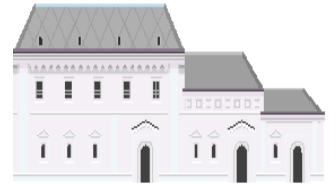


**Capitol People First (CPF) et al. v. Department of Developmental Services (DDS) et al.**  
**Alameda County Superior Court 2002-038715**

**PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING**

**If You Are a Person with Developmental Disabilities Who:**

- Gets services from a regional Center **AND**
- You live in a developmental center **OR**
- You live in a place with 16 or more people **OR**
- You did live in a developmental center or place with 16 or more people during 2008



**This is important information for you.**



**What is This About?**

Fifteen people with developmental disabilities, three groups, CPF, the Arc of California, California Alliance for Inclusive Communities, and other people took the 21 regional centers, DDS, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and some other state agencies to court.

These people and organizations complained that people with developmental disabilities living in places with 16 or more people should have more information and choices about the living in smaller community homes.



**What Will The Agreement Do?**



If the court approves what the people have agreed upon, these things will happen:

DDS will provide money so that regional centers can have service coordinators attend Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings for people who live at developmental centers (DC). This will help people to get more information about how they can live in the community if they want to.

Regional centers will tell people in place with 16 or more people about community homes and will talk about these homes during IPP meetings.



DDS will train to people who work at DCs about community homes.

DDS will work with Disability Rights California (DRC) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) to give information and training about community homes.



DDS and DMH will give training, planning and help to people that have developmental and mental health disabilities.

Regional centers and DDS will use the Community Placement Plan (CPP) process to help people move from DCs to communities.



Regional centers and DDS will make new community services and places to live.

DDS will give money to regional centers to use to help places where 16 or more people live to change to smaller community homes.



- Disability Rights California will keep track of what DDS and regional centers do about the things they have agreed to do.

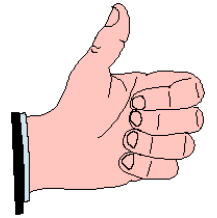
**This does not mean that anyone has to move from the place they live if they don't want to!**

### **What Are My Rights if this Agreement is About Me?**

You will get information about small community homes that and help in moving to a community home if that is what you want to do.

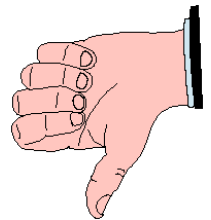
### **Do I Have to Do Anything?**

If you agree with what you have just read, you do not have to do anything.



### **If I Don't Like the Agreement, You Can**

You can send letters, by **April 17, 2009**, that gives your name and address, the name and number of this case (*Capitol People First v. Department of Developmental Services, No. 2002-038715*) and what you don't like about the agreement to:



- Clerk of the Court, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Renee C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California, 94612, **and**
- Barbara Dickey, Esq., Disability Rights California, 1330 Broadway, suite 500, Oakland, California, 94612

**OR**

You can come to court and tell the judge why you don't like the agreement. If you want to come to court, you have to send a letter to the Clerk of the Court, at the address above, saying that you want to come to Court and what you want to say.

You have to send your letter by **April 17, 2009**.

## How and When Will the Court Take Action on this Agreement?

At the final hearing on April 24, 2009 at 2:00 pm, Judge Robert Freedman will decide whether to approve the agreement. The location of the hearing is Department 20, Alameda Superior Court, 1221 Oak Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California, 94612.



## How Can I Find Out More?

- You can see the full agreement on file with the Clerk of the Court.
- You can look at the Agreement on the internet at:
  - **Alameda County Superior Court**  
(<http://apps.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb/html/index.html>)
  - **California Department of Developmental Services**  
(<http://10.96.69.197/CapitolPeopleFirst/index.cfm>)
  - **Disability Rights California** (<http://disabilityrightsca.org/>)
  - **Regional Centers in California**  
(<http://www.dds.ca.gov/RC/RCLookup.cfm>)
- You can call Disability Rights California at 1-888-852-9241 or TTY at 1-800-7129-5798 and they will mail you a copy of the Agreement.
- You can email DRC at:



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