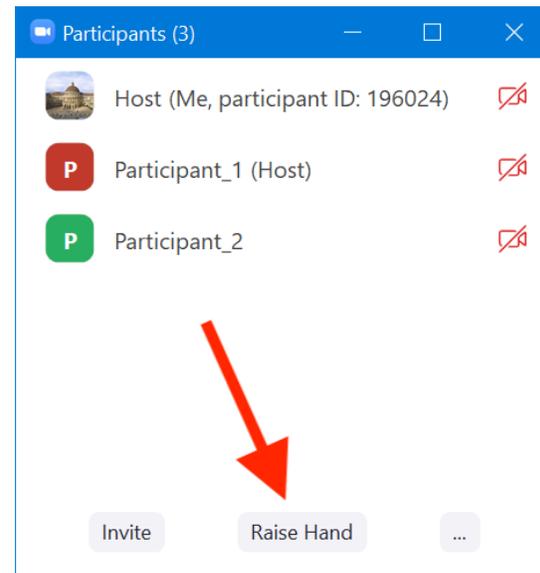
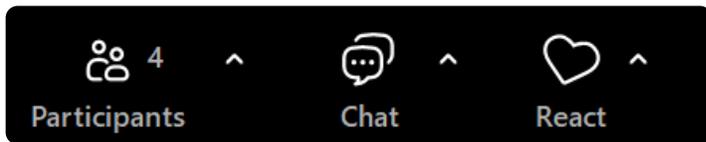
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# Agenda

- Self-Determination Program Orientation Purpose
- Current Self-Determination Program Orientation
- Proposed Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates
- Resources
- Your Input

# Self-Determination Program Orientation Purpose



# Self-Determination Program Orientation Purpose

The Self-Determination Program is an alternative service delivery model. It gives individuals more freedom, authority, support, responsibility and confirmation.

To participate in the Self-Determination Program, individuals are required to receive an orientation to learn more about the program.

The goal is for an individual to have the essential information to make an informed decision about participating in the Self-Determination Program.

# Self-Determination Program Orientation Purpose

The Self-Determination Program orientation must include information on:

- The principles of self-determination.
- The role of the independent facilitator.
- The role of the Financial Management Service vendor.
- Person-centered planning.
- Development of the individual budget.

To learn more about the Self-Determination Program orientation visit:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/training-and-other-materials/>

# Current Self-Determination Program Orientation



# Current Self-Determination Program Orientation Requirements

The Self-Determination Program orientation must be completed prior to beginning Self Determination Program enrollment.

Individuals receive a Certificate of Completion to confirm their participation in the orientation.

To begin enrollment, an individual provides a copy of their orientation Certificate of Completion to their regional center service coordinator.

# Current Self-Determination Program Orientation Providers

There are two providers approved to offer the Self-Determination Program orientation:

- State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- The Regional Centers.

# Current Self-Determination Program Orientation Topics

Topics include:

- Regional center services
- Self-Determination Program overview
- Person-centered plan
- Individual budget
- Spending plan
- Arranging services
- Enrollment

Currently, the Self-Determination Program orientation consists of a one-time, two-hour session.

# Proposed Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates



# Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates

The Department received input from community members about the orientation.

The Department is updating the orientation to provide:

- Updated information to reflect changes in the Self-Determination Program law.
- More information about common Self-Determination Program topics.
- More opportunities for interaction during the orientation.

# Self-Determination Program Orientation Comparison

Current Self-Determination Program Orientation Topics	Proposed Self-Determination Program Orientation Topics
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrollment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next Steps</li> </ul>
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# Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates

The Self-Determination Program orientation will now be split into 2 parts.

- Self-Determination Program orientation Part 1.
- Self-Determination Program orientation Part 2.

# Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates

Individuals must attend both Part 1 and Part 2 before they enroll into the Self-Determination Program.

Part 1 must be completed before starting Part 2. Individuals will need to confirm they have completed Part 1 before they can register for Part 2.

# Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities will be the only provider approved to offer the updated Self-Determination Program orientation. They will regularly provide both parts of the Self-Determination Program orientation. Each part of the orientation will be two hours.

Each orientation will be provided:

- In English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Hmong, Farsi, Armenian, Arabic, and American Sign Language (ASL).
- Via zoom meeting.

# Self-Determination Program Orientation Updates

The Self-Determination Program orientation Part 1 and Part 2 must be completed prior to beginning the enrollment in the Self-Determination Program.

Individuals will receive two Certificate of Completion. One for Part 1, and one for Part 2. These certificates confirm participation in the Self-Determination Program orientation.

To begin the enrollment process, individuals must provide a copy of both Certificates of Completion to their regional center service coordinator.

# Resources



# Resources

Department of Developmental Services Self-Determination Program Branch

- Email: [SDP@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SDP@dds.ca.gov).
- Website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/>.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

- SCDD Self-Determination Program webpage: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-home/>.

