

## Proposal Summary

### **Goal:**

The goal of this pilot initiative is to provide support to the ELARC community of individuals, providers and families interested or participating in the Self Determination program to create a space for shared learning, support, and problem-solving. Individuals, families, service providers, regional centers, and local and state agencies members will increase their awareness and skills to understand policies and engage with services systems to voice service needs, identify opportunities for systems improvement, and provide input through mutual participation and influence.

### **Objectives:**

**Objective #1:** Launch a sustainable Community of Practice (COP) group focused on Self-Determination (SD) Services among members of the ELARC community.

Activities will include: Development of core leadership group, training on Community of Practice by nationally recognized consultant, creating invitations to other potential members with shared interests, increasing and deepening relationships through joint learning, a core statement of purpose, core issues identification, and building capacity to share knowledge and solutions.

**Objective #2:** Hold 3 “Meet and Greet” sessions for participants to meet other participants and discover resources and supports related to Self Determination services

Activities will include: Identification of structure and sites of “meet and greet” sessions, development of flyer and outreach plan, identification of invitees for resources and supports related to Self Determination. These events will be in-person based on public health safety measures in outdoor space with sufficient space for connection while enjoying refreshments.

**Objective #3:** Support the development of the LVAC Speaker Series for the SD Community by collaborating with ELARC and providing virtual convening assistance for speakers to inform learning needs identified by COP group\*

\*ELAFRC supports the LVAC speaker series goal, however, the current funding level is insufficient to provide stipends. Further discussions are necessary to support this goal.