

Glossary

Area Board

Area boards are independent, regional agencies, which protect and advocate the rights of all persons with developmental disabilities who live in their areas. Area board responsibilities are defined in Sections 4570-4613 of the California Welfare & Institutions Code.

Client Program Coordinator

See Service Coordinator.

Consumer

An individual with developmental disabilities who is eligible for regional center services. The term consumer has replaced the prior term "client".

The term consumer denotes not only the individual, but the individual's authorized representative. Authorized representatives include parents, guardians, and conservators.

CPC

Client Program Coordinator. *See Service Coordinator*

Generic Service

Service or support that is provided by an agency that has a legal responsibility to serve all members of the general public and is receiving public funds for providing those services.

ID Team or Interdisciplinary Team

See Planning Team

Individual Program Plan

A planning document. The Individual Program Plan is prepared in a standard format according to specific instructions. An Individual Program Plan is developed through a process of individualized needs determination and embodies an approach centered on the person and family.

IPP

See Individual Program Plan.

Planning Conference

A planning conference is a meeting of a planning team. The team may be used synonymously with “team meeting”, “ID team meeting”, “program plan meetings”, “IPP meetings, or any other meeting with the purpose a needs assessment centered on the consumer and family, and make the choices and decisions recorded in an Individual Program Plan.

Planning Team

The planning team members are participants in a planning conference that results in an Individual Program Plan. The planning team is defined as the consumer, the parents of a minor or conservator or legally appointed guardian of an adult, one or more regional center representatives, including the regional center representative who has the authority to make decisions on behalf of the regional center, and anyone invited by the consumer or representative, including a service provider. The planning team shall also include developmental center staff knowledgeable about the service and support needs of the consumer when the consumer resides in a developmental center.

Regional Center

A regional center is a private, non-profit, agency that is under contract with the Department of Developmental Services to coordinate services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities. Regional center roles and responsibilities are defined in Sections 4620-4696 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

Service Coordinator

An individual who is responsible for implementing, overseeing, and monitoring a consumer's IPP. The service coordinator may be an employee of the regional center or may be a qualified individual or employee of an agency with whom the regional center has contracted to provide service coordination services (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4647(b)). Where appropriate, a consumer or the consumer's parents or other family members, legal guardian or conservator, may perform all or part of the duties of the service coordinator if the regional center director agrees and it is feasible (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4647(c)).