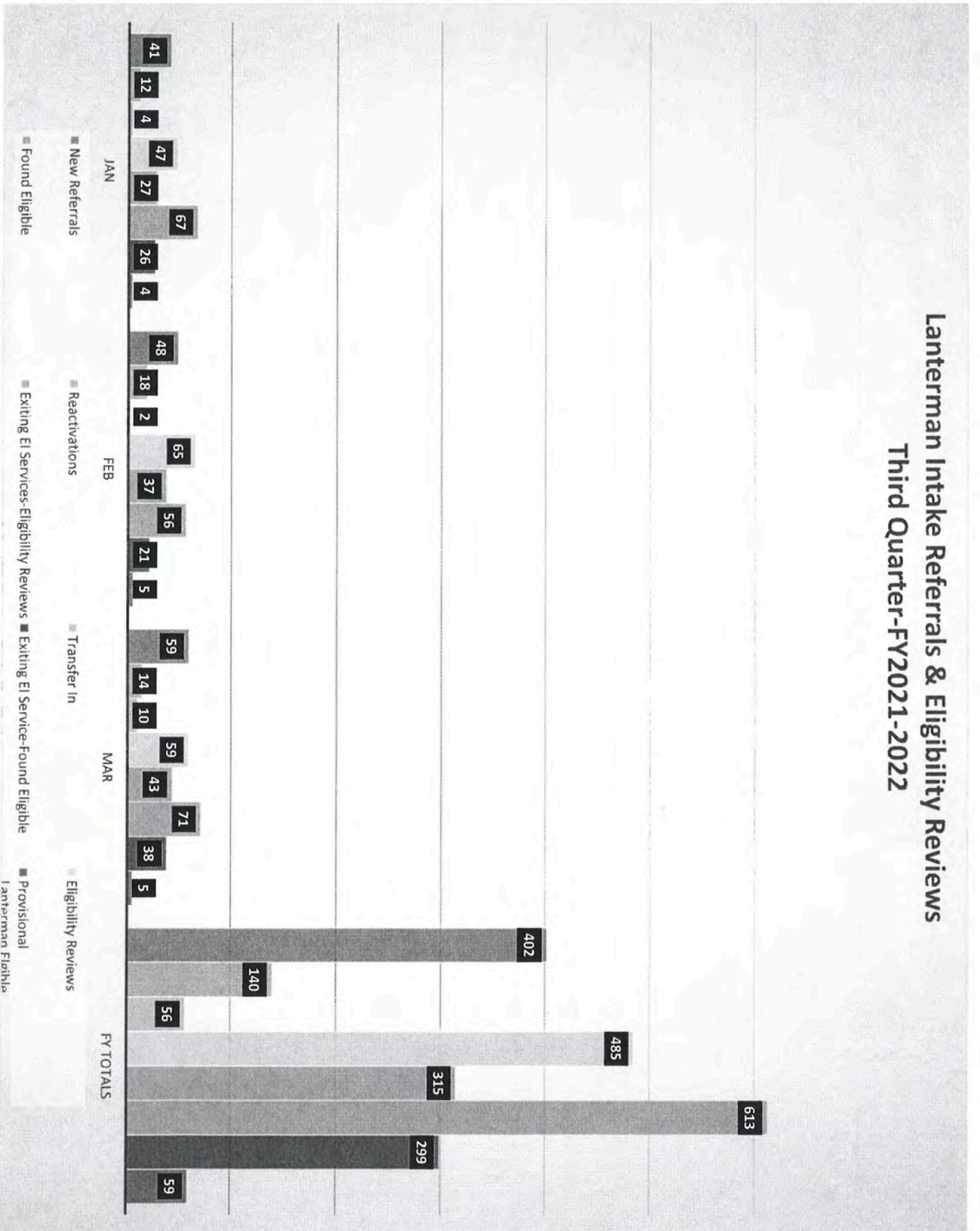
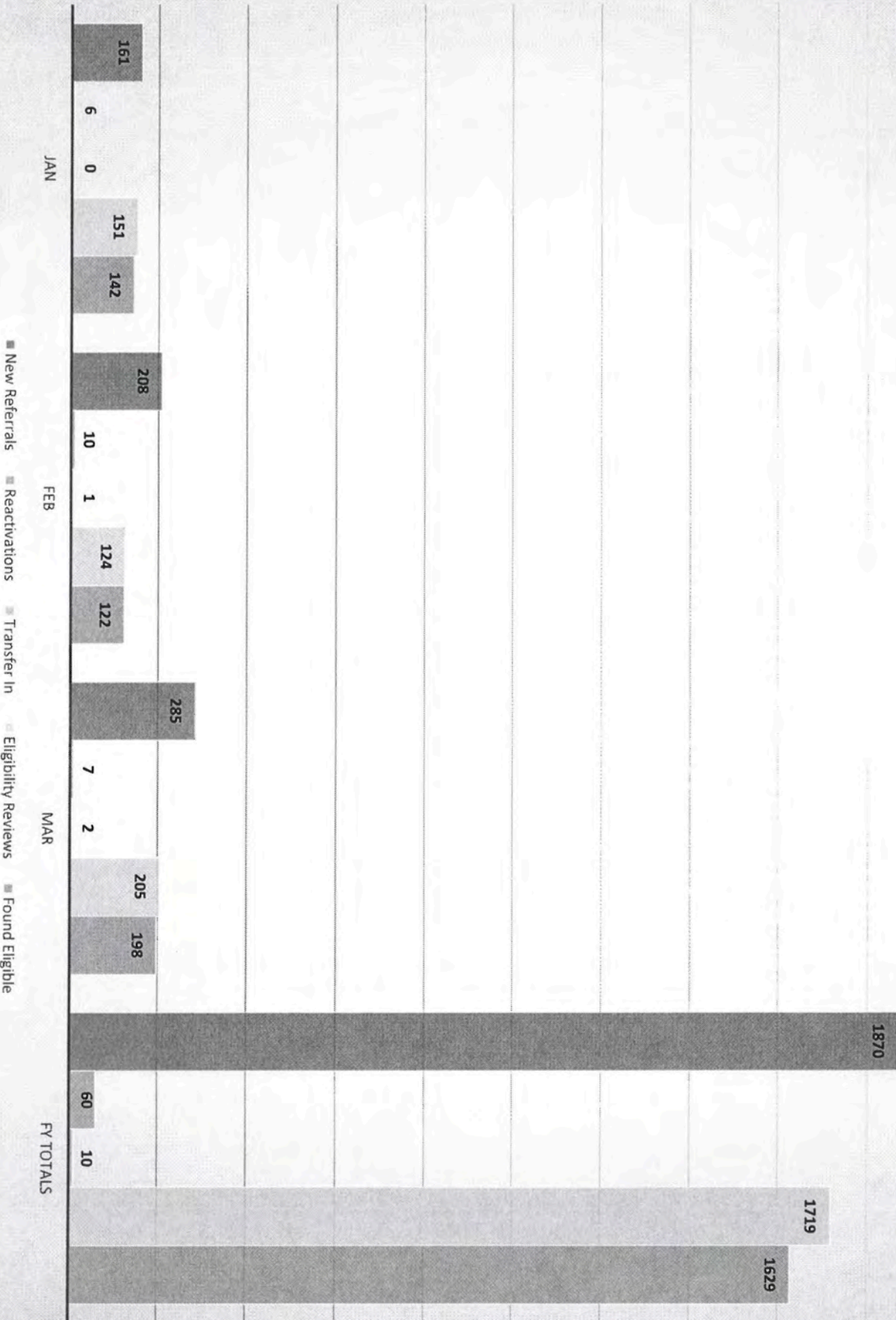


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Community Outreach/Compliance Department Report

May 4, 2022

TO: Anthony Hill, Executive Director
FROM: Salvador Gonzalez,
Director of Community Outreach and Compliance
RE: Community Outreach and Compliance

Director Reports

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist

- **Understanding My Child's Disability (UMCD) Online Series** on SG/PRC Parent Portal (<https://sgpreparent.arcalearn.org>) – Amos provided a training regarding utilizing UMCD modules and all of other training modules in Parent Portal on 4/7/22 for 42 SG/PRC staff. Amos also promoted UMCD modules and ADEPT ABA modules at all of four (4) community events and two Asian community events in April. Amos also shared UMCD flyers and ADPET ABA flyers at weekly Community Meetings in April 2022.
- **Outreaching to SG/PRC Community** – Amos participated in and represented SG/PRC at Fiesta Educativa Autism Conference on both 4/26/22 and 4/27/22, at Walnut Valley USD Parents Night on 4/27/22, at SCIL Community Spring Fling event on 4/29/22, and at the Sirens of Silence event on 4/30/22.
- **Outreaching to Asian Community** – Amos participated Korean Professionals in Developmental Disabilities bimonthly Zoom meeting on 4/19/22 and revised Asian Doctor List for outreaching.
- **Supporting DDS Equity Project** – Amos had meetings with Alma and provided Parent Mentor Initiative (PMI) referrals and other related data to Alma for PMI. Amos also revised PMI Budget Plan as DDS requested and continued recruiting Vietnamese mentor and provided supports for smooth transition.
- **Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)** – In April, Amos provided total of 2 PCCs for Korean parents in-person setting.
- **Translation for Korean Families** – Amos provided 1 verbal translation for meeting with SC and a vendor and 1 written translations of SG/PRC form letter.

