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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: ORIENTATION UPDATED

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What to Know

This directive explains changes to the orientation materials for the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and who provides the orientation.

What's Changing

This directive does not change how individuals and families receive their services. The SDP orientation has been updated to give people more information before they join SDP.

- The orientation has two parts.
- Each part is two hours long and taken online.
- The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is now the only organization that will provide the orientation.
- The orientation will be available in many languages, including ASL.
- People must complete both parts and get Certificates of Completion before they can enroll in the SDP.

Questions?

Individuals and families with questions about the SDP orientation should contact 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, please visit the [SDP Orientation page on the SCDD website](https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/). (<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>).

