

Hello San Andreas Service Providers,

Service Providers of residential services in CCL licensed homes are required by Title 17 to have their staff successfully complete the Direct Support Professional (DSP) Training Part 1 by the end of the first year of employment of that staff person. DSP Training Part 2 is required by the end of the second year of employment. Currently, this training is overseen by both the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the CA Department of Education (CDE). It is then offered by local Regional Occupational Center/Programs (ROCP's) throughout the state. We have received information from both DDS and the CDE that there will be some changes to this arrangement as outlined below.

Due to the discontinuation of educational funding earmarked for Regional Occupational Center/Programs, DDS and the CDE are making key changes to the DSP Training project. These changes will streamline the registration and certification process, and assure training continues to be provided at the same level of quality and convenience throughout the state.

**DSP Training will continue at the 27 ROCP sites through July 31, 2015.** DSP Training will not be available in August, but beginning September 1, 2015, student registration will be provided through a new statewide online registration and certification system. Service providers, their staff, and regional centers can use the system to verify DSP certification and print DSP Certificates. The coordination of DSP Training will be consolidated into 4 Service Hubs run by the following County Offices of Education; Butte, Fresno, Santa Barbara and Riverside.

**It is important to note that DSP courses will continue to be offered in classrooms locally.** DSP courses will be offered perhaps in the very same locations they are offered now, and perhaps with the same DSP trainers. The 4 Service Hubs will work with the current DSP trainers to coordinate this and perhaps add additional locations as needed.

Key Transition Activities and Dates:

- **March 2015** – Initial notification to all Community Care Licensed (CCL) service providers regarding DSP Training project changes.
- **June 2015** – Second notification to all CCL service providers. DSP Training updates to regional center DSP Training liaisons. (DSP Training Liaisons at San Andreas are Steve Osterling and Val Reeder.)
- **August 2015** – **NO DSP TRAINING OFFERED.** Service providers will need to plan accordingly.
- **September 1, 2015** – Implementation of new statewide online registration and certification system. 4 Service Hubs will coordinate the DSP Training statewide.
- **September 2015** – DDS will conduct Webinars for regional center staff and service providers regarding the DSP Training project changes and use of the new online registration and certification system. DDS will send out notifications for the Webinars to regional center staff, as well as service providers.

**Ongoing** – Project updates posted on the DDS website. In the future, please check in for the latest information at: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/DSPT/Home.cfm>

San Andreas will post the information in this email to [www.sarc.org](http://www.sarc.org) as soon as possible. Please note that in the above email we are sharing all the information that we have at this point in time about these DSP

changes. As additional information is provided to us by DDS and the CDE, we will make that available as quickly as possible.

Thanks to all of you for the very important role you play in the lives of the 15,000 people served by San Andreas Regional Center and the daily work you do to serve them so well !

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