- **Collaboration with Asian Equity Partners** – Amos provided ‘SG/PRC Eligibility And POS Process’ Workshop for 28 Korean parents at the First Being Built Together (BBT), Korean Equity Partner, on 4/15/22. Amos also participated in Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association (VPDCA) Family Resource Fair on 4/30/22.



WSGV SELPA Fair



WVUSD Parents Night



SCIL Spring Fling with Amos



SCIL Spring Fling with Karen

Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist

Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist (FHS), reviewed ten Notice of Proposed Actions (NOPAs) that were submitted for the following issues: speech co-payments, Self Determination Program (SDP), Independent Living Skills (ILS), Supportive Employment Services (SES), Personal Assistant hours, transportation, termination of eligibility, termination of service due to no contact/not being billed, and inactivating case due to no contact.

Fair Hearing received three DS1805/Fair Hearing Requests in April. The requests were for eligibility, dental services, and funding for a vehicle conversion for a wheelchair lift. Daniel held informal meetings on 4/1/22, 4/18/22, 4/25/22, and 4/29/22. He attended mediations on 4/13/22 and 4/14/22. The mediation

scheduled for 4/12/22 was canceled and the appeal was withdrawn by the authorized representative. He attended a fair hearing on 4/11/22. Continuance requests were filed for two fair hearings. There are seven fair hearing requests, from previous months, that need to be scheduled by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

He participated in three Exceptional Services Review (ESR) meetings. He also continues collaborating with team members on developing an Educational Services Policy.

On 4/27/22, Daniel conducted a workshop for self-advocates regarding the fair hearing process at the Annual Autism Conference presented by Fiesta Educativa. On 4/28/22, he provided training on the fair hearing process at the Critical Issues Forum. And on 4/29/22, Daniel provided training on the fair hearing process to new service coordinators in the Family Services department.

Nora Perez-Given, Education Specialist

The Education Specialist provides support to regional center staff, families, and community partners in two different areas. These areas include providing supports regarding educational matters for students ages 3 and up to include post- secondary school years and in matters related to limited conservatorships including the review of limited conservatorship letters being forwarded to court.

With regards to supports provided in educational matters

Nora is scheduled to provide training in 2022 to SG/PRC as follows:

March 24	IEP basics and your role at school meetings
May 5	Limited conservatorship letters and regional center role
May 5	Transition Services I unit requested training- IEP's/504 Plans- The basics to support new staff
May 26	IEP & 504 plans
July 21	Requesting related services
September 22	Special Education Timelines
October 20	Assistive Technology

Nora is scheduled to provide training to community members as follows

May 11	Requested parent training from Rowland CAC	Training topic: Alternatives to Conservatorship
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Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education:

Consults completed	28
School Meetings attended (IEP's/504/ SST/Resolution type meetings)	14

Presentations/Trainings/Outreach Completed this Month

4/19- Community Outreach & Compliance Department team members including Nora presented at the SG/PRC community meeting information about what each person in our department does to support SG/PRC staff, families, and community.

4/26- Community Outreach & Compliance Department team members including Nora presented "Navigating the Regional Center" at the 2022 virtual Living with Autism & Co-Occurring Condition conference coordinated by Fiesta Educativa. On this date, Nora assisted in the SG/PRC booth to answer questions from conference participants.

4/27- The After Hours On-Call Team members were asked to participate and share with the "Advisory Committee for Individual Served and Their Families" what we do as part of the after hours on call team member group to support the SG/PRC community. Nora is a member of this team and presented during this meeting.

With regards to supports provided regarding limited conservatorship matters

Nora reviewed 11 conservatorship letters from service coordinators before letters can be forwarded to the court for filing. This review is done to assure that what is being forwarded to the court is in alignment with the needs of the client and to assure all the components of a conservatorship assessment letter are contained in letter. Consults and training to staff are provided to staff as needed regarding this topic.

Other Activity during month of April

Nora is a team member of the "Exceptional Service Review Committee (ESR)" and has participated in three ESR meetings this month.

Nora is a team member of the work group currently working on drafting the "Purchase of Service Policy for Educational Services". This work group which consists of six members (Daniela Santana, Monica Romero, Griselda Gastelum, Daniel Ibarra, Edith Aburto and Nora) has met for a total of six sessions this month.

Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist

In the month of April 2022 your SGPRC Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Joshua Trevino, directly supported a total of 25 individuals. A total of 12 individuals served, originated from Regional Centers across Southern California (ELARC, SDRC, VMRC, FNRC, NBRC, SARC, RCOG, NLARC & FDLRC). Individuals were supported in private homes, residential group homes, Community Crisis homes & Enhanced Behavior Support Homes.

In April 2022 your SGPRC BCBA also served the community as a guest speaker in the annual 2022 Autism Conference by Fiesta Educativa. In his role as guest speaker Joshua presented to a total of 37 parents / professionals on the topic of how to include and advocate for the inclusion of siblings in home based Applied Behavior Analysis services.

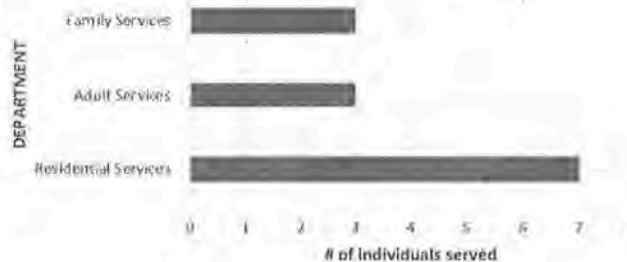
ALLOCATION OF BCBA SUPPORT
APRIL 2022



80% of support in the community setting was utilized in the area of conducting in person Qualified Behavior Modification reviews (QBMP Monitoring). These reviews execute Title 17 regulatory monitoring duties specific to SGPRC Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes and Community Crisis Homes. A total of 20% of BCBA support was utilized via direct behavioral consultation in your SGPRC Bio Behavioral Consultation Committee (BBCC) and SGPRC Medication Review Committee (MRC). The youngest individual served in this reporting period was 8 years of age while the oldest individual served was 61 years of age.

Allocation of BCBA support across departments in the month of April 2022 is noted below;

Allocation of BCBA Supports Across SGPRC
Departments April 2022



Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist March 2022 Report

Providing support to SGPRC’s DHH community by developing staff trainings, securing generic resources for DHH, assisting with resource development, IPP, IDT meetings, vendor and community outreach and collaboration with sister Regional Centers to further develop role.

Community Outreach-

4/4/22 – Meeting with Southern California Resource Services (SCRS-IL) to provide feedback on Deaf and Hard of Hearing/ASL Training for Vendor community.

4/13/22- Meeting with Job Accommodation Network (JAN) an agency to support with disability and ADA accommodations in the workplace. They have a Deaf and Hard of Hearing specialist available for consultations as well.

4/18/22- Meeting with Greater Los Angeles Agency for the Deaf (GLAD) to set up future staff training on Deaf Sensitivity and resources for safety equipment for DHH like smoke alarms, doorbells, Video Relay Service.

4/19/22- Community Meeting, Introduction to DHH role.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Collective Meeting-

4/6/22- Collective meeting with DHH Specialists. Discussed solutions to aide current programs in supporting DHH, service codes, H&S Waiver, Communication aids, Communication assessments.

IDT meetings/SC consultations/In house support/ -

4/1/22- IDT meeting with DHH individual and SC to provide ASL interpretation

4/5/22- Consultation with DHH family to make referral to Job placement agency for DHH individual

4/14/22- IDT meeting with individual at IRS to provide ASL interpretation

4/28/22- IDT meeting for placement into group home, provided ASL interpretation

4/28/22- Consultation with DHH Service Coordinators regarding DHH caseload, resources, support

Trainings-

4/28/22- Hearing Aid Coverage for Children (HACCP) Training

Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager North

Volunteers: 69

Total Hours Served: 6,201

Individuals Served: 32

Volunteers were mailed trainings on “Walking and Driving Awareness” and mailed back the quiz corresponding to the material for training hour credit. Volunteers were also provided a Zoom training regarding “Autism Awareness,” “National Volunteer Month,” and general program information. Grandma Celia and Grandpa Romeo created 25 Mother’s Day cards for sites served by the Regional Center as well as staff within the Regional Center. Although most sites continue to be closed to volunteers at this time, we have a total of 15 volunteers serving on-site and 1 volunteer serving via Zoom. Per DDS meal and travel policy, meal and travel reimbursement has been increased for eligible volunteers through the

remainder of the fiscal year as funds allow. Additionally, AmeriCorps Seniors and DDS have approved a 10-week "Temporary Disaster Allowance" for eligible volunteers.

