

Possible Questions for Independent Facilitators

1. How much do you know about California's Self-Determination Program? You want to make sure they understand the principles of self-determination and how the program is different from the traditional regional center system. For example, the SOP participant is in charge of who gets hired and supervising staff and agencies. Bills go to an FMS. Services must provide community inclusion. Provider does not need to be a vendor or have a contract with the regional center.
2. What experience have you had as an Independent Facilitator?
3. Have you had any training to be an Independent Facilitator?
4. Have you ever facilitated a person-centered plan?
 - o How many?
 - o What is your style?
 - o How do you prepare?
5. How well do you know my community?
 - o Are you aware of activities in my area that I might be interested in?
6. How would you go about helping me to find services to help me meet my goals?
7. How will you help me figure out my budget?
8. Can you advocate for me at my IPP?
 - o At my IEP?
 - o To get benefits, such as SSI or IHSS?
9. Do you also help manage workers?
 - o How do you do that?
 - o How would you help me if I am unhappy with the job that one of my workers is doing?
10. How will you keep in touch with other members of my support team?

11. I have certain things that are really important to me, like _____. Are you willing to adapt your services to meet my specific needs and preferences?
12. Are you willing to negotiate a price based on my specific needs?
13. How much will you charge for my services?
14. When are you available to start?
15. How will you keep in touch with other members of my support team?