

# Transform SDC

## Community Vision Statement

### Introduction

A diverse partnership comprised of the County of Sonoma, the Parent Hospital Association, the Sonoma Land Trust, the Sonoma Ecology Center and other local groups has come together to create a comprehensive and inclusive planning process to explore options for the future of the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). On Saturday, May 2, 2015, 225 people participated in the first community workshop to kick-off the Transform SDC planning process. The theme of the workshop focused on empowering the community to establish a vision to *Dream, Create, and Transform* the site. The following represents a synthesis of the community's input that shaped the vision for the Transform SDC Project.

### Guiding Principles for the Transform SDC Planning Process

The following community-generated principles formed the basis for the Transform SDC Project's

recommendations to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for SDC Closure Plan desired elements. Additionally, the principles informed the development of the SDC Site Transformation Study produced by the Potrero Group.

- Develop permanent residential services on the SDC campus for current SDC clients and those Northern California individuals with developmental disabilities who are not able to function in community settings to ensure the safety of this vulnerable population.
- Broaden the impact of SDC's expert staff, customized therapies and durable equipment manufacturing by establishing an on-site specialized facility to serve the developmentally disabled throughout Northern California.

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**Create a public-private partnership driven by community ideas and values that showcases the site's history, maintains critical services for the developmentally disabled, provides opportunities for creative reuse of SDC's assets, and preserves the natural resources and open space of the site.**

- Ensure that future uses of SDC preserve the distinctive character of Sonoma Valley's rural communities and SDC's natural, historical, and architectural integrity.
- Preserve SDC's open space, valuable natural and scenic resources to support healthy wildlife populations, water resources, and recreational opportunities for future generations.
- Establish complementary reuses on the SDC that diversify and enhance the Valley's economy and establish models for sustainable development and economic self-sufficiency.