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Self-Determination

Program Learning and Professional Development

THE OPORTUNITY:

Self Determination is coming to California, likely to begin early 2016. Self Determination offers families and individuals a tremendous opportunity to direct and purchase their own services. Participants in self-determination will experience greater control over their support, more authority, more choice, and more freedom in the services they rely on than they have through the traditional regional center system.

THE RESPONSIBILITY:

In exchange participants will need to harness new skills and provide more oversight and direction to their service providers. For the self-determination program to work for many individuals, some of these skills and functions will have to be provided by hired professionals, referred to as Independent Facilitators and Financial Management Services.

FACILITATION: Facilitators may help individuals and their families by providing professional support. They work with and are reimbursed by the individual and family to plan and arrange services, assure quality, liaise with other participants in the support system and otherwise ensure that individuals who want self-directed support can derive the benefits of that system. The success of self-determination depends on facilitators being ready, willing, and able to fill in the gaps in the participant's skill set.

A Learning Community

The SDP Learning Community is a project of Imagine Supported Living Services in partnership with State Council on Developmental Disability, Silicon Valley/ Monterey Bay, and Premier Health Services with support from the Palo Alto Medical Group Foundations' Community Health Care Endowment Fund.

The objective of the SDP Learning Community will be to train a cadre of facilitators and financial management services. Participants are offered ongoing training, mentoring and a community of support. The group will have a formal curriculum and will meet monthly for a two hour session which will be available in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. Through training and open discussion qualified facilitators from Santa Clara and Santa Cruz County will be available upon the roll out of the Self-Determination Program. This training is open to anyone interested in providing Independent Facilitation and is recommended for participants, family members, educators, service coordinators and direct care and developmental services professionals.

The SDP Learning Community sessions will occur on the first Wednesday of every month.

Begins: October 7, 2015

**from 1:30-3:30 PM in Santa Clara
and 6:00-8:00 PM in Santa Cruz County.**

