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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TRAINING ON THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM

This letter is to inform regional centers of the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) upcoming training series on the Self-Determination Program (SDP) pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4685.8. The SDP trainings will be held at five locations throughout the state, in September 2017 and October 2017. Day One is a training for regional center staff to learn about the SDP, and Day Two is a train-the-trainer for regional centers and other organizations to learn how to conduct an SDP Informational Meeting for individuals and their families.

**Regional Center Training on the Self-Determination Program (Day One)**

This training will provide regional centers with detailed information regarding the SDP, as each regional center is responsible for implementing the program upon approval of the federal waiver. Information provided will include, but not be limited to, the principles of self-determination and the mechanics of the SDP.

**Train-the-trainer: How to conduct an Informational Meeting (Day Two)**

This training is designed as a train-the-trainer meeting, and will be specific to learning how to conduct an SDP Informational Meeting. The SDP Informational Meeting is required before an individual can be added to the candidate list from which the Department will randomly select the first 2,500 SDP participants. This training is 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.

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Below are the training dates and locations:

- 1) Regional Center of the East Bay  
Day One: Wednesday, September 6, 2017; 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Day Two: Thursday, September 7, 2017; 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- 2) South Central Los Angeles Regional Center  
Day One: Wednesday, September 27, 2017; 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Day Two: Thursday, September 28, 2017; 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- 3) Alta California Regional Center  
Day One: Wednesday, October 4, 2017; 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Day Two: Thursday, October 5, 2017; 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- 4) San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center  
Day One: Tuesday, October 10, 2017; 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Day Two: Wednesday, October 11, 2017; 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- 5) Central Valley Regional Center  
Day One: Wednesday, October 18, 2017; 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Day Two: Thursday, October 19, 2017; 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Please R.S.V.P. to [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov), with the names of the staff and which location they will attend for both training dates. Also, please include any requests for translation.

The enclosed training notice contains information and direction for organizations that wish to participate in the SDP Informational Meeting training. We are requesting that the notice be shared with your local volunteer advisory committee, consumer or family-run organizations, and other community-based organizations.

To assure a broad outreach, the Department will offer additional train-the-trainer opportunities at a later date.

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We thank you in advance for your participation and efforts. If you have any questions, please email them to [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

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Enclosure

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