4/1/2022- Easter Seals opened welcomed back 4 Senior Companion volunteers since 03/16/2020.

4/19/2022- Program Manager participated in monthly program meeting with DDS.

4/22/2022- Program Manager held Zoom meeting with volunteers regard "Autism Awareness," "National Volunteer Month," and general program information

4/26/2022- Program Manager and Program Assistance toured restaurant for the 1st recognition event since 2021

4/27/2022- Grandma Darlene and Grandma Cecilia were welcomed back to volunteer at their school site, Levi Dickey, after more than 2 years of being away. School staff and the children were very excited to welcome back the two volunteers.



Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager South

Foster Grandparents served 2,300 hours
Senior Companions served 2,169 hours
Total hours served = 4,469

Volunteer Training

In April, we were able to hold an in-person In-Service meeting. It was so great to see Everyone's faces and we had 100% attendance.

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We took this time to update forms, distribute uniforms, and update volunteers on TEA, any site news and our upcoming Recognition trip. We provided a training and discussion on the new Station Handbook and how volunteers can assist to ensure that guidelines are followed.

We ended with some trivia games and prizes. Volunteers really enjoyed seeing program staff and each other to catch up.



ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Held Advisory Council meeting on April 20th
- Final planning for Recognition Luncheon on May 18th
- Anaheim School District allowed FG volunteers back to service
- Distributed new AmeriCorps Seniors uniforms
- Raised Meal and Travel stipends from \$4 and \$2 per day, to \$5 and \$7 per day, respectively. Will continue as long as we have funds to do so.

SG/PRC Equity Partners of FY2021-2022:

- **Access Nonprofit Center**- Parenting Black Children - Village Wrap Around Parent and Caregiver Support model to empower and educate African American families. **Founder Ardena Bartlett ardenab@accessnonprofit.org**
- **Children's Hospital Los Angeles Parent Navigator Project**- Parent Navigators in Pediatric Clinics to Support Service Access-Pediatric navigator project to work 1:1 with families and facilitate new referrals to RC. **Contact Person: Mirzaian, Christine Bottrell cmirzaian@chla.usc.edu**

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- **Being Built Together (BBT)** - Korean navigator program with individualized case management and culturally sensitive outreach. **Contact Person: Jinsook Baek, contact@bbtus.org**

- **Chinese Parents Association for The Disabled-Bilingual/Bicultural Chinese Family & Self-advocate Virtual Training Project** to increase technology knowledge and access for consumers and families who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Mixteco. **Contact:** Leck Lee <leck501@yahoo.com>; Mei Ye - CPAD <mei91755@gmail.com

- **Familias First-** Creating Leadership Among Parents (CLAP)-Parent education and training for Latino families focused on multiple RC services. Victor Campos <vcampos@familiasfirst.com>

- **Korean American Special Education Center-**Developmental Screening and Parent-Empowerment, Early Intervention advocacy and empowerment support for Korean parents. **KASEC Grant <grant@kasecca.org>;**

- **USC UCEDD at CHLA - Peer Education Project-**Promoting and Increasing Vietnamese Parents and Children with I/DD to Access Purchase of Service and be Independent-Family support project for Vietnamese families to increase system knowledge, access to services and independence. **Contact: Olga Solomon <osolomon@usc.edu>**

- **VPDCA – Promoting and increasing Vietnamese Parents and Children with I/DD to Access Purchase of Service and Be Independent.** Contact Person (**TienVPDCA@gmail.com**)

Respectfully,

Salvador Gonzalez, M.S.

Director of Community Outreach and Compliance



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May 12, 2022

Mr. Ernie Cruz, Deputy Director
Department of Developmental Services
1215 O Street, MS 8-20
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SG/PRC Caseload Ratios

Dear Mr. Cruz:

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) is in receipt of your letter dated March 21, 2022, regarding SG/PRC's caseload ratio survey submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on February 10, 2022. Survey outcomes landed where we expected, given that both DDS and California Lawmakers acknowledge the regional center systemwide funding gap during Fiscal Year 21/22, where budget policy was agreed upon effective July 1, 2022, intended to shrink the caseload ratio gap.

SG/PRC and its entire community is pleased that funding to address caseload ratios is forthcoming systemwide in the amount of \$87.5M. Regrettably, the caseload ratio gap is expanding as the Association for Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) estimates the gap is now 1077 Service Coordinators statewide. SG/PRC remains hopeful that forthcoming funding intended to partially address the caseload ratio gap is allocated on a per capita, population served methodology to foreclose derivative disparities.

SG/PRC agrees, a local plan is helpful to optimize regional center operations efficiencies. However, such efforts will not eliminate the funding gap that has grown beyond the \$87.5M budget compromise. Feeding the caseload ratio gap is the outdated Core Staffing Formula (CSF). Accordingly structural problems within the CSF, developed nearly 40 years ago, remain tethered to underlying fiscal assumptions at that time that have not been updated in decades resulting in regional center operations underfunding moving forward. It is our understanding that California Lawmakers are advancing proposals intended to fix the outdated Core Staffing Formula that is the root cause for the caseload ratio gap. Plainly, local plans are ill-equipped to fix deficiencies embedded within the CSF or to change budget policy priorities sustaining the caseload ratio gap.

Within fiscal years 2010-2011 and to 2012-2013, SG/PRC's operations allocation was substantially reduced to mitigate the effects of the Great Recession, without recovery funding to make up those shortfalls. Astoundingly, 13 years have come and gone since the recession, and California's budget has realized record surpluses. SG/PRC's operations funding shortfall described is exacerbated as a result of the Great Resignation as most employers are competing within a shrinking workforce where monetary adjustments and enhanced benefits are driving factors that improve recruitment outcomes. We remain hopeful that funding for Service Coordination and regional center operations is adjusted through Core Staffing Formula revisions and updates soon. We resoundingly affirm that SG/PRC's nearly 15,000 individuals served, and their families are entitled to high quality Service Coordination, and allied services delivered through SG/PRC.

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As expected, SG/PRC's caseload ratios at the time of the survey completed on February 10, 2022, did not meet statutory requirements in the categories: on the waiver, under 3 years in age, over 3 years in age, non-waiver / and movers within 12 and within 24 months.

SG/PRC within its requirements to develop a corrective action plan, has electronically delivered notices to specific entities regarding its plan of correction and thereafter received confirmation of attendance from representatives with Disability Rights of California. Additionally, SG/PRC's notice of public meeting was shared through Constant Contact, posted on the SG/PRC's website, shared within the SG/PRC Executive Director's monthly report, and shared during SG/PRC's weekly Zoom meetings with its service providers on Mondays, and with individuals served and their families on Tuesdays. Also, SG/PRC has established an email address caseload@sgprc.org to encourage input from SG/PRC's community, and stakeholder groups.

SG/PRC's public meeting was held on April 26, 2022. The public inquired about SG/PRC's diversity needs. Specific, mention was the need to recruit and retain African American Service Coordinators, and the need to recruit and retain Service Coordinators that speak Korean language to overcome Purchase of Service disparities, and to improve ethnic diversity within SG/PRC's workforce. Also, a member of the public asked about whether SG/PRC has any current disparity grants funded through the Department of Developmental Services. A member of the public stated that she was humbled that SG/PRC's parent support groups are holding meetings. Another member of the public stated that she has had positive experiences with SG/PRC's responsiveness and realizes that it is a major struggle for Service Coordinators with high caseloads. A community member asked about the training Service Coordinators are receiving to support individuals served that are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

SG/PRC staff responded that SG/PRC is seeking Service Coordinators through different recruitment streams including support through equity partners, reaching out to churches, and communicating the need for Service Coordinators with individuals served and their families within underrepresented communities. SG/PRC staff encouraged members of the public to contact state lawmakers representing their District to support the modernization of the Core Staffing Formula to close the caseload ratio gap and to prevent it from growing.

SG/PRC staff reported that SG/PRC has several equity partnerships. However, many request were not approved for funding through DDS due to budget constraints. SG/PRC staff reported that SG/PRC created specialized caseloads for Service Coordinators serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals with a reduced caseload ratio of 1:50. Also, SG/PRC has hired a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist to support SG/PRC Service Coordinators with specialized training and is a support that is available when needed.

