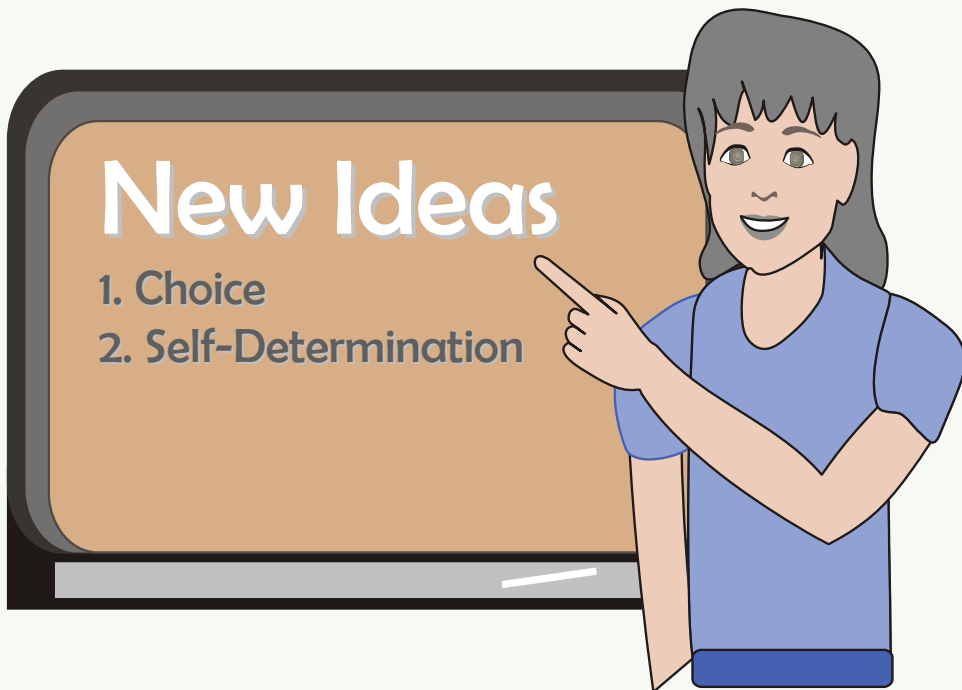


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10 RECOMMENDATIONS



Adapted recommendations developed by
SB 1270 Workgroups
April 2007

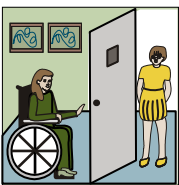
Opening Statement



The State Council on Developmental Disabilities brought people from across California together in SB1270 workgroups to explore ways to expand the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities. To gather information from stakeholders about improved employment, educational and social activities, the Council made sure voices of persons with disabilities guided discussions and shaped ideas included in this report.

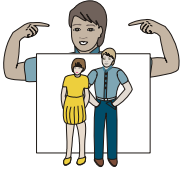


Workgroup recommendations that you are about to read will help thousands of people pave a new road toward a better life. By having more information when coming out of high school transition programs, people have more choices. By having more choices about their futures, people are more empowered. By having good services, people can decide not only where they want to live but what they want to do for work and, maybe, even start their own business.



The 10 recommendations that follow encourage us and open doors for future generations of Californians with developmental disabilities. They are a bridge between us and the community at large. People will see us as contributors. We will show that we can stand on our own two feet and participate in our communities – being good neighbors, helping others, working and paying taxes, and inspire many.

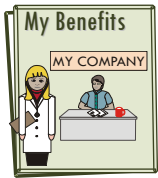
Major Themes



Choice and Self Direction



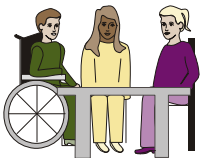
Flexible, Individualized Services & Supports



