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Coffee and Connections



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Please join IUSD in partnership with the Irvine Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) for a second presentation highlighting Public Benefits and Community Resources.

December 4th 2023

9:30-11:30 AM

IUSD LEARNING CENTER, Room 5

3387 Barranca Parkway



Featuring:
IRVINE ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM
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Objectives

- SSI Benefits & Transition-Aged Youth
- Regional Center Self-Determination Program
- Affordable Housing Options

SSI Benefits

SSI Snapshot

- Benefits based on need / Financed by General Revenues
 - Limited income - In 2023, SGA for a non-blind individual is \$1,470/month (for someone who is blind, SGA \$2,460)
 - Limited resources - Must be under the resource limit (\$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a couple).
 - Medi-Cal
 - Benefit Types (aged over 65+; blind; disabled)
 - Benefit amount based on Federal and State laws
 - Other income MAY affect benefits – report any income received
 - Where one lives or who they live with MAY affect benefits – report any household changes
 - SSI breakeven point = \$2352.46 gross
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Title II Benefits

SSDI

Paid to individuals who have worked and paid Social Security taxes, provided they have earned enough credits.

- Earned benefit based on person's own work record
- The individual is unable to earn SGA due to the severity of the disability
- If a person's SSDI benefit amount is lower than the full SSI payment, the person may be eligible to receive both SSDI and SSI benefits equal to the full SSI payment.

Childhood Disability Benefits

- Earned benefit for an adult child with disabilities whose parent is retired, disabled, or deceased, provided that the parent earned enough work credits
- Paid on the parent's work record
- Adult child must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability (disabling impairment) that started before age 22

After 2 years of receiving Title II benefits, the person will be eligible for Medicare

Quick Reference – What's the Difference?

- SOCIAL SECURITY

- Benefits based on earnings
- Financed by employer and your wages
- Must have enough work credits
- No resource limit
- Medicare
- Benefit types
 - Retirement (age 62 & older)
 - Survivor
 - Disability
- Benefit amount based on average lifetime earnings
- Where you live or who lives with you does NOT affect benefits

- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

- Benefits based on need
- Financed by General Revenues
- Limited income
- Limited resources
- Medi-Cal
- Benefit Types
 - Aged (age 65 and older)
 - Disability (any age)
 - Blindness (any age)
- Benefit amount based on Federal and State laws
- Other income MAY affect benefits – report any income you receive
- Where you live or who lives with you MAY affect benefits – report any household changes.

Work Incentives – SSA Red Book

Work incentives for SSI

1. Impairment Related Work Expenses
2. Unincurred Business Expenses
3. Unsuccessful Work Attempts
4. Continued Payments Under a Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Section 301 Payments)
5. Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)
6. Blind Work Expenses
7. Earned Income Exclusion
8. Student Earned Income Exclusion
9. Plan to Achieving Self-Support
10. Medicaid While Working Section 1619(b)
11. Reinstating Eligibility Without a New Application

Work incentives for Title II (SSDI/CDB)

1. Impairment Related Work Expenses
2. Subsidies and Special Conditions
3. Uninured Business Expenses
4. Unsuccessful Work Attempts
5. Continued Payments Under a Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Section 301 Payments)
6. Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)
7. Trial Work Period
8. Extended Period of Eligibility
9. Continuation of Medicare coverage
10. Medicare for People With Disabilities who Work
11. Protection From Medical Continuing Disability Reviews

WIPA Services

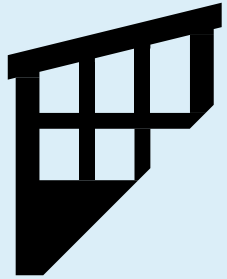
- WIPA - Work Incentive Planning and Assistance
- A three-year grant awarded by the Social Security Administration to local organizations to provide WIPA
- Services available to those who are working, looking for work, or thinking about working
- Provides in-depth counseling about benefits and the effect of work on those benefits
- <https://www.ssa.gov/work/documents/Updated%20WIPA%20Organizations.pdf>
- Project Independence WIPA www.pro-independence.org