- SG/PRC's CFO and HR Directors every month will analyze current and future budgetary commitments, and recruit Service Coordinators within budget year allocation thresholds.
- SG/PRC has created and is implementing an employee referral program. *SG/PRC will broaden the reach of its recruitment of Service Coordinators representing African American, Korean, and Multi-ethnicities to achieve greater symmetry between SG/PRC's workforce and individuals served (public input April 26, 2022).*

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- SG/PRC has successfully introduced cellphone technologies, integrated with VoIP (voice over the Internet Protocol), teleconferencing technologies, internet hotspots, laptops, and integrated texting features intended to meet the communication preferences and needs of individuals served and their families.
- SG/PRC will retain its (9) floater Service Coordinator positions that are not computed within its survey of caseload ratios.
- SG/PRC has begun the rollout of Virtual Chart technologies, in partnership with Orange County Regional Center, intended as a time savings opportunity for Service Coordinators through its capabilities with eliminating redundancies within the work completed by Service Coordinators.
- SG/PRC created a Streamlining Team that has streamlined internal processes and procedures having low value and has refined systems to reduce overlapping functions resulting in additional time savings opportunities for Service Coordinators.
- SG/PRC has adjusted its Service Coordinator assignments during July 2021 to better serve its deaf and hard of hearing population, and participants within its Self-Determination Program through creating specialized caseloads for both areas with reduced caseload ratios1 to 50 and 1 to 40. *SG/PRC will ensure that its Service Coordinators that support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community receives supports and training from the SG/PRC Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist (public input, April 26, 2022).*
- SG/PRC's Leadership Team and Board will continue its efforts to inform lawmakers regarding the regional center system of care and the need to fully fund regional center operations through modernizing the Core Staffing Formula as a necessity to support individuals with developmental disabilities' inclusion into every aspect of community life.

SG/PRC is grateful for the State's planned funding for the reduction of caseload ratios in fiscal year (FY) 2022/2023. Providing needed financial resources for regional centers to hire additional service coordination staff is an investment in better outcomes for those served by regional centers and their families. That funding level is based on the expected cost of backfilling needed service coordination positions from March 2019. Since then, both the number of Service Coordinators needed to meet mandated caseload ratios and the overall cost of closing this gap has continued to grow.

Only through the State of California's commitment to modernizing and keeping the Core Staffing Formula current is it possible to permanently protect regional centers' operations stability, prevent caseload ratios from rising again, and anchor Service Coordinator retention through competitive wages and benefits.

Please know that I am an Advocate at Heart for individuals served, a Service Coordinator at my core, and SG/PRC is committed to doing whatever it can to protect and strengthen the regional center service delivery system. Affirmatively, we want Service Coordinators to have low caseloads, and all of us want Service Coordinators and all regional center employees to be compensated at fair value. Diligently pursuing these goals in partnership are worthwhile.... protecting the Lanterman Promise.

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Mr. Cruz, exceedingly, we admire DDS' partnership as we do our very best for our community we mutually serve.

Warmest regards,



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San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center
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Enclosure: Letter-Ernie Cruz (3.21.2022)

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March 31, 2022

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget, Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services

2022-2023 Budget Act Request: Modernizing the Regional Center Core Staffing Formula

Dear Chair Arambula:

On behalf of myself as well as co-sponsors Assemblymembers Rubio, Wood, Patterson, and Grayson, I respectfully request the inclusion of \$21.6M General Fund (\$32.2M Total Fund) to reform the regional center "Core Staffing Formula," (CSF) as proposed by the Association of Regional Center Agencies and Service Employees International Union California.

The CSF is an outdated budgeting tool that funds regional center operations, including the critical functions of service coordination, intake, community services, and other key policy positions. The formula was intended to be updated in tandem with state salaries. The budgeted salary for service coordinators was last updated in 2001 and has remained frozen at approximately \$34,000, while the equivalent state salary has increased to nearly \$67,000. As a result, the formula underfunds current needs, and is the primary driver for regional center caseload ratios increasing over time above statutory limits. Modernizing the CSF would:

- Set budgeted regional center service coordination and supervision salaries at the same level as for equivalent state positions;
- Provide predictable funding for other positions needed for intake, resource development, accounting, and other functions;
- Update benefits and operating expenses and establish technology allowances; and,
- Make a renewed commitment to keep the formula current.

These changes would enhance the ability of regional centers to meet the needs of their communities. Regional centers' most important work is coordinating services for people with developmental disabilities. To do so most effectively, a service coordinator needs to have a long-term relationship with the individual they are serving – and their family. This proposal will stabilize caseload ratios, letting regional centers give people and their families the time and attention they need - and have been promised in law. That assurance is also made to the federal government to secure more than \$4B annually for California's developmental services system.

I respectfully request the Subcommittee adopt the attached budget trailer bill language and sufficient appropriation to support implementation of this critical policy. This augmentation will help the regional center system to better serve the nearly 400,000 people and their families that rely upon it for support.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget request.

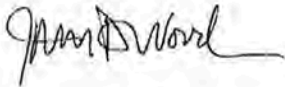
Sincerely,



Devon J. Mathis,
Assemblyman, 26th District



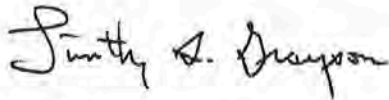
Blanca E. Rubio
Assemblywoman, 48th District



Dr. Jim Wood
Assemblyman, 2nd District



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San Gabriel / Pomona
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May 2, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Devon Mathis
100 W. Willow Plaza, Suite 405
Visalia, CA 93291

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Mathis:

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We support the ARCA Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula. We are thankful for your research and subsequent analysis of the underlying funding methodology, detection of existing flaws and identification for needed revisions. We applaud your actions as the author of this Budget request.

Regional Center staff are supported through operations funding flowing from the methodology relied on within the Core Staffing Formula. Approximately 380,000 individuals statewide are served through regional centers. Exceedingly, the supports and services delivered through regional centers protects the unity of families and ameliorate the impact of the presenting developmental disability while increasing self-reliance within children and adults served. Categorically, early intervention services are the difference makers in many cases where children served have become lawyers, doctors, teachers, social workers, and college professors to illustrate the reach of service delivery outcomes.

Honorable Assemblymember Mathis, we admire you, your goodwill, insight, and commitment to do your very best for all Californians. We are very fortunate to have you represent not only your District, but all Californians.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Hill, M.A. Esq.
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April 27, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
100 N. Barranca Street, Suite 895
West Covina, CA 91791

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Rubio:

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Assemblymember Rubio, myself and the SG/PRC Executive Team will never forget the time you spent with us during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic through a Zoom meeting. You uplifted all of us and you supported our decision to keep our intake and eligibility department open throughout the pandemic, serving individuals and their families that needed services offered. Your leadership is inspirational.

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cc: Amy Westling, ARCA Executive Director



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April 27, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Jim Wood
200 S. School Street, Suite D
Ukiah, CA 95482

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Dear Honorable Assemblymember Wood:

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April 27, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Jim Patterson
6245 N. Fresno Street, Suite 106
Fresno, CA 93710

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April 27, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Timothy Grayson
2151 Salvio Street, Suite P
Concord, CA 94520

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April 27, 2022

Honorable Senator Melissa Melendez
State Capitol
Room 4082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Senator Melendez:

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April 27, 2022

Honorable Senator Richard Pan
2251 Florin Road
Suite 156
Sacramento, CA 95822

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

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Honorable Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula
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Suite 5031
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Arambula:

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April 27, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember James Ramos
10350 Commerce Center Drive
Suite A-200
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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April 28, 2022

Honorable Senator Jim Nielsen
2200A Douglas Blvd.
Suite 100
Roseville, CA 95661

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Senator Nielsen:

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April 28, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Philip Ting
455 Golden Gate Avenue
Suite 14600
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Ting:

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April 28, 2022

Honorable Senator Toni Atkins
1350 Front Street
Suite 4061
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Senator Atkins:

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Honorable Assemblymember Anthony Rendon
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Suite 400
Lakewood, CA 90712

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April 28, 2022

Honorable Senator John Laird
701 Ocean Street
Room 318A
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Honorable Senator Nancy Skinner
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Honorable Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
1528 S. El Camino Real
Suite 302
San Mateo, CA 94402

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

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Honorable Assemblymember Vince Fong
4550 California Avenue
Suite 740
Bakersfield, CA 93309

RE: Support for Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Fong:

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) is one of 21 regional centers created by legislative statute that contracts with the State of California's Department of Developmental Services. SG/PRC is a non-profit entity that provides counselling, diagnostic assessments, advocacy and ensures the delivery of community-based services and supports for approximately 15,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families that live in Los Angeles County, El Monte, Pomona, and Foothill Health Districts.

We support the ARCA Budget request to reform the Core Staffing Formula. We **urge you to join us in supporting** Assemblymembers, Mathis, Rubio, Wood, Patterson, and Grayson. Regional Center staff are supported through operations funding, flowing from the methodology relied on within the Core Staffing Formula. Approximately 380,000 individuals statewide are served through regional centers. Exceedingly, the supports and services delivered through regional centers protects the unity of families and ameliorates the impact of the presenting developmental disability while increasing self-reliance within children and adults served. Categorically, early intervention services are the difference makers in many cases where children served have become lawyers, doctors, teachers, social workers, and college professors to illustrate the reach of service delivery outcomes.

