

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
PROPOSALS TO SAVE \$174 MILLION
(SCDD Plain Language Version)**

As part of the 2011-12 State budget process, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) was told to save more money because of the State has a deficit.

DDS worked with 8 workgroups that included individuals with developmental disabilities, families, service providers, regional centers, unions, and advocates to look for ways to save money.

Using the comments from the workgroups, DDS put together the following ideas to save money:



1. **Get more money from the federal government through waiver programs to buy services. (Adds \$20.9 million from federal money and saves State money)**



2. **Give less money to some organizations that contract with DDS. (Saves \$1.5 million)**



3. **Give less money to regional centers for their staff, offices, and other things. (Saves \$14.1 million)**



4. **Give less money to the Community Placement Plan (CPP). (Saves \$6.9 million)**



5. **Make changes in the way rates are set for some services. (Saves \$3.4 million)**



6. **Make some families of children pay a yearly fee to get regional some center purchased services. (Adds \$3.6 million to save same amount of State money)**



7. **Let people keep their home even if they need less care from the home. (Saves \$1.3 million)**



8. Use funds through schools to get day services, work, independent living, and transportation for individuals in school when they are 18-22 years old. (Saves DDS \$10.2 million)



9. Make some people who live together and both get supported living services (SLS) to share the supported living services for some things; and don't have the SLS provider decide what services a person needs; have that done by another person. (Saves \$5.4 million)



10. Start new day services that allow individuals to make choices about how many days they want to go to program; let people hire their own staff; and let day services change the way they bill the State for part of a day of services. (Saves \$ 9.6 million)



11. Make parents tell regional centers that behavioral services were provided if they are suppose to be; and let trained paraprofessionals provide behavioral services. (Saves \$3.8 million)



12. Move the Prevention Program to Family Resource Centers and only give information, resource, outreach and referral. (Saves \$7.5 million)



13. Make a transportation plan at the time the individual program plan (IPP) is done so more people can use public transit. (Saves \$1 million)

The total amount of State money saved by these ideas is \$154.5 million in 2011-12 and \$174 million each year after that.

DDS held 3 public hearings in California to let the public talk about these ideas and must give a report to the Legislature by May 15, 2011. Some of these ideas will require that current law (Lanterman Act) be changed and DDS is working on those changes. The Legislature will have to ok the savings ideas and any changes in law and people will be able to talk about these these with the Legislature in budget hearings.