

## Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT) Information

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July 2015

DDS and the California Department of Education (CDE) are making key changes to the DSPT project that will take effect September 2015. No DSPT will be conducted in August 2015.

### Key changes include:

- ✓ DSPT will be coordinated by Service Hubs throughout the state run by four County Offices of Education.

#### Butte County Office of Education

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Serving: Far Northern, Redwood Coast, North Bay, and Alta CA Regional Centers

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Serving: East Bay, Valley Mountain, Central Valley, and Kern Regional Centers

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Serving: San Gab/Pomona, Inland, Orange County, and San Diego Regional Centers

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Serving: Golden Gate, San Andreas, Tri-Counties, North LA, Lanterman, Westside, Eastern LA, Harbor, and South Central LA Regional Centers

- ✓ All registration for DSPT will be done using the new online registration and certification system (eDSPT).
- ✓ Help with registration and certification verification using the eDSPT is available through the eDSPT helpline at (800) 910-4604.

- ✓ Direct support staff, administrators, and regional centers will be able to verify DSPT certification online using the eDSPT.
- ✓ Direct support staff will no longer receive paper DSPT Certificates of Completion or Letters of Failure. DSPT Result Notifications will be emailed to direct support staff and administrators. Certification Notices can be printed at any time from the eDSPT.

What is staying the same includes:

- ✓ The DSPT statutory and regulatory requirements.
- ✓ The DSPT Year 1 and Year 2 35- hour classroom training.
- ✓ The DSPT Challenge Test.
- ✓ DSPT held at convenient locations throughout the state.
- ✓ DDS DSPT project information and support available at 800-622-8904, <http://www.dds.ca.gov/DSPT/Home.cfm>, or [ccfdsp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:ccfdsp@dds.ca.gov).

DDS is hosting DSPT webinars that will provide information on:

- ✓ How the DSPT online registration system works.
- ✓ How to obtain a copy of the employee's DSPT Certification Notice.

Service providers are invited to attend one of the DSPT webinar sessions scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, or Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To register for one of the DSPT informational webinars, go to <http://www.dds.ca.gov/DSPT/Home.cfm>. After you register, you will receive an email with the call-in information and a link to the webinar. Please register early, space is limited. If you are unable to participate in one of the scheduled webinar sessions, a recording of the webinar will be available on the DDS website.

DDS will continue to post project updates on the DDS website.

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/DSPT/Home.cfm>