Honorable Assemblymember Fong, we admire you, your goodwill, insight, and commitment to do your very best for all Californians.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Hill, M.A. Esq.
Juris Doctor
Executive Director
San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center

cc: Amy Westling, ARCA Executive Director



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Social Recreational Survey Individuals/Families Results

Total responses: 203

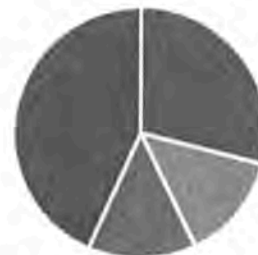
Start Date: 3/9/2022

End Date: 4/15/2022

1. What is the age range of the individual needing social recreational opportunities?

[More Details](#)

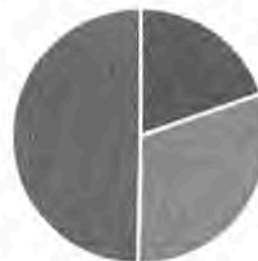
- Child (under the age of 12) 65
- Teenager (13- 17 years old) 31
- Adult but still in school (18-22) 31
- Adult no longer in school (ove... 97



2. Is there a greater interest in center or community based social recreational activities?

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- A center, similar to the YMCA 40
- Community activities where th... 62
- No preference, either would b... 101

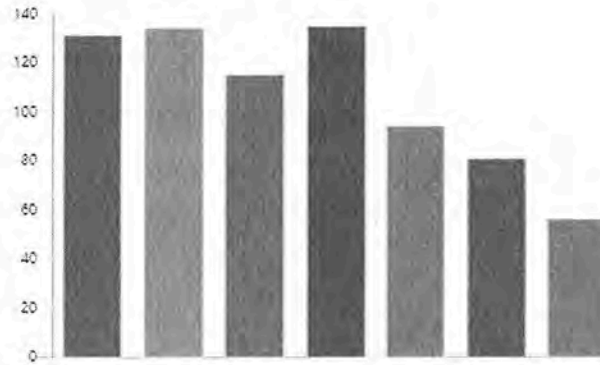




3. What type of social recreational activities are individuals interested in?

[More Details](#)

● Music	131
● Varied community outings	134
● Arts and crafts	115
● Sports/exercise	135
● Camp	94
● Behavioral component	81
● Other	56



4. If you answered "other" in the question above, please enter your suggestion below.

[More Details](#)

Insights

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Swimming"

"Swimming and Meditation"

"Gardening or other activities that individual can self select while bein..."

5. Are camp services something the individual is interested in?

[More Details](#)

Insights

● Yes	123
● No	80



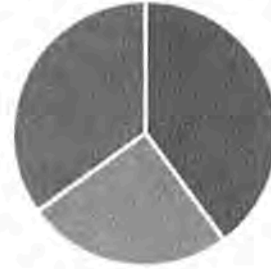


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6. Are individuals looking for short term Camp services that are:

[More Details](#)

- Daily camps 81
- Overnight camps 51
- N/A 71



7. Is there an interest in daily social recreational activities or activities a couple times a week?

[More Details](#)

- Everyday for a few hours (appr... 35
- Some days for a few hours (ap... 99
- Weekend activities 69



8. Is there an interest in 1:1 activities or group activities for socialization?

[More Details](#)

Insights

- 1:1 (individual and instructor) 64
- Group (peers and an instructor) 139



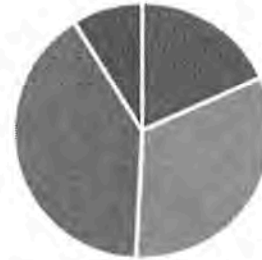


9. Is the parent/guardian able to be present while the child/individual is involved in the social recreational activity or is there a preference to drop-off and pick up later?

[More Details](#)

Insights

- Present for the duration of the... 37
- Drop-off and pick -up up later 66
- Either option works 82
- N/A 18

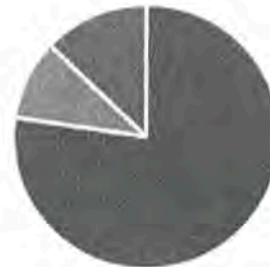


10. Is the parent/guardian able to drop-off and pick-up the individual from the program/activity?

[More Details](#)

Insights

- Yes 157
- No 20
- N/A 26

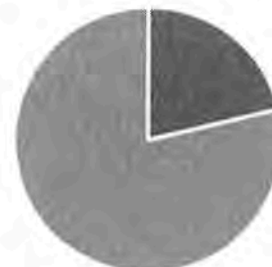


11. Is transportation to and from the program an issue?

[More Details](#)

Insights

- Yes 43
- No 159





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12. What city has the greatest need for social recreational resources?

[More Details](#)

- Cities on the west side of our ... 34
- Cities in the middle of our ser... 42
- Cities south of our service are... 36
- Cities on the east side of our s... 91



13. Describe the person completing this form?

[More Details](#)

- Parent/guardian/family member 166
- Individual served 35



14. Are there any other comments or suggestions regarding social recreational opportunities that weren't covered in the questions above?

[More Details](#)

Insights

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Responses

Latest Responses

"It would be great if the regional center hosted activity workshops for ...

"Toddlers and their siblings perhaps."

"None at this time."

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May 18, 2022

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Dear Mr. Hill:

The contract between regional centers and the Department of Developmental Services (Department) states that every fiscal year, regional centers are required to conduct a minimum number of vendor audits in specific categories. In order to assist regional centers with planning the audits for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 and to ensure that contract requirements are met, the Department is responsible for providing each regional center with the total number of vendors that will be used to calculate the minimum number of audits required in Article III, Section 10, of the contract.

Enclosed is a schedule of the vendor data used to calculate the minimum number of audits and the number of vendor audits required under each category that is specified in the contract. Please note that the data reflects the number of separately vendored services that received \$100,000 or less in purchase of service payments in FY 2020-21. The data also includes community care facilities with licensed capacity of six or fewer beds regardless of the payment amount. This information should be used by regional centers to prepare an audit plan for the year. The Department will use the information to assess whether regional centers are meeting auditing requirements in FY 2022-23.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please call Jacqueline Caldwell, AGPA, at (916) 654-3485.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Edward Yan

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EDWARD YAN, Manager
Audit Section

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DATE: APRIL 21, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REGIONAL CENTER SCHOOL TRANSITION LIAISON FOR
CONSUMERS TRANSITIONING TO PRESCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN

Section 2014(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided supplemental grant funds for early intervention services for infants and toddlers under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). California received one-time funding for the Early Start program, which is available for expenditure by January 28, 2024.

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) will be allocating funds to each regional center to pilot school transition supports through funding a School Transition Liaison position for a 12-month period. This position will focus on developing collaborative partnerships with local school districts and other agencies to achieve effective and timely school transitions that promote inclusive options for regional center children who are transitioning to preschool or kindergarten. The position will not carry cases and will help the regional center establish procedures and policies that further the recommendations of the statewide Part C to B for CA Kids Workgroup, established pursuant to Senate Bill 75, to improve family engagement and supports during transition to educational services. For more information on the Part C to B for CA Kids Workgroup and its recommendations, the final legislative report can be found at the following link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ac/documents/sb75partctobfinal.pdf>.

The responsibilities of the School Transition Liaisons include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Serving as the regional center's primary point of contact for interagency collaboration regarding school transitions of consumers up to age 5;
- 2) Facilitating coordinated efforts within the regional center to meet Part C to B transition requirements;
- 3) Establishing recommended practices for family engagement during transitions, in collaboration with the regional center's diverse communities and stakeholders. This includes gathering information about families' concerns and/or the barriers faced during transition and recommending changes in policies, procedures, and practices to address those concerns and barriers;

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- 4) Assisting with regional center efforts to improve family connections with Local Educational Agencies;
- 5) Educating families on the school transition process;
- 6) Assisting the regional center with the development of materials that regional center staff can use to improve the transition process;
- 7) Identifying promising transition practices to assist the regional center;
- 8) Monitoring implementation and supporting the continuous improvement of the transition policies and procedures outlined in local memorandums of understanding (MOU) between the regional center and Local Educational Agencies; and,
- 9) Participating in regular Part C to B coordination calls with the Department.

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please e-mail Reyna Ambriz, at reyna.ambriz@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

MARICRIS ACON
Deputy Director
Federal Programs Division

cc: Regional Center Administrators
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Regional Center Community Services Directors
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ATTACHMENT #

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

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DATE: APRIL 21, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) FINAL RULE

In January 2014, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued final regulations, or rules, for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The rules require that HCBS programs funded through Medicaid (called Medi-Cal in California) provide individuals with disabilities full access to the benefits of community living and offer services and supports in settings that are integrated in the community.

In accordance with the 2021 enacted budget, \$15 million will be allocated to regional centers to fund necessary changes to assist providers in taking steps towards modifying their services to come into compliance with the HCBS rules by March 2023. The March 16, 2022, letter from the Department of Developmental Services (Department) informed regional centers of the provider-specific funding allocations for each catchment area. The awarded amounts totaled \$9,033,692.

The purpose of this letter is to notify regional centers of the Department's decision regarding the allocation and use of remaining funds, and to outline next steps for regional centers in reporting their utilization plan to the Department.

\$5,966,308 remains available for allocation and will be split evenly among the regional centers (\$284,109 each) to support broader work in each community that promotes HCBS compliance. Please note that funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2022.

