

## Consumer Directed Employer Project Talking Points #3 – Selecting the CDE

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### How will DSHS select the Consumer Directed Employer?

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is following an open and transparent process for selecting the Consumer Directed Employer (CDE). Here are the high-level steps:

1. Identify the work the CDE is will perform (requirements and qualifications)
2. Publish a Request for Proposal for potential CDE vendors to bid on the work
3. Review and evaluate the bid proposals
4. Select the vendor best able to meet consumer and provider needs
5. Establish a contract

We are on Step 1 and expect to move to Step 2 in October 2018.

### Stakeholder and Tribal input

The project team is using your input to develop the expectations for the CDE. We are also using it to develop a plan to help consumers and providers get ready for the change.

- The CDE Project Team hit the road in June and July to hear from providers, consumers, and families. During six meetings around the state, attendees shared their thoughts on what is important for DSHS to keep in mind when implementing the CDE. They also shared their hopes and concerns about the change.
- We gathered Tribal input through meetings and roundtable discussions.
- Our monthly webinars continue to be an option for collecting input from anyone who attends.
- The Strategic Development Group will keep providing input from a broad array of constituent groups.

We want to continue to hear from you. Check out the information below to learn how to stay up-to-date.

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- Attend an informational webinar or stakeholder meeting: details and presentations posted on the [CDE website](#)