



# SequoiaSD

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## Quarterly Newsletter December 2024

### A note from Regional Growth Director, Tony Venzor:

Happy Holidays to you and your family. We hope you're enjoying the new season and the cooler weather.

We've been working all year to make changes and modify our policies and procedures to the ever changing world of SDP. Please continue to let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for us to consider.

We've recently been courtesy vendored with the Regional Center of East Bay, and we will be looking to get vendored with several more Regional Centers into next year.

We look forward to continuing to help as many families as possible as your FMS agency, and we're grateful to all those who allow us the opportunity to be a part of their SDP journey.

Thank you for partnering with SequoiaSD!

## In today's email:

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### Getting Started with Participant Dashboard



SequoiaSD participants, who have a valid email address, have access to Participant Dashboard. Participant Dashboard allows users access to view their budget information on demand. Through this service, approved users can find budget, timesheet, invoice, and lump payment data.

[Explore Setting Up Participant Dashboard](#)





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## Navigating Participant Dashboard

Participant Dashboard is available through FMS One. Participants and approved users can view their budget and spending plan information on demand as well as SequoiaSD announcements and contact information from direct care professionals and case managers.

[Learn More About Navigating Participant Dashboard](#)

## Share Your Story

Do you want to share your Self-Determination journey or have a SequoiaSD story to share? We are always looking to hear of stories from Self-Advocates and direct care professionals. We would love to hear from you.



[Share Your SequoiaSD Story](#)

## Direct Care Professional Resources from National Family Caregivers Month



In November, SequoiaSD recognized National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM). NFCM supports family caregivers with tools and educational resources. It also promotes awareness to caregiving issues for families and communities. Caregiver Action Network leads NFCM and their goal is to connect direct care professionals with resources to improve the support they provide.

[Explore NFCM  
Resources](#)



### Did You Know?

We do NOT need a revised Spending Plan if you want to move money to different budget lines with the same service code.

Email us at [info@sequoiasd.com](mailto:info@sequoiasd.com) to learn more.

### Quarterly Reader Poll

What is your opinion on the communication you receive from SequoiaSD?

**Great, keep it up!**

**Not enough. I need more communication.**

Too much. I don't need all of the emails and phone calls.

## Upcoming Holiday Office Closures

Date	Holiday/Reason
December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve (Half-Day)
December 25, 2024	Christmas Day
December 31, 2024	New Year's Eve (Half-Day)
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Day



### Employee Spotlight - Meet Tony Venzor



Get to Know Tony

At SequoiaSD, Tony has been a Regional Growth Director and has been in this role since January 2024.

Tony is passionate for helping families navigate through the ever-changing world of Self-Determination in California.

Everyday at SequoiaSD provides Tony with new opportunities to help families and participants in one way or another. Whether he's helping new participants reach the onboarding finish line or support current participants with their questions, he remains motivated to offer the best support and guidance he can provide.

Outside of the office, Tony enjoys hiking in mountains, spending time with his three kids, and trying to get better at Pickleball.

During the Holidays Tony is looking forward to enjoying some quality time with his family and wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.



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