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MASTER PLAN *for* Developmental Services

Workgroup 5 Meeting

March 6, 2025

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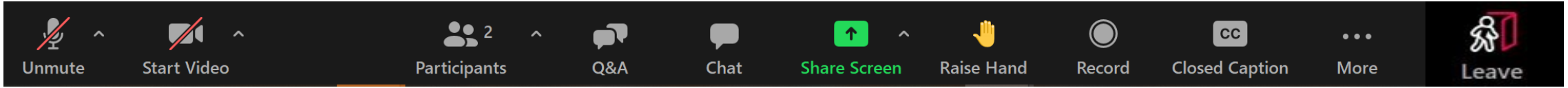


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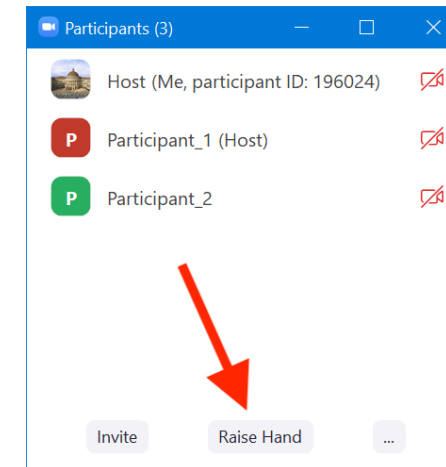
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Agenda

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2. Timeline for Creating Ideas and Recommendations
3. Priority 3 Recommendations (Part 1)
4. BREAK
5. Priority 3 Recommendations (Part 2)
6. Advancing Recommendations to the Committee
7. Public Comment

Community Agreements

1. Show respect toward others
2. Listen for understanding
3. Create a safe space for difficult conversations
4. Share time and space for everyone to contribute
5. Support an inclusive environment
6. Embrace collective wisdom
7. Build Community
8. Teamwork

This is the last Workgroup 5 meeting. Next, we will send our recommendations to the Stakeholder Committee to discuss including in the Master Plan.

Mar 2025 	Final Updates → Master Plan to Legislature Spring 2025
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DDS Master Plan Timeline



The DDS Master Plan will incorporate workgroup, committee member and public participant feedback, with a final draft targeted for completion by March 31st.

Priority #3 Summary of Recommendations

Recommendations reviewed at the last meeting:

1. In-Home and Community Services
2. Supported Living Services
3. Enhanced Supported Living Services
4. Innovative Service Models Where People Share Resources and Services
5. Day Programs
6. Technology
7. Grants and Other Funding Sources
8. Specialized Remote/Virtual Supports

Priority #3 Summary of Recommendations



Recommendations for discussion today:

1. School System - **UPDATED**
2. Transition Out of Institutional Settings
3. Planning for Potential Federal Budget Cuts - **UPDATED**
4. Housing and Homelessness Supports – **UPDATED**
5. Services for Individuals with Complex Cross-system Needs - **NEW**

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (1/7)

- Educational system and educator workforce development must be based on the principles of Universal Design for Learning to ensure that schools and educational organizations are competent to serve everyone, including individuals with I/DD, in an equitable and inclusive way.
- “Universal design for learning” framework for teaching and learning treats students’ varied physical, intellectual and learning needs as the norm, not an exception.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (2/7)

- Schools and teachers should receive adequate supports, training, and resources to make inclusion a reality. This includes making mental health supports, including counseling, in schools fully accessible to students with I/DD.
- The state should develop accountability measures for public education system. This can include metrics on graduation rates, transitioning into post-school education or jobs, and more.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (3/7)

- The state should do a gap analysis of the ways people with developmental disabilities are served by the school system in California.
- A gap analysis is a way to make sure that we know the ways the school system is and isn't working, so that it is easier to fix or change it.
- This study will help us see where schools are doing well and where schools are not providing fully inclusive, person-centered learning experience for students with I/DD.
- This study should be done with input from individuals with I/DD and their families.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (4/7)

- California Department of Education and local partners should work with individuals with I/DD, their families, and other community partners to transition public education system to the Universal Design for Learning. This process should also develop and implement ways to fix gaps and issues.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (5/7)

