

# Individual Budget

# Objectives

- How is an individual budget determined
- How can a budget be modified
- What services can and cannot be purchased with an individual budget

# Individual Budget

The amount of annual funding available to the Self-Determination Program participant for the purchase of services and supports necessary to implement the Individual Program Plan.

# Budget Determination

- For current regional center consumer:
  - Budget is determined by the amount of money spent in the last 12 months on his or her services
- For new regional center consumers or those with less than 12 months of expenditures:
  - The average cost paid by the regional center for services identified in the Individual Program Plan

# Budget Modifications

- Can occur if the IPP team determines an adjustment is necessary due to a change in the participant's:
  - Circumstances
  - Needs
    - Including prior unaddressed needs
  - Resources
- Participants may transfer up to 10 percent of funds between budget categories

# Services

- Must be included in the approved Federal waiver
- Generic services must be used first
- Must be documented in the Individual Program Plan

# Services

- The Financial Management Services provider must be vendored
- The Financial Management Services provider coordinates with the regional center to pay providers
- Other service providers do not need to be vendored by a regional center

# Questions