The Office of Developmental Services Ombudsperson

- Email: [Ombudsperson@dds.ca.gov](mailto:Ombudsperson@dds.ca.gov) or Phone: (877) 658-9731.

# Resources

Find your Regional Center

- DDS Website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/lookup-rCs-by-county/>.

Self-Determination Program law

- Webpage: [Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) 4685.8.](#)

# Your Input

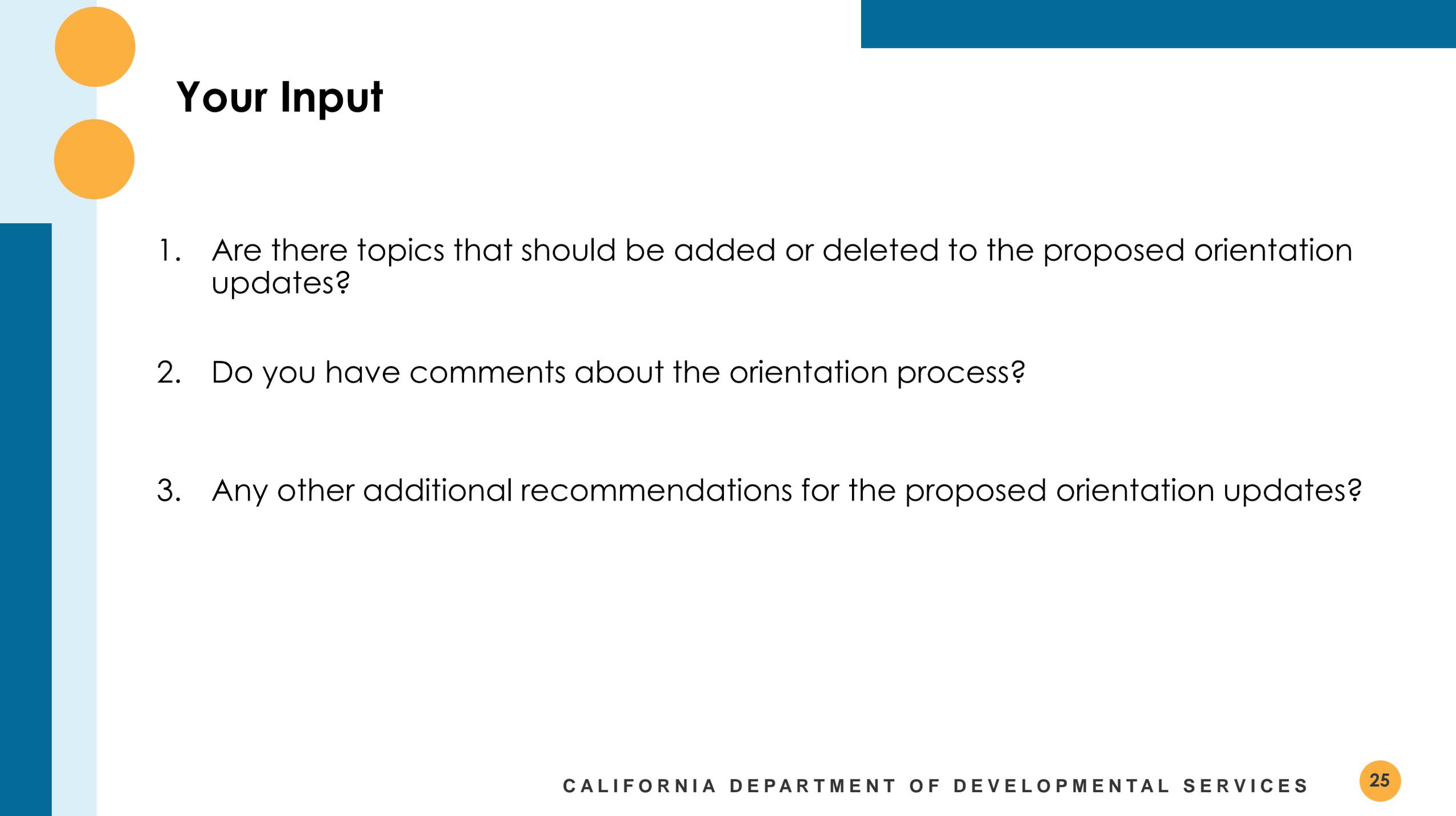


# We Want to Hear From You!

Your feedback is important.

**You can share your input with the Department by emailing: [SDP@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SDP@dds.ca.gov).**

Please submit your input on this topic to the Department by February 20, 2026.

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# Your Input

1. Are there topics that should be added or deleted to the proposed orientation updates?
2. Do you have comments about the orientation process?
3. Any other additional recommendations for the proposed orientation updates?



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