DDS and California Department of Education (CDE) should develop formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or another formal agreement that will:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities between school system and I/DD DDS system.
- Identify which system is responsible for what services and which funding source/budget should pay for it.
- Require and describe a process for collaboration and coordination at state and local level.
- Require and describe a process on how schools and RCs/service coordinators should coordinate/collaborate on services and supports for school aged children to ensure continuity, consistency, and seamless services and supports.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (6/7)

- Schools should allow room for reasonable accommodations in all classes.
- Schools need to make sure the entire campus is accessible for everyone.
- Schools should have equal opportunities for everyone to participate in graduation activities and ceremonies.
- Schools should create a student advocate position (similar to RC's consumer advocates) who can provide support for students with I/DD and their families in IEP meetings or with finding resources.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (7/7)

- Partner with school systems and after-school programs to develop more inclusive before and after school support options for learning and skill development. Develop inclusive after school programs for youth ages 16-22, instead of day programs. This programming should support transition to post-school education and employment.
- Explore ways for school systems to use I/DD vendors to support inclusive before and after school programs.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #9: School System (7/7)

- Ensure all school programing, including that which is funded through grants such as Expanded Learning Opportunities Grants, are fully accessible to students with I/DD with necessary accommodations and supports.
- Maximize use of Federal funding for Early Start and Special Education Grants. Partner with the school system to develop better relationships and inclusive programs that provide supports to individuals and families.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #10: Transition Out of Institutional Settings

Using the experience and lessons learned from closing state operated institutions, DDS should develop and implement a plan to support individuals to move from institutional settings into community settings with appropriate supports.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (1/8)

There is a possibility that under the current administration, Medicaid program funding may be reduced or have new restrictions placed on its use. If California is faced with cuts to Medicaid program, when considering budget reductions, DDS should follow these principles and approaches:

- Preserve all aspects of the Lanterman Act entitlement. Keep eligibility standards where they are. Everyone should continue to have access to supports, even if they are reduced.
- Keep commitment to inclusive, person-centered services in the community. Prioritize supports that keep people in their own homes, their communities, and at their jobs.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (2/8)

- Prioritize services that support independence and quality of life. This can include skills building and creative use of technology to reduce need for in-person supports, where appropriate (e.g., through enabling technology, remote monitoring, and remote mental health support).
- Prioritize early start services and services supporting life transitions (from school to work, from day programs to work, with aging caregivers, family grief, to senior services)

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (3/8)

- Prioritize creative approaches that allow individuals to share services and supports, and help use natural and community resources:
 - Prioritize creative use of funds, limiting the need for licensed settings that are costly and more restrictive. This can include shared time banks, expansion of family home agency services, direct care in the family home.
 - Prioritize housing as a disability related need (e.g. Housing First) to lower overall costs.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (4/8)

- Prioritize creative approaches that allow individuals to share services and supports, and help use natural and community resources:
 - Prioritize participant-directed and self-directed services for creativity within budgets that may be fixed.
 - Prioritize keeping access to respite services.
 - Consider expanding community living services with roommates that person chooses. Ensure compliance with HCBS rules.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (5/8)

- Prioritize creative approaches that allow individuals to share services and supports, and help use natural and community resources:
 - Prioritize HCBS compliance across all settings to maximize quality of life and independence of choice, regardless of federal and state climates that impact people's lives.
 - Strengthen natural supports, including family resource centers and Circle of Friend systems

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (6/8)

- Prioritize creative approaches that allow individuals to share services and supports, and help use natural and community resources:
 - Strengthen generic services and the capacity for regional centers to provide technical assistance to generic services systems and providers on serving people with I/DD.
 - This can include strengthening ability of Regional Centers and Services Coordinators to work with and coordinate with schools to ensure children receive services they need.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (7/8)



- Ensure direct support professionals have access to healthcare benefits.
- Give people informed choice on sharing their demographic or legal status information to protect privacy.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #11: Contingency Planning for Potential Budget Cuts at the Federal Level (8/8)



- Prioritize Get Out the Vote, People First, and civic engagement efforts that create and increase platforms for self-advocates and families to be heard.
- Create and strengthen advisory committees that prioritize self-advocates, to make sure that systems are working as well as they can with expert (lived and living experience) feedback.

