

## Financial Management Services

As of this date, a Financial Management Services (FMS) provider has been vendored. The FMS plays a key role in supporting participants in the Self Determination Program (SDP.) Everyone in SDP must use an FMS provider to help manage the individual budget and pay for services, including paying employees. The FMS is the only required vendored service in SDP. Regional Centers will have more information available for SDP participants as FMS providers become vendored. DDS will compile vendored FMS provider information including specific models of services provided and geographic service areas and make that information available on the DDS website. To learn more about the FMS, visit the frequently asked questions area on the DDS website at:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/faq.cfm>



## Self Determination Pioneers Reunite

Twenty two years ago, a group of parents and self advocates decided to take a chance and participate in the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center Self Determination Pilot Project.

These pioneers came together in mid May to learn about the new SDP program and, with the support of ELARC staff, figure out how to make the transition from pilot to new program. "Being in Self Determination helped make my daughter a success" said one parent, "she just finished obtaining a certificate in child development and is going to get a job. This happened because of access to tutors and other supportive services we could set up over the years. Self Determination made this happen for her!" All the ELARC pilot participants are ready to take the next step into the new SDP. Learn more about SDP services at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/faq.cfm>

## Question of the Day

**Q:** How does the individual budget amount get determined? Can my budget be adjusted?

**A:** The individual budget is determined by the individual program planning team, and is based upon the amount of purchase of service funds used by the individual in the most recent 12 months. This amount can be adjusted, up or down, if the individual program planning team determines that the individual's needs, circumstances, or resources have changed. Additionally, the individual program planning team may adjust the budget to support any prior needs or resources that were not addressed in the individual program plan. To view more information about the development of the individual budget, please visit

[www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/docs/IndividualBudget\\_Jan19.pdf](http://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/docs/IndividualBudget_Jan19.pdf)

## WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF -DETERMINATION?

- ◆ Visit the Self-Determination Page of the DDS website at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/>
- ◆ Attend a Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting, contact your Regional Center or Local State Council on Developmental Disabilities Regional Office