SSI Benefits & Transition-Aged Youth Tips

- Engage with the Department of Rehabilitation when your student is of working age
- DOR Student Services are activities that support the student in exploring and preparing for the world of work. Services are based on the student's interests – one could try a bunch of activities, or just a few.
 - You must be a student
 - You're between the ages of 16 and 21 (including 16 and 21).
 - At least one of these options is true: on an IEP, have a 504 Plan, or you have a disability
- <https://dor.ca.gov/Home/StudentServices>
- IUSD Career Link <https://careerlink.iusd.org/>
- May be enrolled within the last two years of school (11th and 12th grade for diploma track students, or the last two years of the adult transition program for non-diploma track students)
- Services may include job exploration, workplace readiness, self-advocacy, work based learning, post-secondary counseling
- The focus is preparing students for life after high school. Selecting a career pathway and working toward that goal



Regional Center's Self-Determination Program



Regional Center Service Options

These options are based on the Lanterman Act values of choice, individual decision-making through an Individual Program Plan (IPP) and promoting independence and community inclusion.

Traditional
Vendored
Services

Participant-
Directed
Services

Self-
Determination
Program



Traditional Vended Services

The Traditional Vended Services Option

- You have an IPP developed that identifies your goals and what you need to obtain those goals
- Services from the regional center are *usually* provided through vended service providers
- Service Coordinators review service provider options, arrange and coordinate your services
- Regional centers pay the service providers for your services



Participant-
Directed
Services

Participant-Directed Services is a part of the Traditional Vendored Service Option.

Non-vendored services

- You can hire, schedule and supervise these staff
- You work with a vendored Financial Management Services Provider
- The Financial Management Services Provider helps you pay staff and comply with employment laws

Vendored services

- Located by and paid for by the regional center.



Participant-
Directed
Services

Non-vendored services that you can use are limited to:

- Respite
- Day care
- Non-medical transportation
- Nursing
- Community-based training
- *Personal assistance*
- *Independent living skills*
- *Supported employment services*



Self-
Determination
Program

The Self-Determination Program Option is a voluntary, alternative way to receive services and supports.

- The program can provide you and your family with more freedom, control, and responsibility in choosing services and supports to meet the goals in your IPP.
- You will have people to help you, like your Service Coordinator, the Financial Management Services Provider and an Independent Facilitator.

The Self-Determination Program is unique from the other options.

- You and your IPP team develop your budget and spending plan and you arrange your service providers
- You use your budget to purchase services and goods from qualified service providers, individuals, or businesses and they do not need to be vendored, but they can be
- Services and supports must be eligible for federal financial participation
- You must use a vendored Financial Management Services Provider to help you manage your budget, hire and pay staff, and comply with employment laws

