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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUNDING FOR SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM

D-2026-Self Determination Program-001

What to Know

Regional centers receive money to support the Self-Determination Program (SDP). The regional centers must work with their Local Volunteer Advisory Committees (LVACs) to determine how to spend the money.

Money for the LVACs can be spent only after both the regional center and the LVAC agree on local needs. This money can be used for a variety of activities to support the SDP such as hosting trainings and workshops, community resource fairs, and providing employer readiness education.

What's Changing

This directive does not change how individuals and families receive their services in SDP, or with traditional services. The directive changes the amount of money available to each regional center this year because of changes in the number of people each regional center supports.

Questions?

Individuals and families with questions about this directive should talk to their regional center. Questions from LVACs should be directed to their regional center. If regional centers have questions on this directive, they should email the Department's Self-Determination Program Branch at sdp@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

For more information about the Self-Determination Program please visit the **SDP section of the DDS website**. (<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp>)