



Life with the Power of Choice and Possibilities

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VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER SERVICE STANDARD

CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

Participation in conferences, workshops and seminars is considered empowering and provides opportunity for people with developmental disabilities and/or their family members to develop skills and abilities in leadership and/or increase their knowledge of developmental disabilities and related resources.

The following apply to funding of conferences, workshops or seminars:

1. A similar conference with similar information is not available in VMRC's catchment area.
2. Participants requesting funding have exhausted all scholarships or generic sources available.
3. Request from the attendee is received at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event.
4. The service is noted as a need in the consumer's Individual Program Plan (IPP).
5. For adults receiving VMRC services, funding may include lodging and/or transportation costs when authorized.
6. Transportation, lodging, and meal costs are the responsibility of family members who are requesting in-person participation.
7. Zoom participation is an option, when available.
8. The conference, workshop or seminar must be in California for all in-person attendance.
9. If the individual will be part of a panel or a keynote speaker at the event, the expectation is that the sponsor will fund the conference/workshop/seminar.
10. The regional center may fund registration fees up to \$250 for one consumer or family member's attendance at one conference, workshop or seminar each fiscal year.
11. The Planning Team determines that the following criteria are met:

- a. The conference, workshop or seminar is presented by a recognized organization or individual.
- b. If the person requesting participation is a family member, the conference, workshop or seminar will assist the family in understanding the special needs of their family member and enhancing the person's development.
- c. If the person requesting participation is an adult consumer, the conference, workshop or seminar will assist the adult in meeting the goals on his/her IPP and/or will assist in the development of leadership/partnership skills.
- d. The sponsor of the conference/workshop/seminar is a vendor of the regional center or the person attending is vendorized for reimbursement.