Self-Determination Program

Person-Centered Planning

Individual Budget

Arranging Services

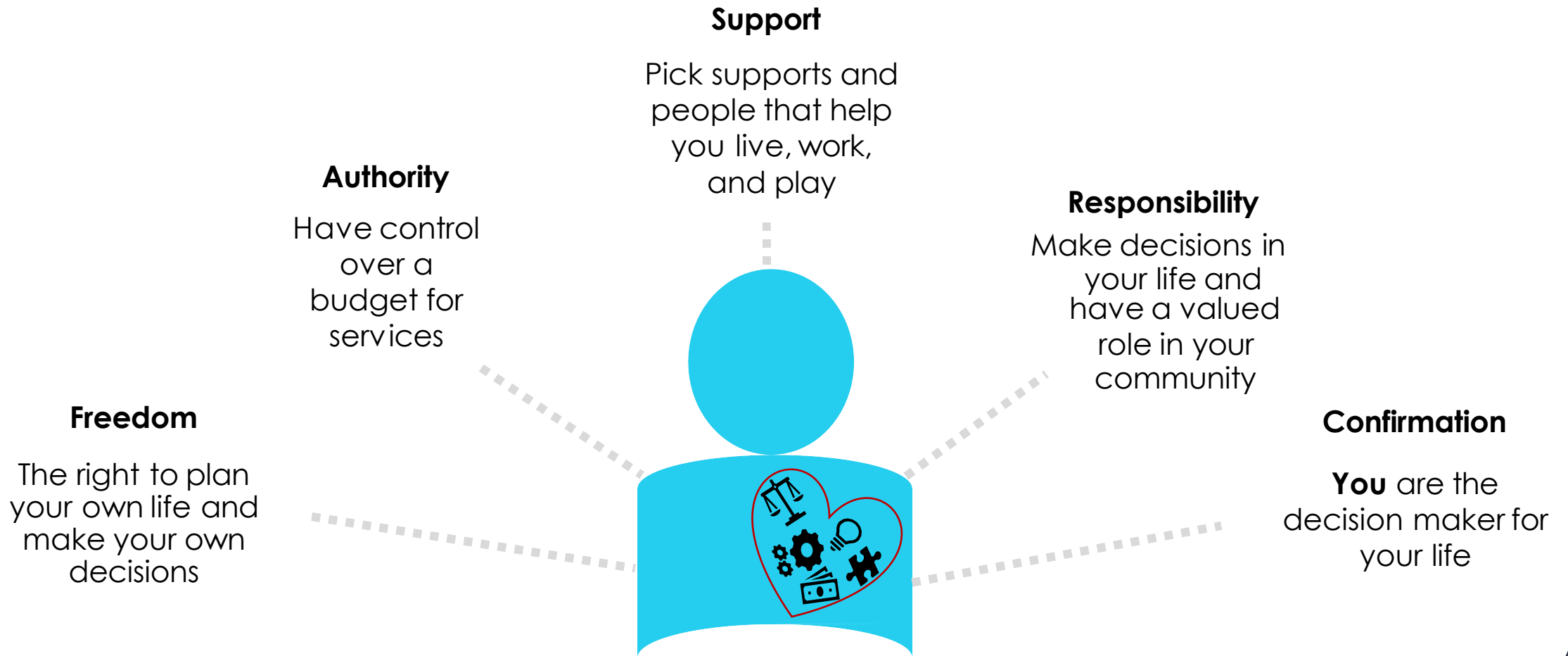
Enrolling

Spending Plan



Services Begin

5 Principles of Self-Determination



You Can Participate If You

- ✓ Qualify to receive regional center services through the Lanterman Act
- ✓ Live at home in the community or in a group home
- ✓ Live in a long-term healthcare facility or state-operated facility, and want to use the Self-Determination Program to help plan your move to the community
- ✓ Agree to the responsibilities in the Self-Determination Program statute

Self-Determination Program Services

Budget Category	SDP Services	Service Code	Description/Providers
Living Arrangement (310 - 330)	Respite Services	310	Respite (Individual and Agency) In -home
		311	Respite Facility - Out-of-Home
	Live-In Caregiver	312	Live-In Caregiver
	Homemaker	313	Homemaker
	Housing Access Supports	314	Housing Access Supports
	Financial Management Service	315	FMS Fiscal Agent
		316	FMS Co-Employer
		317	FMS Fiscal/Employer Agent
	Community Living Supports	320	Community Living Supports (Individual and Agency)
		321	Residential Facility
Employment & Community Participation (331 - 355)	Community Integration Supports	331	Community Integration Supports
	Participant-Directed Goods and Services	333	Participant-Directed Goods and Services
	Individual Training and Education	334	Individual Training and Education
	Employment Supports	335	Employment Supports
	Technology Services	336	Technology Supports
	Transition/Set Up Expenses	337	Transition Set-Up Expenses
	Non-Medical Transportation	338	Non-Medical Transportation
	Prevocational Supports Independent Facilitator	339 340	Prevocational Supports Independent Facilitator
Health and safety (356 - 399)	Environmental Accessibility Adaptation	356	Environmental Accessibility
	Acupuncture Services	357	Acupuncture Services
	Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)	358	Personal Emergency Response Systems
	Home Health aide	359	Home Health Aide
	Communication Support	360	Communication Support
	Skilled Nursing	361	Skilled Nursing
	Nutritional Consultation	362	Nutritional Consultation
	Crisis Intervention and Supports	363	Crisis Intervention and Supports
	Behavioral Intervention Services	364	Behavioral Intervention Services
	Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies	365	Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
	Family/Consumer Training	366	Family/Consumer Training
	Dental Services	367	Dental Services
	Lenses and Frames	368	Lenses and Frames
	Optometric-Optician Services	369	Optometric-Optician Services
	Psychology Services	370	Psychology Services
	Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers	371	Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers
	Speech - Hearing and Language	372	Speech - Hearing and Language
	Chiropractic Services	373	Chiropractor
	Massage Therapy	374	Massage Therapist
	Occupational Therapy	375	Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy	376	Physical Therapy	
Vehicle Modifications and Adaptations	377	Vehicle Modifications and Adaptations	
Family Support Services	378	Child Day Care Facility	