Employment & Health Benefits



Innovation

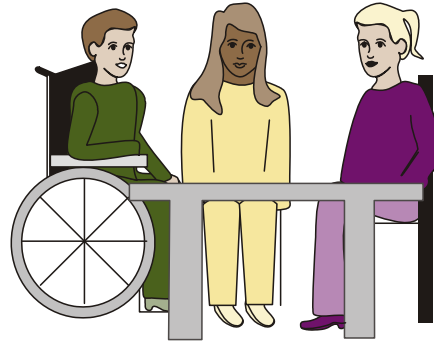


Workforce Education and Training



Community Education & Outreach

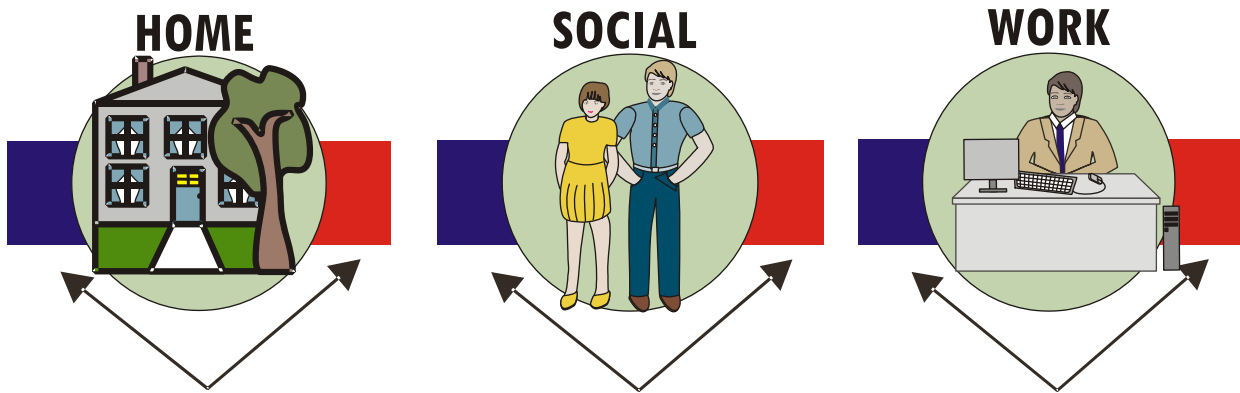
Recommendation #1



At IPP meetings, make sure people get information they need about their choices, especially:

- Real jobs & working in the community
- Other community activities:
[volunteering, internships, classes, clubs, etc.]
- Benefits: Social Security, MediCal, Medicare, etc.

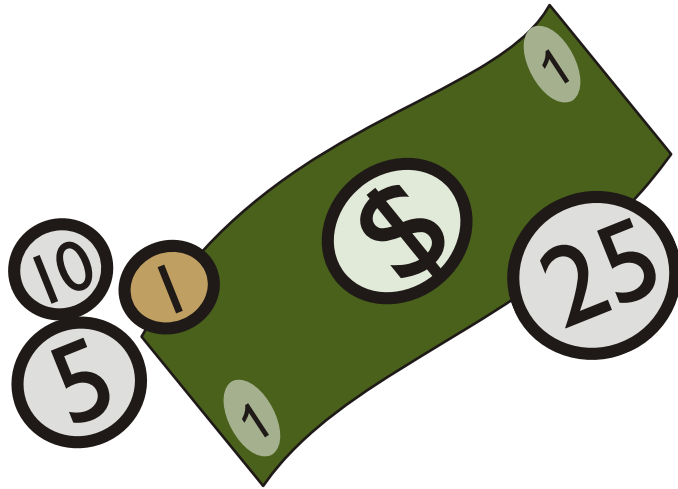
Recommendation #2



Start letting (and supporting) people to:

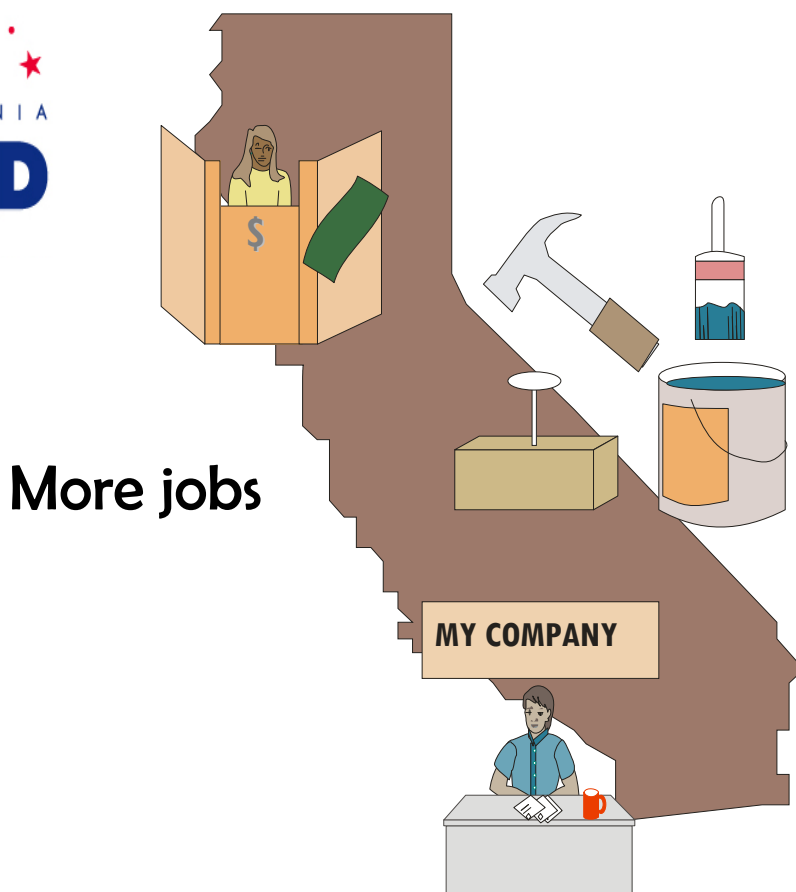
- Have their own service budgets.
- Decide on services they want.
- Buy their services.

Recommendation #3



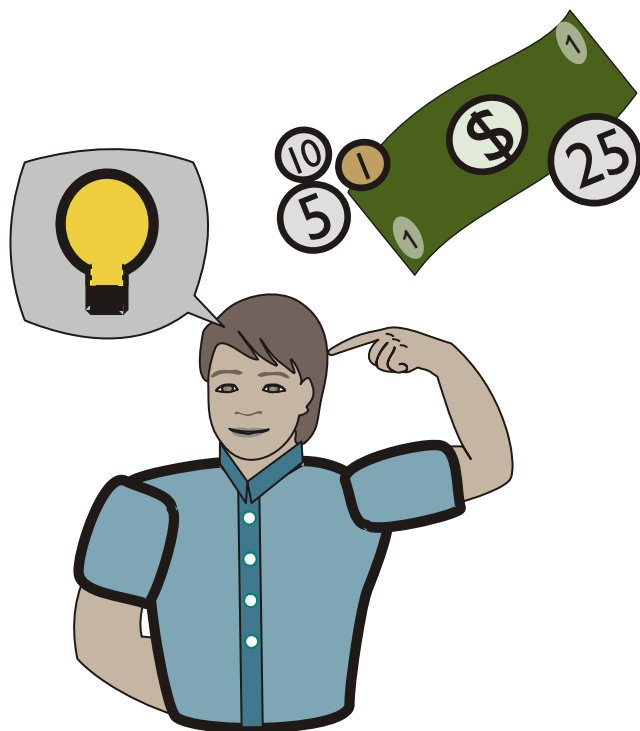
The State Council will ask state agencies like Department of Developmental Services, Education and Rehabilitation to put funding together to help people figure out what to do after high school.