The 2021 enacted budget specifies that the basis for utilization of these funds is based on demonstrated need to comply with requirements of the HCBS Final Rule. The Department has identified priorities for use of the remaining funds, which includes:

- Developing local communities of practice to increase knowledge and implementation of best practices and encouraging collaborative groups to foster shared learning and solution-focused discussions;

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- Engaging families and individuals served, including education and training for families/support persons and providers on best practices for aligning services with the Final Rule; and,
- Creating and implementing innovative pathways and provider practices that support community integration, individual rights, and individual choice, highlighting a whole-person approach to service delivery.

Regional centers and their Vendor Advisory Committees should work collaboratively to prioritize the use of available funds to meet the needs of individuals served in their local area. Regional centers must report their plan for use of these funds to the Department, including anticipated activities and the expected cost of each, through the email provided below, by August 30, 2022. Regional centers should encumber funds by September 30, 2022, after receiving DDS approval of their plan for use of funds.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact hcbsreqs@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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April 26, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR ENHANCED SERVICE COORDINATION FOR CONSUMERS WITH LOW OR NO PURCHASE OF SERVICE

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide guidance for regional centers (RCs) as they implement Enhanced Service Coordination. RCs must adhere to these guidelines established by the Department of Developmental Services (Department) when implementing Enhanced Service Coordination.

Background

The Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2021-22 established funding for Enhanced Service Coordination at a 1 to 40 service coordinator (SC) to consumer ratio for consumers in underserved communities with low or no purchase of service (POS). The reduced caseload is intended to improve service access and delivery for consumers in underserved and diverse communities, including non-white, non-English speaking, hearing impaired, and/or other populations preapproved by the Department. With smaller caseloads, specially trained SCs can provide focused support and increased service coordination to the consumers and families who participate in Enhanced Service Coordination.

The Department allocated funding to RCs for Enhanced Service Coordination positions, based on each center's Status 1 and 2 caseloads as of July 2021, as follows:

- 4 positions to each of the 7 RCs with the lowest populations
- 5 positions to each of the 7 RCs with populations between the lowest and highest populations
- 6 positions to each of the 7 RCs with the highest populations

By June 30, 2022, RCs should have filled all these SC positions. If an RC is unable to meet this goal, that RC should contact the Department staff noted below with a plan for filling these positions in a timely manner.

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Training and Qualifications for SCs that Provide Enhanced Service Coordination

Welfare & Institutions Code §4647(a) states, in relevant part:

“...service coordination shall include those activities necessary to implement an individual program plan, including, but not limited to, participation in the individual program plan process; assurance that the planning team considers all appropriate options for meeting each individual program plan objective; securing, through purchasing or by obtaining from generic agencies or other resources, services and supports specified in the person’s individual program plan; coordination of service and support programs; collection and dissemination of information; and monitoring implementation of the plan to ascertain that objectives have been fulfilled and to assist in revising the plan as necessary.”

SCs providing Enhanced Service Coordination, as described below, must have advanced and broad knowledge of the developmental disabilities services system and the cultures of the consumers and families they are serving. RCs will develop and implement training plans for the SCs that provide Enhanced Service Coordination. The training plans shall include, but not be limited to the following components:

- Person-centered planning and person-centered thinking
- Cultural competency and cultural humility
- Family centered planning that engages family members in program planning and service coordination
- Supportive communication as a tool to preserve or enhance positive relationships while addressing problems, giving negative feedback, or tackling difficult issues
- Full array of services and supports, e.g., age-specific services, Participant Directed Services, Self-Determination Program, and employment
- Expectations and guidelines for Enhanced Service Coordination, including data collection standards
- Orientation and training provided to families by SCs
- Interview skills to effectively communicate with and assess the needs of families and consumers
- Understanding the relationship between a consumer’s service needs and available service options
- Generic resources from local and statewide agencies (e.g., In Home Supportive Services, CalFresh, and CalWORKs)

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Components of Enhanced Service Coordination

SCs providing Enhanced Service Coordination will provide information and support to consumers and families on topics that will enable them to navigate the California developmental disabilities services system. SCs should use supportive communication when interacting with consumers and families. Support and information provided to them should include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Person-centered planning
- Understanding the consumer's diagnosis and how it might impact the consumer's development and need for services
- RC services and supports, including the role of SCs
- Generic services and supports
- Client's rights, including the fair hearing process
- Individual Program Plan (IPP) and Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) process
- Self-advocacy
- Navigating multiple state-wide systems (e.g., those administered by the Department of Managed Health Care, Department of Social Services, and Department of Rehabilitation)

Contact Requirements for Enhanced Service Coordination

Meaningful and regular telephonic and/or video and face to face contact are integral parts of consumer and family engagement. This enhanced contact will enable SCs to better understand consumer and family needs and increase their awareness of emerging needs. It can also lead to timely assistance and support as questions emerge and needs change. The following are minimum contact requirements; however, each individual's and family's needs may benefit from more:

- Routine contact, via phone or video, with consumers and/or their families to answer emerging questions
- Quarterly in person review meetings
- Annual in person IPP and IFSP meetings

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Entrance and Exit Criteria for Enhanced Service Coordination

Entrance Criteria: Consumer and family participation in Enhanced Service Coordination is voluntary. Based on position allocations, RCs shall establish Enhanced Service Coordination caseloads informed by the data set of consumers with low or no POS provided by the Department on October 22, 2021, or subsequent updates to that data set. RCs requesting to include consumer(s) not included in the October 22, 2021, data set must send a proposal to the Department for consideration. The proposal will include an explanation or rationale for providing Enhanced Service Coordination to consumer(s) who are not in the data set.

Exit Criteria: The following criteria should be used to determine if Enhanced Service Coordination is no longer necessary.

- Family/consumer is no longer interested in receiving Enhanced Service Coordination
- All identified service needs are thoroughly explored
- All information and training were provided, and focused support goals were completed
- Family/consumer feels confident they can continue to receive the assistance they need to be successful without receiving Enhanced Service Coordination

When one or more of these conditions are met the RC should begin a three-month transition period, during which the SC providing Enhanced Service Coordination should conduct an exit assessment and a warm handoff to the new SC. However, because participation in Enhanced Service Coordination is voluntary, consumers/families can exit the program at any time and without participating in the three-month transition period.

Ongoing Tracking and Reporting

The Department and the Association of Regional Center Agencies are developing a process to measure the impact and outcome of Enhanced Service Coordination. Guidance regarding the process will be provided in a separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions regarding the implementation of enhanced case management please contact Jacqueline Gaytan, Chief, Office of Community Operations at jacqueline.gaytan@dds.ca.gov or (951) 405-2365.

Sincerely,



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Department of Developmental Services

2022 May Revision Highlights



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**Nancy Bargmann
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May 2022

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
2022 MAY REVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is responsible for administering the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act). The Lanterman Act provides for the coordination and provision of services and supports to enable people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead more independent, productive, and integrated lives. Additionally, the Early Start Program provides services to infants and toddlers at risk of having a developmental disability. The Department carries out its responsibilities through contracts with 21 community-based, non-profit corporations known as regional centers, as well as through state-operated homes and facilities.

The number of individuals served by regional centers (consumers) is expected to be 371,388 in the current year and increase to 400,485 in fiscal year (FY) 2022-23. In addition, 322 individuals are projected to be served in state-operated facilities as of July 1, 2022. The May Revision Estimate reflects a reduction of 15,043 individuals when compared to the Governor's Budget.

The May Revision Estimate continues to support the needs of consumers during the public health crisis and reflects the need for increased supports in specified service categories. The May Revision Estimate also proposes new policies to continue efforts to improve service access and to achieve better outcomes and consumer experiences.

2022 MAY REVISION SUMMARY

The 2022 May Revision updates the Department's FY 2021-22 budget to include \$10.8 billion total funds (TF) (\$6.3 billion General Fund [GF]) and includes \$12.7 billion TF (\$7.6 billion GF) for FY 2022-23; a net increase of \$1.9 billion TF (\$1.4 billion GF) over the updated FY 2021-22 budget, or a 17.2 percent TF increase.

In addition to caseload and utilization updates, the proposed FY 2022-23 funding supports the following new and updated items:

- Promoting Workforce Stability (\$186.4 million TF, \$186.2 million GF): The Budget includes \$185.3 million one-time funding and funding for seven headquarters positions ongoing to support efforts to address current and emerging workforce challenges among workers who provide direct services and regional center consumer service coordinators.
- SB 3, Effective January 1, 2023, Consumer Price Index Adjustment (\$59.4 million TF, \$35.1 million GF): The Budget includes funding for the January 1, 2023 minimum wage increase from \$15.00 to \$15.50 for all employers.
- Service Access and Equity Grant Program (\$11.8 million TF, \$11.6 million GF): The Budget includes an additional \$11.0 million one-time funding and four headquarters positions to increase funding available in the Service Access and Equity Grant Program and support ongoing workload associated with monitoring existing and future grant applications and awards.