Want to learn more about SDP?

- SCDD Statewide Orientation

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>



Affordable Housing

Types of Affordable Housing

- **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program** - allows a family to move into a unit of their choice if the property owner chooses to participate in the HCV Program (aka Section 8 Voucher).
- **Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program** - provides rental assistance at select apartment complexes within the city. The voucher is tied to the apartment complex, so the individual does not have to have a Section 8 voucher.
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Properties** - the LIHTC program gives State and local LIHTC allocating agencies the authority to issue tax credits for the purchase, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households. The apartment complex receives the tax credit, which is passed onto the tenant in the form of subsidized rent.
- **Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program** - HUD provides funding to develop and subsidize rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities.
- **Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program** – provides very low-income elderly with options that allow them to live independently, but in an environment that provides support activities such as cleaning, cooking, transportation, etc. The program is similar to Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811).

- Housing subsidies from the federal government are administered by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) through the Housing Choice Voucher program (also known as "Section 8")
- Housing vouchers are distributed to qualified applicants by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) – there are four PHAs in Orange County
 - Garden Grove Housing Authority
 - Santa Ana Housing Authority
 - Anaheim Housing Authority
 - Orange County Housing Authority – covers all cities except for those with their own housing authority
- Voucher recipients generally pay 30-40% of their monthly income for rent

General criteria to qualify for a Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 voucher)

1. Elderly, people with disabilities, or other very low income families and individuals

- a) Very low income means a gross annual income (all income received) at or below 50% of the area median income

<u>Household size</u>	<u>L30 (Extremely Low)</u>	<u>L50 (Very Low)</u>	
1	\$30,150	\$50,250	<i>2023 HUD Income Limits for OCHA Service Area</i>
2	\$34,450	\$57,400	
3	\$38,750	\$64,600	
4	\$43,050	\$71,750	

1. At least one family member in the household must have U.S. citizenship or legal immigration status

2. At the date of the application, the head of household must be 18 years old

**The "Very Low Income" amounts are used to determine eligibility for OCHA's housing assistance program.*

**OCHA must target 75% of vouchers for new admissions to "extremely low income families"*

- Anaheim Housing Authority
201 South Anaheim Blvd.,
Suite 201, Anaheim
Phone: (714) 765-4320
www.anaheim.net
- Garden Grove Housing Authority
11277 Garden Grove Blvd.,
Suite 101C, Garden Grove
Phone: (714) 741-5150
<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us>
- Orange County Housing Authority
• 1770 North Broadway, Santa Ana
• Phone: (714) 480-2815
• www.ocgov.com
- Santa Ana Housing Authority
• 20 Civic Center Plaza, Second Floor,
• Santa Ana
• Phone: (714) 667-2200
• www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us

Affordable Rental Housing Resources

Orange County Community Resources –

<https://ochcd.org/page/affordable-housing-rental-list>

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties –

<https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/ctcac/projects.asp>

Statewide Housing Plan “A Home for Every Californian” -

<https://statewide-housing-plan-cahcd.hub.arcgis.com/>