Recommendation #4



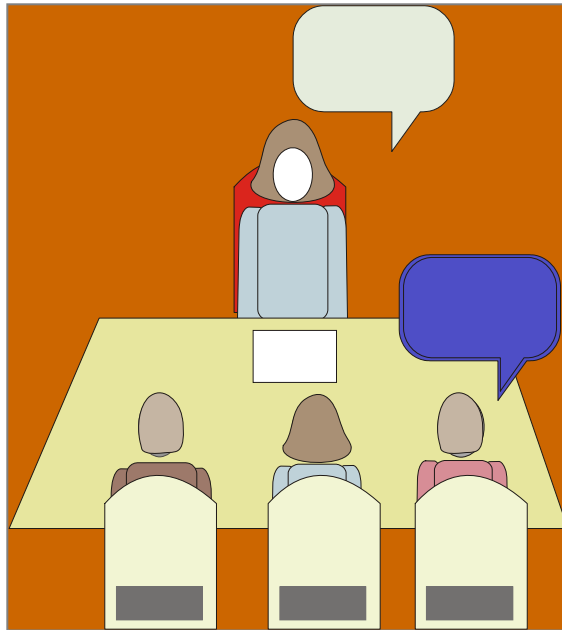
The State Council will ask the State and all employers in California to hire more persons with disabilities.

Recommendation #5



Help fund individuals who have good ideas about work services and other community services, including persons with developmental disabilities who want to start their own business.

Recommendation #6

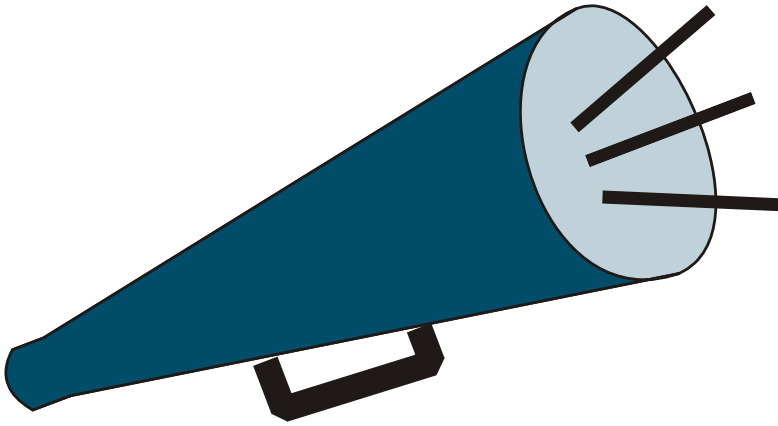


Make sure support staff get the training they need to do a good job.

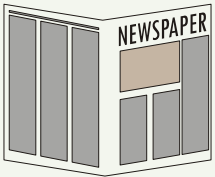
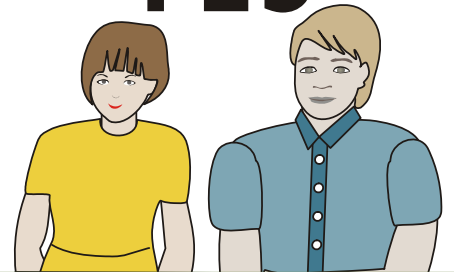


Put together good trainers from across the state who will help teach staff to understand people's differences and support them better in communities.