BREAK

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports – Recommendation Summary (1/23)



- Housing First
- Home and Community Based Settings Principles
- Finding Affordable Housing
- Affordable Housing and Rent Help
- State Supplemental Payment Program
- Making Homes Accessible
- Life Changes and Moving Support
- Specialized Housing
- Legal Help for Housing Issues
- Planning for Aging Caregivers
- Building More Housing
- State Tax Incentives, Property Tax Incentives and Affordable Insurance
- Better Data Tracking
- Stronger Government and Partner Agency Collaboration
- Fair Housing Laws
- Clear Housing Information

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (2/23)

Housing First:

- The state should Update California law to adopt “Housing First” principals as a system-wide value. Housing First principals state that everyone is ready for housing regardless of the complexity or severity of their needs. This principal will replace any “housing readiness” model language that requires a person to meet some standard before being allowed to obtain housing of their choice.

Home and Community Based Settings Principles:

- The state should make sure that all investments and efforts to develop affordable and accessible housing options for individuals with I/DD fully align with "Home and Community Based Settings" (HCBS) core principles and requirements.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (3/23)

Finding Affordable Housing:

- DDS should make sure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families can get quick local help to find housing no matter where they live or which Regional Center serves them. These services are called Housing Access Services.
- DDS should Update payment rates to Housing Access Services providers so they can afford to serve everyone and provide high-quality support.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (4/23)

Affordable Housing and Rent Help (1/2):

- The state should help people with I/DD and their families use existing affordable housing programs, rent subsidies, and other community resources without unnecessary hurdles.
- Rent Subsidy Program: The state should identify and fix gaps in housing and service programs. DDS should implement and fund a Rent Subsidy program that provides funding to close the gap that currently exists with other rent subsidy programs. This can include providing rent subsidies while people wait for HUD vouchers. DDS and Regional Centers should partner with local housing authorities and managed care organizations to design one seamless process for people to get rent subsidies.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (5/23)

Affordable Housing and Rent Help (2/2):

- DDS should make sure people can get a Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Access Services when they have a crisis, are found to be at-risk, or any time they have a need.
- DDS should work with housing authorities and other development agencies to create special rent programs or reserved housing units and rent help for people with I/DD.
- The state should stop unfair housing practices like refusing renters based on where their money comes from or their lack of credit history.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (6/23)

State Supplemental Payment Program:

- The state should increase the State Supplemental Payment (SSP) program to provide housing assistance for people with I/DD who pay more than 40% of their income toward housing costs, so they can reduce the risk of homelessness and have a choice about where they live.

The program should provide benefits up to a certain amount that can be used for things like:

- Rent
- Mortgage and interest payments and insurance for a person's home and property taxes
- Manufactured home lot rental
- Utilities like heat, air conditioning, electricity, water, sewer, garbage and phone

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (7/23)



Making Homes Accessible:

- DDS should work with Regional Centers to create a clear and easy process for people with I/DD to request home modifications, no matter what kind of services they receive.
- DDS should make sure people can get accessibility updates in their homes whether they rent or own, and provide funds to remove modifications if a landlord requires it when they move out.
- DDS should use data to count people's needs, improve the process, and make sure funding and access is fair.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (8/23)

Life Changes and Moving Support:

- DDS should develop a statewide plan to help people transition to new housing or services, including help with rent, deposits, utilities, and furniture – for all ages and stages.
- DDS should make sure there are supports for smooth transitions from different living situations, like group homes, foster care, shelters, or family homes, to more independent living.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (9/23)

Specialized Housing:

- DDS should expand housing options like medical and behavioral homes, foster homes, and other settings, but also make sure they focus on personal choice, independence, and inclusion.
- DDS should make sure housing policies follow fair rules and meet the needs of all individuals.
- DDS should make investments to ensure that all residential settings fully comply with Home and Community Based Settings rule, provide regular compliance reviews and oversight, with individual's and family input.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (10/23)

Legal Help for Housing Issues (1/2):

- The state should make sure people can get quick, local, legal help if they need it.
- The state should provide funding for staff to Legal Aid and advocacy organizations to deliver housing-targeted legal help, advocacy, and to stop local unfair housing practices.
- The state should create a way to count and report how many people need housing-targeted legal help, of what type, actions needed, entities involved, service provided, and the final outcomes. This will help improve the State's housing rights protection, advocacy, anti-discrimination, fair-housing, and other important laws.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (11/23)

