

Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)
Regional Advisory Meeting
Valley Mountain Regional Center
May 16, 2024

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions

- Service Hub Representatives-Janet Sloan, Margo Perkins, Renae Dominici, Katie Wipfli SJCOE, Janel Jesuitas SJCOE, Jamie Beckner SJCOE, and Nick Curtin SJCOE
- Regional Center Representatives- Katina Richison, Linda DeLaurenti, Eric Hernandez, Evan Davis, and Katie Murphy
- Regional Center Vendor Community Care Facility Provider Representatives- Pamela Survine, Remy Raqueno, Concepcion Soares, and Venkat Gandham
- CDE/SBCSS/DDS – Tara Neilson CDE, Tina Silva SBCSS, and Raymond Usac DDS

Purpose of DSPT Advisory Committee Meeting-

- To ensure that the Challenge Testing and Training are sufficiently scheduled to meet 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:
 1. DSPs may **not** miss more than **3 hours** of classroom instruction.
 2. 7 Rights Video on YouTube. Links below.
 3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9t-Hy69ZEY>
 4. Enrollment numbers as of January 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024- Enrolled total is 5,773
Tested 3,635 Passed 3,431
Retention Rate 59.87% Year 1, 68.02% Year 2 in 2024.
 5. The quizzes are now in Spanish for the trainings.
 6. Raymond showed PowerPoint. Went over training expectations.
 7. The Stipend Program ends on June 30, 2024.
- Legislation:
No updates currently

- Program quality management system:
Conducted trainer observations for 2023/2024

California Department of Education Report

- Materials and supply issues:
 1. Materials and Student Guides will be updated after curriculum updates are completed. The current date on student guides is 2021.
- Local coverage (issues, development of formal agreements, etc.):
 1. Curriculum updates 18-month timeline. Orange County Hub is the curriculum lead. The first year is the curriculum draft and the second year is for completion of National Standards.
 2. DSP Recertification for DSP Instructors is August 6, 2024, through August 7, 2024. Workshops will cover Professional Development, Recertification, and Person-Centered training.

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 account for their DSPs. Please have DSPs call the helpdesk to get assistance to register at 1-800-910-4604.
- Registration fills so quickly now that the platform is online. Helpdesk advises to have DSP call prior to registration opening to assist in getting registered.
- In-Person and Virtual Trainings are now both being offered. DSPs need to pay attention to which platform they are registering for.
- Testing results are available immediately for virtual trainings as soon as testing is submitted.
- Vendors have access to view testing results. Must have correct information to view records.
- Attendance should be able to be viewed up to 10 business days after the training ends. The administrator and DSPs can view their attendance up until those 10 days.

Service Hub Report

- In-Person training will continue to be offered at SJCOE. The enrollment for the In-Person classes is still low. Want to encourage vendors/administrators to have their staff sign up for In-Person especially if their DSP has difficulty navigating an online platform.
- Please check www.dsptraing.org for In-Person trainings being held in Stockton.

Regional Center Report

- The Regional Center has been bringing awareness to the Stipend Program.

Provider Representative(s) Input –

- Pamela Survine really enjoyed the In-Person training with Nick Curtin.
- Remy Raqueno requested that an email be sent out to the administrators/vendors when a Challenge Test is scheduled. Renae will email the administrators when a Challenge Test is scheduled.

DSP Trainer Input –

- Nick Curtin stated that he feels the In-Person training is so much more beneficial. Urges administrators/vendors to send their DSPs to an In-Person training.

Next Meeting – Virtual Platform

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