- Financial Management Services for Participants in the Self-Determination Program (\$7.2 million TF, \$4.4 million GF): The Budget includes funding to move payments for Financial Management Services for Self-Determination Program participants outside of their individual budgets.
- Early Start Eligibility (\$6.5 million GF): The Budget includes funding to support regional center operations and provide purchase of service resources to support revised statutory eligibility provisions for early intervention services, including: lowering the eligibility threshold for developmental delay from 33 percent to 25 percent; separating communication delays into two distinct categories (expressive and/or receptive language); and identifying Fetal Alcohol Syndrome as a risk factor for developmental delays.
- Disposition of Fairview Developmental Center (\$3.5 million GF): One-time funding for the Department to allocate to the City of Costa Mesa to facilitate disposition of the Fairview Developmental Center property.
- Half-Day Billing Elimination (\$2.8 million TF, \$1.9 million GF): The Budget includes funding to reflect the elimination of the half-day billing policy for service providers.
- Continuing emergency planning and preparedness investments made in FY 2021-22, the May Revision includes \$850,000 General Fund on an ongoing basis to continue the distribution of emergency go-bags and batteries and other foundational activities that protect the health and safety of individuals.

April 1, 2022 Finance Letters include:

- Division of Community Assistance and Resolutions (\$4.4 million TF, \$3.7 million GF): The Budget includes 20.0 positions and contracting costs for the interagency agreement with the Department of General Services to partner on improvements to the state hearings and appeals process.
- Research and Data Enhancements (\$2.5 million TF, \$2.0 million GF): The Budget includes 19.0 positions to enhance data collection, analysis, sharing and reporting as well as enable sufficient technical infrastructure support for new and continuing program initiatives that emphasize person-centered outcomes and equitable access and services within the developmental services system.
- Facility Clinical Software Replacement and Electronic Health Record Implementation (\$1.7 million TF, \$1.6 million GF): The Budget includes five positions and contracting costs to plan for the replacement of clinical software used at the state-operated residential facilities.
- Resources for e-Signature/e-Forms and Accounting Support (\$436,000 TF, \$409,000 GF): The Budget includes four positions and consulting resources for implementation and maintenance of an electronic forms (e-Forms) and signature (e-Signature) system.

Program Highlights

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2021-22*	FY 2022-23	Difference
Community Services Program			
Regional Centers	\$10,309,882	\$12,187,693	\$1,877,811
Total, Community Services	\$10,309,882	\$12,187,693	\$1,877,811
General Fund	\$5,893,947	\$7,257,257	\$1,363,310
Program Development Fund	\$204	\$434	\$230
Developmental Disabilities Services Account	\$150	\$150	\$0
Federal Trust Fund	\$87,741	\$53,991	(\$33,750)
Reimbursements	\$4,090,004	\$4,239,772	\$149,768
Mental Health Services Fund	\$740	\$740	\$0
HCBS ARPA	\$149,478	\$384,572	\$235,094
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$87,618	\$250,777	\$163,159
State Operated Facilities Program			
Personal Services	\$263,915	\$267,397	\$3,482
Operating Expense & Equipment	\$68,165	\$48,873	(\$19,292)
Total, State Operated Facilities	\$332,080	\$316,270	(\$15,810)
General Fund	\$295,376	\$281,860	(\$13,516)
Lottery Education Fund	\$130	\$130	\$0
Reimbursements	\$36,574	\$34,280	(\$2,294)
Headquarters Support			
Personal Services	\$94,947	\$102,817	\$7,870
Operating Expense & Equipment	\$62,593	\$47,173	(\$15,420)
Total, Headquarters Support	\$157,540	\$149,990	(\$7,550)
General Fund	\$89,818	\$93,410	\$3,592
Federal Trust Fund	\$2,742	\$2,787	\$45
Program Development Fund	\$425	\$425	\$0
Reimbursements	\$50,294	\$46,607	(\$3,687)
Mental Health Services Fund	\$511	\$511	\$0
HCBS ARPA	\$11,000	\$5,000	(\$6,000)
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$2,750	\$1,250	(\$1,500)
Total, All Programs	\$10,799,502	\$12,653,953	\$1,854,451
Total Funding			
General Fund	\$6,279,141	\$7,632,527	\$1,353,386
Federal Trust Fund	\$90,483	\$56,778	(\$33,705)
Lottery Education Fund	\$130	\$130	\$0
Program Development Fund	\$629	\$859	\$230
Developmental Disabilities Services Account	\$150	\$150	\$0
Reimbursements	\$4,176,872	\$4,320,659	\$143,787
Mental Health Services Fund	\$1,251	\$1,251	\$0
HCBS ARPA	\$160,478	\$389,572	\$229,094
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$90,368	\$252,027	\$161,659
Total, All Funds	\$10,799,502	\$12,653,953	\$1,854,451

*Does not include \$2.7 million deferred maintenance re-appropriation in FY 2021-22.

Program Highlights (CONTINUED)

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Difference
Caseloads			
State Operated Facilities	322	322	0
Regional Centers*	371,388	400,485	29,097
Departmental Positions			
State Operated Facilities	1,955.2	1,955.2	0.0
Headquarters	519.0	608.0	89.0

*Does not include children who meet provisional eligibility.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

FY 2021-22

Costs and Fund Sources

The FY 2021-22 updated regional center budget includes \$10.3 billion TF (\$5.9 billion GF), a net decrease of \$77.4 million TF (\$49.1 million GF) as compared to the Governor's Budget. This includes a projected decrease of \$92.8 million TF in purchase of services (POS) expenditures and an increase of \$12.5 million TF in operations costs.

The FY 2021-22 updated budget reflects a net decrease of \$193.7 million TF (\$337.9 million GF), as compared to the Enacted Budget.

Costs and Fund Sources (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Operations	\$1,046,278	\$1,058,737	\$12,459
Purchase of Services	\$9,295,961	\$9,203,175	(\$92,786)
Early Start Part C/Other Agency Costs	\$43,024	\$45,967	\$2,943
Early Start Family Resource Services	\$2,003	\$2,003	\$0
Total Costs	\$10,387,266	\$10,309,882	(\$77,384)
General Fund (GF)	\$5,943,001	\$5,893,947	(\$49,054)
<i>GF Match</i>	\$3,037,942	\$2,985,812	(\$52,130)
<i>GF Other</i>	\$2,905,059	\$2,908,135	\$3,076
Reimbursements	\$4,130,909	\$4,090,004	(\$40,905)
Program Development Fund/Parental Fees	\$204	\$204	\$0
Developmental Disabilities Services Account	\$150	\$150	\$0
Mental Health Services Fund	\$740	\$740	\$0
HCBS ARPA	\$138,850	\$149,478	\$10,628
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$88,614	\$87,618	(\$996)
Federal Funds	\$84,798	\$87,741	\$2,943
Fund Sources	\$10,387,266	\$10,309,882	(\$77,384)

Population

The updated current year caseload projections reflect a net decrease of 15,043 in projected consumers compared to the Governor's Budget. However, this reflects an increase of 19,007 individuals compared to the prior year (2020-21).

Caseload*	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Active (Age 3 & Older)	332,465	323,144	(9,321)
Early Start (Birth through 35 Months)	53,966	48,244	(5,722)
Total Community Caseload	386,431	371,388	(15,043)

*Does not include children who meet provisional eligibility.

Regional Center Operations – Caseload

The May Revision Estimate reflects a decrease of \$41,000 TF (\$10.4 million GF increase) as compared to the Governor's Budget. Increase in GF is due to a decrease of \$10.7 million in reimbursement.

Operations – Caseload (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Staffing Expenditures	\$833,073	\$833,073	\$0
Federal Compliance	\$48,349	\$48,349	\$0
Projects	\$32,171	\$32,171	\$0
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled	\$1,688	\$1,647	(\$41)
Quality Assurance Fees			
Total Operations – Caseload	\$915,281	\$915,240	(\$41)

Regional Center Operations – Policy

The current year includes \$143.5 million TF (\$43.6 million GF) for policies impacting regional center operations, an increase of \$12.5 million HCBS ARPA funding for the Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents initiative. Funding related to this policy was previously included in the DDS headquarters budget.

Operations – Policy (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Specialized Caseload Ratio	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0
Specialized Home Monitoring	\$8,315	\$8,315	\$0
Trauma Informed Services for Foster Youth	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
Systemic Therapeutic Assessment Resources and Treatment (START) Training	\$10,215	\$10,215	\$0
Regional Center Emergency Coordinators	\$2,017	\$2,017	\$0
Community Navigators	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$0
Tribal Engagement for Early Start Services	\$500	\$500	\$0
Enhanced Service Coordination	\$12,800	\$12,800	\$0
DSP Workforce Training and Development	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$0
Implicit Bias Training	\$7,029	\$7,029	\$0
Emergency Preparedness	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$0
Resources to Support Individuals Who Are Deaf	\$2,379	\$2,379	\$0
Employment Grant	\$14,706	\$14,706	\$0
Performance Incentives Program	\$3,676	\$3,676	\$0
Language Access and Cultural Competency	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$0
Health and Safety Waiver Assistance	\$4,412	\$4,412	\$0
Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
Forensic Diversion	\$534	\$534	\$0
Self-Determination Ongoing Implementation	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$0
Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$0
Service Provider Rate Reform	\$12,647	\$12,647	\$0
Total Operations – Policy	\$130,997	\$143,497	\$12,500

Purchase of Services (POS) – Caseload

Updated POS expenditures reflect a net decrease of \$84.7 million TF (\$50.7 million GF) as compared to the Governor's Budget. The decrease in total funds reflects updated expenditures by category and a slower recovery to pre-COVID-19 trends.

