

Independent Facilitators Listing for Los Angeles County

Below is a list of individuals and companies who have notified the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Los Angeles Office that they provide independent facilitation services in Los Angeles County. We cannot guarantee the quality of their work, the training they have received, or your satisfaction with their services. This listing is provided as a public service only and is not an endorsement of any person or company listed below.

An individual who serves as an independent facilitator is required to receive training in the principles of self-determination, the person-centered planning process and other responsibilities and roles of the independent facilitator [pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §4685.8 (c)(2)].

Participants should verify that the prospective independent facilitator has met the training requirements. Your regional center may also choose to verify this information.

Name	Business Name/website	Phone Number	Email	Other information/specialties	Language(s)
Acuna, Luana	LiNk	909-843-6590	luana@linksrvs.org		
Alvarado, Danielle	Special Needs Advocacy www.DanielleAlvarado.org	562-805-7820	Det4kds@aol.com		
Amster, Melissa (Meira)	Amster Law Firm www.amsterlawfirm.com	213-444-6028	melissa@amsterlawfirm.com		
Andron-Ostrow, Linda		310-963-2779	lindaandron12@me.com	Licensed clinical social worker with 52 years of experience Serves all ages and disabilities	
Ardon, Melissa	www.MelissaArdon.com	310-654-2750	melissalifeprotection@gmail.com		Spanish
Askew, Octavia	Excellence Community Rehabilitation Program www.excellencecrp.com	424-789-0439	excellencecrp@gmail.com		
Baca, Catherine	Empower - My Living Specialist www.MyLivingSpecialist.com	213-590-2273	MyLivingSpecialist@gmail.com	Independent living Education Rehabilitation Medical management Financial management	

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				Care-giving Staffing/management LGBTQIA welcoming 26 years of experience	
Barry, Cindy		661-645-7726	CBarryMBA@gmail.com	Medical services/supports Autism spectrum School care Contracts Community integration Sports	
Beavers, Dustlyne	First Choice Solutions www.gofcsolutions.com	(760) 201-5121	dbeavers@gofcsolutions.com	All ages served Specialize in complex planning needs & extensive budget development IEP support Former Service Coordinator and SD Pilot Coordinator	
Bell, Louise		626-676-7949	lauren717@sbcglobal.net		
Bernstein, Diane		818-943-8159	desianer@gmail.com	Parent of SD Participant Employment Financial Resource Educator Art teacher/owner Designer Studios Special Education	
Carter, Charmaine	PACE	805-827-3687	paceconsultant91326@gmail.com		
Charness, Sonni	Guidelight Group www.guidelightgroup.org	310-883-8343	hello@guidelightgroup.org	Person-centered planning Facilitation for teens and adults	Spanish

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Cuevas, Elizabeth		626-354-8685	Elizabethcuevassdp@gmail.com ; cuevasmom@mac.com		Spanish
Frack, Gigi	www.goldenmonkeyyoga.com	323-813-5862	gfrack@me.com		Spanish
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Francis, Jon	FXD Alliance www.fxdalliance.com	818-275-0372	support@fxdalliance.com		
Faulkner, Renee		323-447-2231	Laderahomes1@yahoo.com		
Garcia, Jocabed	Tools for Legacy www.toolsforlegacy.com	323-592-0233	jocabed@toolsforlegacy.com		Spanish
Gomez-Kulnapermisiri, Janet	Ideal Program Services	310-701-3889	jgomez@idealprogramsservices.org		
Gordon, Gayle	Empower Training Institute Inc. www.empowertraining.org	323-684-7558 424-291-2774	empowertraining3@gmail.com		
Grant, DeLawrence	Understanding Needed Integration, LLC.	(424) 292-3726 Office	dg@unisupportservices.com	Person-Centered Planning Employment Service/Individual Support	Spanish/English
Clare Grey		310-809-3551	clareg@pptcenters.com	30 + years of experience Person-Centered Thinking/Planning Employment/Community Integration	

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				Adults 18+ Micro-enterprise	
Hood, Richard		661-666-7014	Sainthood11@juno.com		
Iñiguez, Laura		818-462-3248	leis0323@yahoo.com		
Jinzo, Elizabeth	Exceptional Services for Independence www.desiserve.org	323-303-4292	lizjinzo@outlook.com		
Jordan Jones, Shelia	JJA: Impact Solutions, LLC	310-528-9351	Jja.impactolutions@gmail.com	Person Centered Plans Certified Person-Centered Trainer 39 yrs. Transition Specialist Special Education Work Incentive Practitioner	
Karakunnel, Ben	Home Instead	818-235-3849	Ben.karakunnel@homeinstead.com		Spanish
Khatchadourian, Taleen	Guidelight Group www.guidelightgroup.org	cell (626) 838-3568 office (310) 883-8343	taleen@guidelightgroup.org	Person-centered planning Facilitation for teens and adults	Armenian
Lehman, Carla		310-425-4485	carlalehmann@hotmail.com		Spanish
Liu, Cathay			ckliu3@gmail.com		Mandarin
Longmire, Doris	Empowered Life Planning	818-671-7846	empowered.lifeplan@gmail.com	Licensed Marriage/Family Therapist Former regional center self-determination manager and	Spanish

