

Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)
Regional Advisory Meeting
Kern Regional Center
May 23, 2024 10:30AM-12PM

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions

- Service Hub Representatives-Margo Perkins, Renae Dominici, Lisa Jo Gage, Tamerla Prince, and Jamie Beckner
- Regional Center Representatives- Maricela Villa, Enrique Roman, Sydney Ortiz and Lynn Clark
- Regional Center Vendor Community Care Facility Provider Representatives-Crystianna Robinson, Alejandra Chavez, Reyna Carbonell, Nicole Morehead, Gerald De Claro, Helen Houck, Anisha Knox, Ana Funes, Joseph Washington and Rose Salmon
- SBCSS/CDE/DDS Representatives-Tina Silva SBCSS, Tara Neilson CDE, Stephanie McNay DDS, and Jennifer Niklas DDS

Purpose of DSPT Advisory Committee Meeting-

- To ensure that the Challenge Testing and Training sufficiently meets the needs of eligible DSPs within the Service Hub's regional center catchment area.
- Provide updates from DDS and CDE on DSPT program issues.
- Address and resolve issues related to the DSPT program within the local regional center catchment area.
- Provide Training and Testing aggregate results.

California Department of Developmental Services Report-

Program updates:

Seven Rights Video Links:

- YouTube: [The Seven Rights of Assisting Individuals with Self-Administration of Medication - YouTube](#)
- Stephanie displayed PowerPoint with data from January to April 2024 enrollment numbers. Jan 1 to April 30, 24 Enrollment is 5, 773 Tested is 3,635 and passed is 3,431. The pass rate is 96%. The retention rate is around 59.87% for Year 1 and 68.02% for Year 2 due to DSPs dropping the class or not showing. This may be due to DSPs' work-related schedule issues and personal or illness that caused an incomplete result.
- Only (3) hours of absence before dropped from training.
- June 30, 2024 Stipend Ends.

- Vendor ID numbers being used from a regional center now require an approval email along with the authorization letter signed by the regional center to be submitted to the hub, instructor, and the DSPT Helpdesk (SBCSS) – dspt.helpdesk@sbcss.net

Legislation:

- No updates currently.

Program quality management system:

- Classroom observations are taking place by DDS and by the Hubs.

California Department of Education Report

- Materials and supply issues:
 1. Student Resource Guides updated in October of 2021. Can be downloaded. The student guides won't be updated until the curriculum is complete.
 2. Curriculum updates in the next 18 months through Orange County Hub.
- Local coverage (issues, development of formal agreements, etc.):
 1. 2024 recertification will be August 6th & 7th. This will include med skills, and discussions regarding instruction online and In-Person. Person Centered Thinking/Training broken into workshops.

San Bernardino County Office of Education Report

- The Helpdesk is available from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday-Friday. Advise staff and administrators to not create accounts for their DSPs. Please have DSPs call the helpdesk to get assistance to register at 1-800-910-4604
- In-Person and Virtual Trainings offered. DSPs need to pay attention to which platform they are registering for.
- Obtain attendance up to ten business days after the training ends. The administrator and DSPs can view their attendance up to those 10 days.
- Test results for virtual training are in right away. DSPs must log in to view results.
- Tina Silva presented a PowerPoint. Displayed the DSPT homepage and how administrators can navigate their DSP's training and certificate information.
- FERPA Privacy Laws prevent the helpdesk in speaking with anyone other than the DSP. If the DSP needs assistance with translating, they may have a family member or their administrator assist them during a call to the helpdesk, but not a co-worker.
- Remind staff not to create duplicate records. This interferes with the registration process and incorrect records.

Service Hub Report

- In-Person training in the Kern area August & October 2023 and February 2024 at Kern Adult Program.
- August 14th – 21st, 2023 Year 2 In-Person Training
- Challenge Test September 7, 2023 for both Year 1 and Year 2
- October 16th-23rd, 2023 Year 1 In-Person training
- February 15th-23rd, 2024 Year 1 In-Person training
- September 9th-16th, 2024 Year 2 In-Person training
- October 14th-21st, 2024 Year 1 In-Person training
 - Please go to www.dsptrain.org to register for DSP trainings.

Regional Center Report-

New Development in Kern County

- Advanced Behavior Support Home opened September 2023.
- Children's Home in Ridgecrest.
- Three bed Adult Residential Crisis Home in Bakersfield.

Provider Representative(s) Input –

DSP Trainer Input-

Tamerla would like to request that the Regional Centers have more of the administrators in the Kern area attend the DSP Advisory Meetings. This would give the providers a better view of what their DSP's need for the training and better assist with their staff completing the DSP trainings successfully.

Next Meeting – Virtual Platform

Recap and Closure- Appreciate input from vendors/administrators in helping improve the DSP program.