

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

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TO: COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: TRAINING ON THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: HOW TO
CONDUCT AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) will be holding train-the-trainer trainings on the Self-Determination Program (SDP). The training is designed as a train-the-trainer model specific to learning how to conduct an SDP Informational Meeting. SDP Informational Meetings are for interested individuals and/or their families to learn more about the SDP and to help them decide whether it is right for them. The SDP Informational Meeting is required before individuals can be added to the candidate list from which the Department will randomly select the first 2,500 SDP participants.

The trainings are open to regional centers, local consumer or family-run organizations, and community-based organizations interested in voluntarily conducting SDP Informational Meetings in their region. A community-based organization is a public or private organization of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of a community, or significant segments of a community, and provides educational or related services to individuals in the community.

The enclosed training notice provides information on the training, training dates and locations. Please note these five trainings will not be the only opportunity to attend a train-the-trainer meeting. The Department will offer additional training opportunities at a later date.

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Please R.S.V.P. to sdp@dds.ca.gov. Include the name of your organization, a statement describing what your organization does, your contact information and which location you will be attending, as well as the number of attendees for your group. Due to room capacity, please limit the number of representatives and/or staff attending to no more than five people. Additionally, please include any requests for translation. We thank you in advance for your participation and efforts.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosure

cc: Regional Center Executive Directors
Regional Center Chief Counselors
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State Council on Developmental Disabilities
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