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NLACRC's Self-Determination Program will provide eligible participants with the opportunity to develop and implement person centered plans based on an individualized budget that the participant controls, within the program guidelines. Participants will have the option of using the services of an independent facilitator, purchased from the individualized budget, or a trained service coordinator, to develop their plan. The Self-Determination Program allows participants to purchase services from existing service providers or local businesses in the community.

The Department of Developmental Services recently submitted a Home and Community Based Waiver application for federal funding, and upon approval, the Self Determination Program can be implemented.

To implement the program, DDS must develop informational materials about the Self-Determination Program and ensure that regional centers are trained in the principles, mechanics, and rights of consumers as candidates for, and participants in, the Self-Determination Program.

NLACRC must conduct outreach to consumers and their families through local meetings and forums to provide information about the Self-Determination Program and help ensure that the program is available to a diverse group of participants, with special outreach to underserved communities. Training will be provided in collaboration with local consumer or family run organizations.

NLACRC, in collaboration with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, must also establish a local volunteer advisory committee to provide oversight of the Self-Determination Program. The committee must consist of the regional center clients' rights advocate, consumers, family members and other advocates and community leaders and should reflect the multicultural diversity and geographic profile of NLACRC's catchment area.

Eligible consumers who volunteer for participation in the program will be selected in an equitable manner. NLACRC has been allotted 174 slots for the phase-in period of the Self-Determination Program; the program will be available to all eligible consumers after the phase-in period. The selection process has not yet been finalized, however interest in the program can be sent via electronic mail directly to DDS at sdp@dds.ca.gov or to NLACRC at selfdetermination@nlacrc.org. NLACRC will notify the department of all consumers expressing interest in participating in the program. NLACRC is in the process of conducting outreach to solicit volunteers for the local advisory committee. If you are interested in participating on the Center's local advisory committee, please send an e-mail to selfdetermination@nlacrc.org or call Ruth Janka at 661/951-1256 and leave your name, telephone number and mailing address.

Upon expressed interest and receipt of contact information, you will be contacted regarding informational meetings about the Center's Self-Determination Program and local advisory committee.

Additional information regarding the Self-Determination Program can be found at www.dds.ca.gov or www.nlacrc.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!