



## **Summary of Public Comments Received During Workgroup 5 Meeting #4**

**Friday, October 25, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

This summary reflects the themes and ideas received from public comments provided during the workgroup meeting's public comment period. Public participants were invited to speak and share their comments with the workgroup and to share their comments using the Zoom chat and Q&A. Themes from public comments included:

### **Transparency and Communication**

- Need for appropriate translation services to ensure underserved communities obtain services
- Need for translating laws into languages other than English and providing copies to all individuals who come into contact with the regional center system
- Need for accountability measures to ensure that regional center staff training translates into effective support for individuals and families

### **System Navigation**

- Emphasis on providing culturally appropriate and personalized navigation supports
- The need for alternatives to conservatorship to ensure individuals with IDD have agency in their decision making
- Support for expanding the Self-Determination Program to allow more flexibility and autonomy
- Ensuring that regional centers/SCs have the primary duty to actively help individuals navigate the different sources of funding and investigate eligibility for the individual

### **Funding and Services**

- Individuals with IDD and their families are impacted by many different parts of safety net funding including the criminal justice system, housing, transportation, schools, and more
- Regional centers should provide services by default and work to find generic services to replace them