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				service coordinator.	
Lopez, Griselda		323-928-0442	Griselda.lopez48@yahoo.com		
McElwee, Sandra	Empower Person Centered Planning	949-433-1702	Empowerpcp@gmail.com	Adults Setting up micro-business	
Marhaba, Jonathon		818-368-2600	jonathanm@martecconstruction.com	Children through age 22	
Marhaba, Raja (Amy)		818-368-2600	amym@martecconstruction.com	Children through age 22 Specialize in IEPs	Arabic
Marmolejo, Rita		323-682-2440	Rmarmolejo.sis1@gmail.com		
Martinez, Joe	Moving Closer Together	747-224-1185	joe@movingclosertogether.com		Spanish
McBurnie, Michelle		323-236-2939	michelleofthebay@yahoo.com		
Melgar, Karla	Ideal Program Services	310-701-1995	Kmelgar@idealprogramsservices.org		
Meraz, Jose	LiNk	626-408-5847 562-447-6545	jose@dtwgroups.com		
Mercado, Cecilia	Conexiones Educativas www.conexioneducativasOC.org	714-398-4710	Ceci.mercado@yahoo.com		Spanish
Moser, Veronica		213-841-9236	Msromosr@yahoo.com		
Myles, Laneishae	laneishae1982.wixsite.com	562-233-6067	Laneishae1982@yahoo.com		

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Nelson-Mitchell, Tara	Ideal Program Services	310-701-9665	Tmitchell@idealprogramsservices.org		
Newman, Debra		323-304-3776	dlbnewman@gmail.com		
Neurodiversity Inc.	Neurodiversity, Inc		neurodiversityco@gmail.com		
Nieves, Josefina	NestDan	323-213-3883 323-742-1674	Nestdan2017@gmail.com		Spanish
Nishitani, Osamu	CHOICISS www.choicess.org	714-348-6428	onishitani@choicess.org		Japanese
Ochoa, Armida	Ochoa's Consulting LLC www.ochoasconsultingllc.business.site	323-490-7062	info@ochoasconsultingllc.com	Person-centered planning Special education In-Home Support Services Social Security (SSI) CA Children's Services (CCS) Dept. of Rehabilitation MediCal	Spanish
Okunubi, Lara	Ideal Program Services	310-701-8704	lokunubi@idealprogramsservices.org		
Pauly, Tamra	Person Centered Projects www.personcenteredprojects.com	310-489-9883 484-248-5608	tamra@personcenteredprojects.com	Person-centered projects Serves ages 5 and up Vendor of multiple regional centers	
Peters-Vernier, Janne		310-989-9760	jannezac@yahoo.com		

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Ramirez, Katy	Ally Comprehensive Services	310-933-5112	kramirez@allycs.org	Strength-based goals Person-centered planning All ages served	Spanish
Rios, Elvia		323-478-9210	latinxsnetwork@gmail.com		Spanish
Rodriguez, Evelyn	Latino Parents Mentors LLC www.lpmentors.com	562-521-5795	evelyn@lpmentors.com		
Ruiz-Merroth, Maria E., M.Ed, ABA Paralegal	SOS Paralegal, LLC http://www.sosparalegal.com Yo Domino Mi IEP http://www.yodominomi-iep.com	949-326-6612 949-394-9746	info@sosparalegal.com	Special education teacher. ABA Paralegal. Advocate. CA Mediator. Department of Rehabilitation. Certified interpreter /Document translator. Person-Centered-Planner and independent facilitator.	Spanish - Native Read, Write, Speak
Natachia Scott		323-788-1015	natachia74@gmail.com		
Shoef, Wendy	Autism Society of Los Angeles www.autismla.org		wendy@autismla.us pcp@autismla.us	Specialize in identifying unmet needs, resolving budget issues, creating spending plans	
Ustaris, Susan		323-363-3450	susanustaris@yahoo.com		Tagalog
Walters, Tracey	Self Determination Independent Facilitator www.selfdeterminationindependentfacilitator.com	310-970-0499	selfdeterminationfacilitator@gmail.com		
Watts, Monica		626-298-3622	Mwatts6@me.com mwatts@patienthealthadvoc		

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Wenger, Claudia	Claudia Cares Consulting, Inc. www.claudiacares.com	818-345-6313	consulting@claudiacares.com		Spanish Hebrew
Whitford, Linda	Wings of Wisdom https://www.facebook.com/Wings-of-Wisdom-Consulting-117619852976834/?view_public_for=117619852976834	310-850-5407	winwisdomof@gmail.com		