Legal Help for Housing Issues (2/2):

- People with I/DD can be underserved by the broader Legal Aid community. Related to housing, certain legal aid organizations in California receive funding to serve the public with housing matters but have not been able to effectively serve the I/DD community.
- The state should complete a review to identify the barriers legal practitioners face when trying to serve individuals with I/DD and then a plan developed to address these barriers. These barriers may be knowledge of the law, connection to expert resources, and/or experience working and communicating with individuals with I/DD.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (12/23)

Planning for Aging Caregivers:

- DDS and Regional Centers should help families plan for long-term housing and residential care before aging caregivers can no longer provide support. Use tools like legacy homes, special needs or pooled trusts, and future planning programs.
- Regional Centers should help families coordinate supports to plan for using their home to provide the housing and services needed for their relatives with I/DD during their lifetime.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (13/23)

Building More Housing (1/4):

- DDS should use existing and new resources and programs to create more affordable housing and accessible housing for people with I/DD across California.
- The state should create a dedicated funding source or a specific funding incentive in the state budget to build community-based affordable and accessible housing units for adults with developmental disabilities. A dedicated funding source or development incentives exist for other populations and at-risk groups such as veterans, seniors and people with mental illness. Similar program needs to be established for people with I/DD.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (14/23)

Building More Housing (2/4):

- DDS should increase support for existing programs that help build housing in communities.
- DDS should increase funding for and exploring new ways to use Community Placement Plan (CPP) and Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) programs. This can include using these programs for developing non-licensed community housing, maintaining existing housing, providing rent subsidies and more.
- DDS needs to make sure that CPP and CDRP funding is distributed and used equitably across the state.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (15/23)

Building More Housing (3/4):

- DDS should provide downpayment assistance or Gap Financing through their Housing Initiative program or seed funding for ARF (Adult residential Facility)/Multiplex owners who can provide housing for people with I/DD.
- The state should incentivize cities and Counties to allocate affordable housing for individuals with IDD (15-30% of the units in each new development) and for professionals who are hired in the developmental services industry.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (16/23)

Building More Housing (4/4):

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Funding: DDS should establish a low-interest loan program for families and individuals with I/DD to develop Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to support long-term housing needs of individuals with I/DD. Examples of ADUs include converting part of a home to a separate dwelling unit, a basement apartment, a garage converted into living space.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (17/23)

State Tax Incentives, Property Tax Incentives, and Affordable Insurance:

- The state should explore state tax deductions or property tax incentives for companies, people, owners, and organizations that rent housing units to people with I/DD.
- The state should explore state insurance collective to provide affordable property insurance to providers or entities who serve and house individuals with I/DD in residential settings they own or lease. This will help serve people who have complex needs.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (18/23)



Better Data Tracking:

- DDS should improve data collection to track prevention, at-risk events, homelessness, housing threats, who needs/get legal help, outcomes, who gets what resources, who needs what services, and other needs of people with I/DD.
- DDS should use data to ensure fair policies and better access to housing programs, target prevention activities, homelessness, and rent money help received.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (19/23)



Stronger Government and Partner Agency Collaboration (1/2):

- The state should Improve teamwork between state, the federal government, and local agencies to increase housing access, homelessness, and prevention needs.
- Via legislation, the state should establish cross-sector partnerships by requiring formal agreements between DDS, RCs, and CA housing agencies to ensure equitable access to state-funded and locally allocated affordable, accessible, and supportive housing resources.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (20/23)



Stronger Government and Partner Agency Collaboration (2/2):

- DDS should create a special housing division within the department to focus on people's community-based affordable and accessible housing issues, data, community involvement.
- DDS should form a Housing Advisory Committee that includes experts and people with lived experience who can help DDS and its partner agencies.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (21/23)



Fair Housing Laws (1/2):

- The State should support laws that protect fair housing rights for people with I/DD, remove barriers, and prevent discrimination.
- The state should enforce laws that are intended to protect people with I/DD.
- The state should fix laws that need to be updated or changed to better protect people with I/DD.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (22/23)



Fair Housing Laws (2/2):

