

Self-Determination Program Community Overview Meeting:

SDP Orientation Update

April 29, 2026



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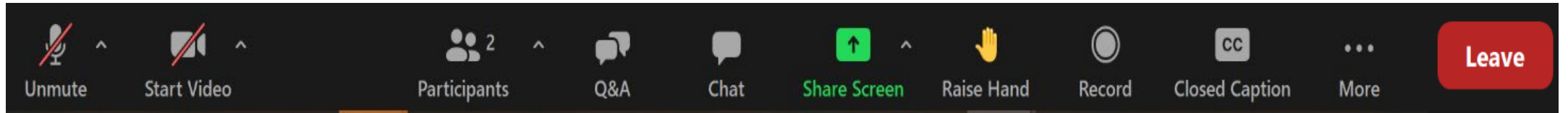


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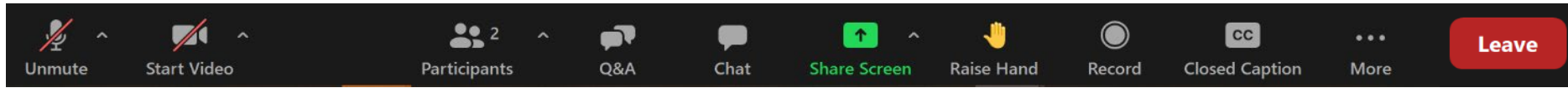
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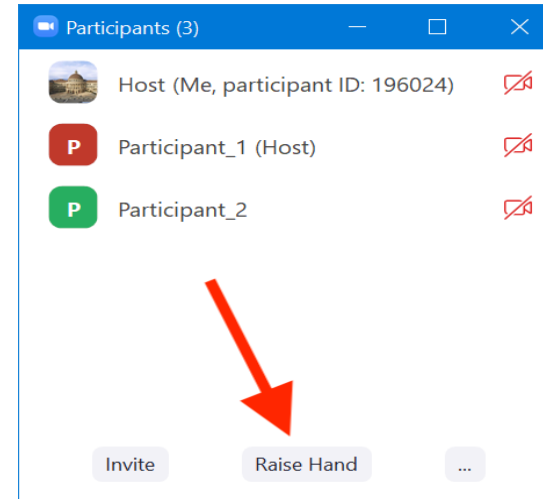
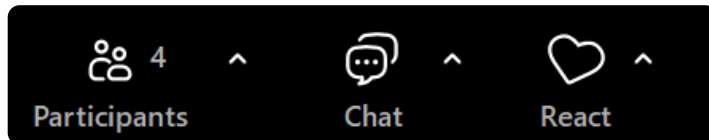
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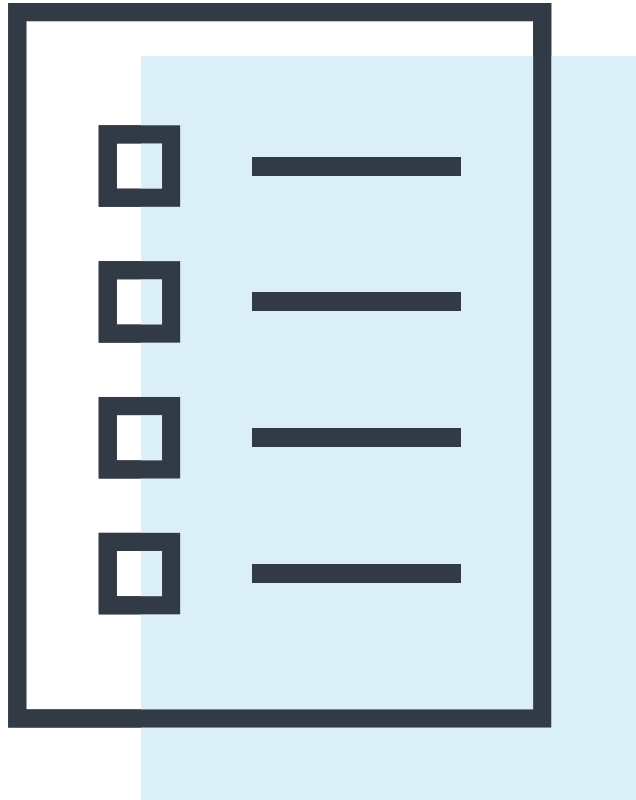
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Agenda



- Review Directive
- Resources
- Questions and Answers

Directive





Directive

On March 24, 2026, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) issued a directive about the Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientation Update.