Recommendation #7

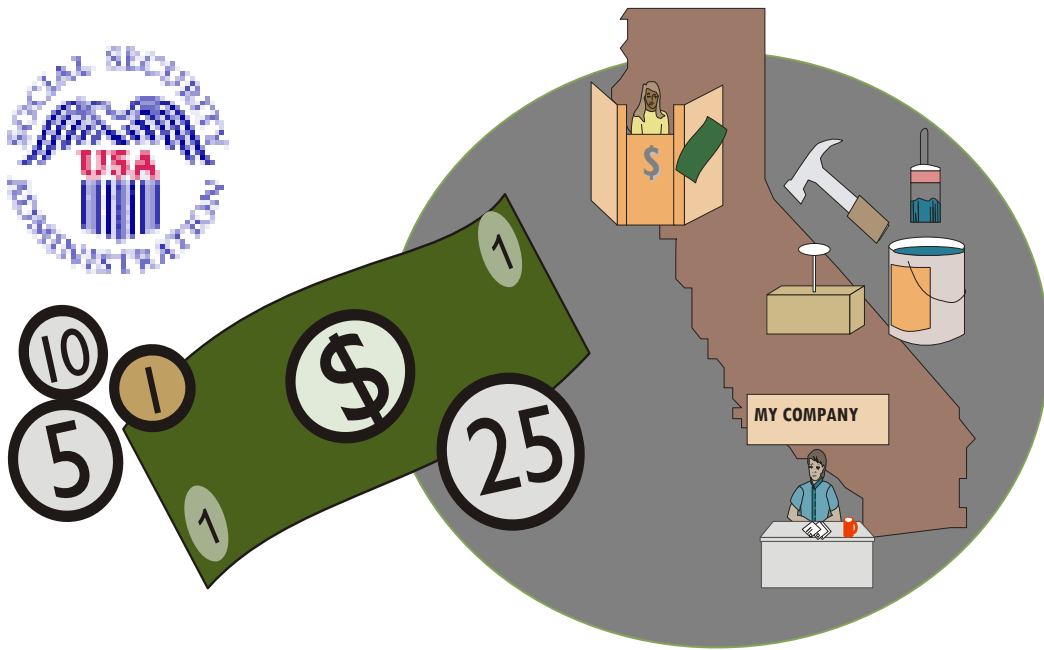


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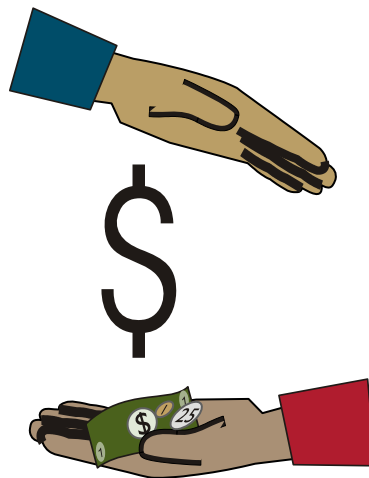
Get the word out in a media campaign about persons with developmental disabilities as good employees, neighbors and community members.

Recommendation #8



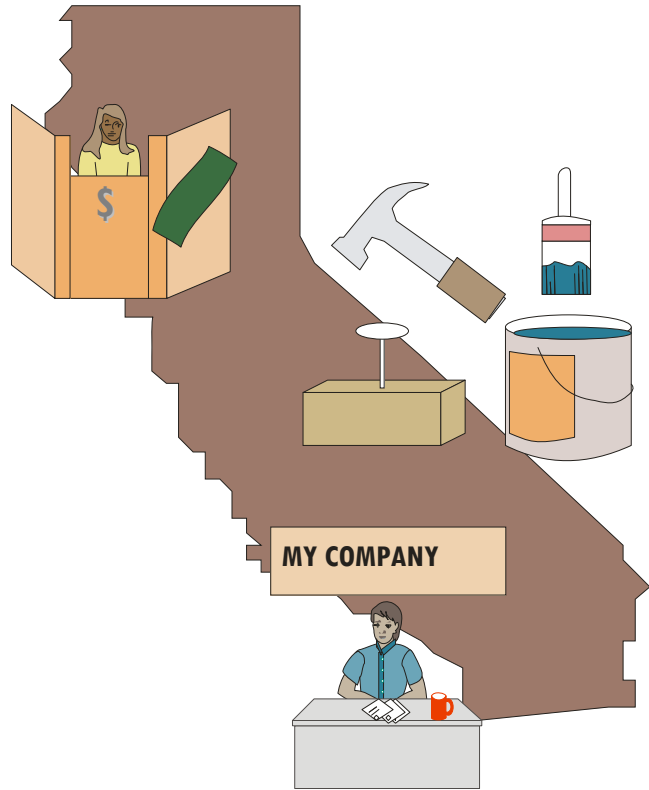
For people who work and get Social Security, let them keep more of the money they earn and health benefits.

Recommendation #9



Let Regional Centers pay for more services that help people find and keep jobs, and do things in the community like everyone else.

Recommendation #10



Keep track of the work situations of people and how they are getting into the community.