- The state should track, report, address new and emerging technology, programs, apps, that may accidentally discriminate against, leave out, or otherwise be bad for people with I/DD trying to live in their community and access housing.
- The state should develop ways to make sure that people can get help, report problems, and overcome barriers or siloes that prevent them from participating in programs, services, and resources.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #12: Housing and Homelessness Supports (23/23)



Clear Housing Information:

- DDS and Regional Centers should provide easy-to-understand information on housing options, tenant rights, and available supports, services, and resources.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #13: Services for Individuals with Complex Cross- system Needs (1/2)

- DDS and DHCS should prioritize the development of support models in crisis homes to include therapeutic, trauma informed care models, including drug and alcohol co-occurring models to fund facilities that specialize in care for people with IDD.
- DDS and DHCS should explore and make available models that differ from traditional ABA models for people with I/DD that require alternative approaches.
- DDS should explore and pilot funding of Ukera – a crisis management technique rooted in the belief that the use of physical restraints is unnecessary and unproductive.

Priority 3 Draft Recommendation #13: Services for Individuals with Complex Cross- system Needs (2/2)

- DDS should expand individualized residential homes for youth. DDS should create pathways for long term wrap around services for families and single child residential homes.
- DDS should evaluate and provide short term single person residential homes for people with I/DD with supports to transitions back to family home or community living.

Next Steps – Advancing Recommendations to the Committee



For each recommendation, we want you to think about these things:

- Do you feel the recommendations are really good, not controversial, and are ready to be included in the Master Plan?
- Are there any recommendations you are concerned about or don't think are right?
- Or do you feel that the Stakeholder Committee should spend time discussing the recommendation at their last meeting?

Next Steps

The Stakeholder Committee will review our Workgroup's recommendations.

**This workgroup has
completed its job!
Thank you for all
your hard work and
contributions!!**



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Thank you!



We look forward to seeing you at the next **Master Plan Committee** meeting.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual and in-person at CA Lottery 700 North 10th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95811

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Appendix

Step 1: Finalizing Workgroup Recommendations

Workgroup Members will complete their recommendations **by the first week of March**

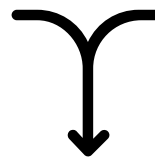


Workgroups will create **two categories** of recommendations:



Recommendations members agree should be in the Master Plan without changes

Or



Recommendations members agree **need more discussion** by the Committee

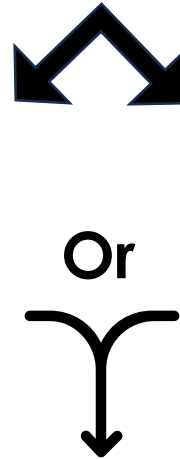


Thank you, workgroup members! They have completed their jobs at this point!

Step 2: Co-Chairs Review Recommendations

Co-chairs will meet to review both categories of recommendations. They will have two options for the recommendations

Move a recommendation into the **category for inclusion in the final Master Plan**



Move a recommendation in the **“needs more discussion” category** for the Stakeholder Committee to discuss on March 19th



Recommendations will then be shared with the Committee and Discussed on March 19th

Step 3: Stakeholder Committee Reviews Recommendations and the Draft Master Plan

On March 12th, Committee members will receive a plain language draft of the Master Plan with all workgroup recommendations.



On March 19th, the Committee will review the draft Master Plan and the recommendations from the co-chairs as needing more discussion



The Committee will decide which of these recommendations should be **included in the final Master Plan**

If the Committee decides recommendations need more discussion, **co-chairs will discuss** them on March 21st

Self-advocates on the Committee will have the option to join information sessions to review recommendations before the committee meeting on March 19th

Step 4: Finalizing Recommendations and the Master Plan

On March 21st, workgroup co-chairs and facilitators will review the recommendations the Committee indicated need more discussion. At the end of the meeting, there will be two categories of recommendations

Recommendations that will be included in the Master Plan

Recommendations will be included in the Master Plan for Developmental Services. The Committee will be notified of these additions.

Recommendations that will not be included in the Master Plan

Recommendations that are not included in the Master Plan will still live on the CalHHS Master Plan website in a separate document. The Committee will be notified and there will be a process for statements from Committee members who do not agree with the final decisions.