You can read the full directive on the Department's directive webpage (<https://bit.ly/4v8SK7Y>).

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Orientation

The SDP is an alternate service delivery model. It gives individuals more freedom, authority, responsibility, and confirmation to make choices that best work for them.

The Department has updated the SDP Orientation materials to provide:

- Updated information reflecting changes in state law impacting SDP
- Additional information about common SDP topics
- More opportunities for interaction during the SDP Orientation

Directive

The SDP Orientation provides individuals with the information needed to make an informed decision about their participation in the SDP.

Individuals include:

- Adult receiving regional center services
- Parent or legal guardian of a minor receiving regional center services
- Conservator or authorized representative of an adult receiving regional center services

Self-Determination Program Orientation



Directive Requirements

Effective April 1, 2026, the SDP Orientation:

- Consists of two required two-hour sessions: Part A and Part B
- Part A must be completed before beginning Part B
- Both parts must be completed before accessing SDP transition supports and enrolling in the program

Directive Requirements

Individuals are not required to retake the SDP Orientation.

Individuals may choose to retake the orientation voluntarily, for example if they:

- Completed the SDP Orientation before April 1, 2026
- Already are enrolled in the program

Directive Requirements

Effective April 1, 2026, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is the only provider approved to offer the SDP Orientation statewide.

SCDD will regularly provide Part A and Part B of the SDP Orientation.

The calendar for SDP Orientations can be found on the SCDD SDP Orientation webpage (scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation).



Directive Requirements

Each part of the SDP Orientation is offered:

- In various languages, including:
 - English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Hmong, Farsi, Armenian, Arabic, and American Sign Language (ASL)
- Virtually via Zoom, a web-based meeting platform

Directive Requirements

SCDD will provide Certificates of Completion when an individual has completed each part of the SDP Orientation.



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Directive Requirements

When an individual has received both Certificates of Completion for Part A and Part B, they have completed the SDP Orientation.



Directive Requirements

Individuals must submit copies of both SDP Orientation Certificates of Completion to their regional center service coordinator.

Once the service coordinator receives both Certificates of Completion, individuals can:

- Access SDP transition supports
- Begin the SDP enrollment process

Directive Requirements

Upon the service coordinator receiving both Certificates of Completion, they must provide the individual with:

- A copy of the individual's most recent Individual Program Plan (IPP)
- Information on SDP transition supports
 - SDP transition supports directive on the Department's directive webpage (<https://bit.ly/4sGMPoK>)
- Information on Financial Management Services (FMS) transition supports
 - FMS transition supports directive on the Department's directive webpage (<https://bit.ly/4bUhqIt>)
- Information about starting the individual budget process with the IPP team
- Any additional steps required for the enrollment process

Self-Determination Program Orientation Reporting



Directive Requirements

Regional centers must continue to follow the reporting requirements listed in the June 2025 Updated SANDIS Reporting directive.

- Directive available on Department's directive webpage (<https://bit.ly/4sSrrgg>)

Regional centers must verify that:

- Part A and Part B were completed by the individual
- The date listed on the Part B Certificate of Completion is used when completing SANDIS reporting

Self-Determination Program Orientation Professional Development Sessions for Regional Centers

SCDD will offer SDP Orientation sessions to regional center staff for their professional development.

- The professional development sessions will be offered in English and Spanish.
- Professional development sessions will be conducted via Zoom.

Questions & Answers



Resources



Resources

Department's Self-Determination Program (SDP) Branch

- Email: SDP@dds.ca.gov
- Department's SDP website (www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/)

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

- SCDD SDP webpage (scdd.ca.gov/sdp-home/)
- SCDD SDP Orientation webpage (<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-Orientation/>)
- Email: sdporientation@scdd.ca.gov

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The Office of Developmental Services Ombudsperson

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

Find Your Regional Center

- Department's website (www.dds.ca.gov/rc/lookup-racs-by-county/)

Self-Determination Program law

- California Legislative Information webpage: (<https://bit.ly/4rwvVJ0>)



Thank you for attending today!