Purchase of Services Caseload (Utilization and Growth) <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Community Care Facilities	\$2,609,939	\$2,573,316	(\$36,623)
Medical Facilities	\$43,036	\$37,529	(\$5,507)
Day Programs	\$1,365,380	\$1,377,573	\$12,193
Habilitation Services	\$132,688	\$131,124	(\$1,564)
<i>Work Activity Program</i>	\$19,247	\$19,267	\$20
<i>Supported Employment Program – Group</i>	\$75,107	\$74,498	(\$609)
<i>Supported Employment Program – Individual</i>	\$38,334	\$37,359	(\$975)
Transportation	\$370,920	\$373,382	\$2,462
Support Services	\$2,298,543	\$2,255,873	(\$42,670)
In-Home Respite	\$1,097,217	\$1,100,875	\$3,658
Out-of-Home Respite	\$67,782	\$68,580	\$798
Health Care	\$231,511	\$208,407	(\$23,104)
Miscellaneous Services	\$674,177	\$680,098	\$5,921
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled Quality Assurance Fees	\$9,115	\$8,893	(\$222)
Total POS – Caseload	\$8,900,308	\$8,815,650	(\$84,658)

POS – Policy

There is a net decrease of \$8.1 million TF (\$3.1 million GF) in policy related expenditures as compared to the Governor's Budget. This is primarily driven by the following:

- SB 3, Minimum Wage Increase, Effective January 1, 2022: Decrease of \$5.3 million TF (\$3.1 million GF) based on updated expenditure data.
- Social Recreation and Camping Services: Decrease of \$2.9 million HCBS ARPA funding based on updated expenditure data.

Purchase of Services – Policy (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Ongoing Purchase of Service Items	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$0
Electronic Visit Verification Penalty	\$10,220	\$10,220	\$0
Health Facility Rate Increase	\$1,103	\$1,103	\$0
SB 3, Minimum Wage Increase, Effective January 1, 2022	\$106,488	\$101,228	(\$5,260)
Youth Returning from Out-of-State Foster Care	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
Bilingual Differentials for Direct Service Professionals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0
Social Recreation and Camping Services	\$29,400	\$26,532	(\$2,868)
Coordinated Family Support Services	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$0
Forensic Diversion	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0
START Training	\$6,392	\$6,392	\$0
Self-Determination Ongoing Implementation	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4	\$16,200	\$16,200	\$0
Service Provider Rate Reform	\$127,083	\$127,083	\$0
Total POS – Policy	\$395,653	\$387,525	(\$8,128)

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

There is a net increase of \$9.6 million as compared to the Governor's Budget, inclusive of purchase of services and operations, due to updated expenditures and funding for the Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents initiative, funding for which was shifted from headquarters to regional center operations.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
HCBS ARPA	\$138,850	\$149,478	\$10,628
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$88,614	\$87,618	(\$996)
Total HCBS ARPA	\$227,464	\$237,096	\$9,632

Reimbursements

The updated current year reflects a net decrease of \$40.9 million in reimbursements as compared to the Governor's Budget. Adjustments are reflected in the table below.

Reimbursements (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver	\$2,926,868	\$2,913,190	(\$13,678)
HCBS Waiver Administration	\$19,821	\$19,821	\$0
Medicaid Administration	\$19,048	\$19,048	\$0
Targeted Case Management	\$294,680	\$284,024	(\$10,656)
Title XX Block Grant	\$213,421	\$213,421	\$0
(1) Social Services	\$136,264	\$136,264	\$0
(2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$77,157	\$77,157	\$0
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled State Plan Amendment	\$63,256	\$61,713	(\$1,543)
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled Quality Assurance Fees	\$9,959	\$9,717	(\$242)
1915(i) State Plan Amendment	\$522,254	\$518,530	(\$3,724)
Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment	\$28,514	\$23,761	(\$4,753)
Behavioral Health Treatment Fee-for-Service	\$13,296	\$13,501	\$205
Self-Determination Program Waiver	\$19,792	\$13,278	(\$6,514)
Total Reimbursements	\$4,130,909	\$4,090,004	(\$40,905)

Federal Funds

The updated current year reflects a net increase of \$2.9 million in federal funds as compared to the Governor's Budget. The increase is due to an increase in the American Rescue Plan IDEA Supplemental Grant.

Federal Funds (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Early Start Part C/Other Agency Costs	\$83,658	\$86,601	\$2,943
Foster Grandparent Program	\$1,140	\$1,140	\$0
Total Federal Funds	\$84,798	\$87,741	\$2,943

FY 2022-23**Costs and Fund Sources**

The FY 2022-23 Regional Center budget includes \$12.2 billion TF (\$7.3 billion GF), a net increase of \$269.0 million TF (\$125.4 million GF) as compared to the Governor's Budget. This includes a projected \$186.5 million TF increase in operations costs, and \$82.5 million TF increase in purchase of services expenditures.

Costs and Fund Sources (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Operations	\$1,222,245	\$1,408,779	\$186,534
Purchase of Services	\$10,675,360	\$10,757,816	\$82,456
Early Start Part C/Other Agency Costs	\$19,094	\$19,095	\$1
Early Start Family Resource Services	\$2,003	\$2,003	\$0
Total Costs	\$11,918,702	\$12,187,693	\$268,991
General Fund (GF)	\$7,131,876	\$7,257,257	\$125,381
<i>GF Match</i>	\$3,850,655	\$3,742,221	(\$108,434)
<i>GF Other</i>	\$3,281,221	\$3,515,036	\$233,815
Reimbursements	\$4,099,188	\$4,239,772	\$140,584
Program Development Fund/Parental Fees	\$204	\$434	\$230
Developmental Disabilities Services Account	\$150	\$150	\$0
Mental Health Services Fund	\$740	\$740	\$0
HCBS ARPA	\$382,700	\$384,572	\$1,872
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$249,781	\$250,777	\$996
Federal Funds	\$54,063	\$53,991	(\$72)
Fund Sources	\$11,918,702	\$12,187,693	\$268,991

Population

The Department is forecasting a decrease of 7,149 in projected consumers as compared to the Governor's Budget.

Caseload*	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Active (Age 3 & Older)	349,619	342,570	(7,049)
Early Start (Birth through 35 Months)	58,015	57,915	(100)
Total Community Caseload	407,634	400,485	(7,149)

*Does not include children who meet provisional eligibility.

Regional Center Operations – Caseload

The budget year includes \$949.8 million TF (\$671.0 million GF) for regional center operations, a decrease of \$5.5 million (\$3.9 million GF increase) as compared to the Governor's Budget. The decrease is mainly attributed to anticipated change in caseload.

Operations – Caseload (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Staffing Expenditures	\$870,248	\$864,489	(\$5,759)
Federal Compliance	\$49,271	\$49,271	\$0
Projects	\$34,051	\$34,396	\$345
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled			
Quality Assurance Fees	\$1,688	\$1,647	(\$41)
Total Operations – Caseload	\$955,258	\$949,803	(\$5,455)

Regional Center Operations – Policy

The budget year includes \$459.0 million TF (\$351.8 million GF) for policies impacting regional center operations, an increase of \$192.0 million TF (\$185.0 million GF) as compared to the Governor's Budget.

Updated Policies:

- DSP Workforce Training and Development: Decrease of \$11.9 million TF (\$8.1 million GF) to reflect funding shift to purchase of services for DSPs who complete additional training and certification.
- Resources to Support Individuals Who Are Deaf: Increase of \$2.1 million TF (\$1.5 million GF) to include interpretation services costs.
- Specialized Home Monitoring: Increase of \$2.1 million TF (\$1.4 million GF) to reflect revised salary assumptions.
- Emergency Preparedness: Increase of \$850,000 GF to provide a baseline budget for new purchases / replenishment of emergency go-bags and batteries, training, crisis communications support, and other activities.

New Policies:

- Promoting Workforce Stability: Increase of \$185.3 million GF to support a multi-pronged workforce development strategy.
- Service Access and Equity Grant Program: Increase of \$11.0 million GF to reflect one-time additional grant funding.
- Early Start Eligibility: Increase of \$2.5 million GF for increased caseload related to revising statutory eligibility provisions for early intervention services through the Early Start Program.

Operations – Policy (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Specialized Caseload Ratio	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$0
Specialized Home Monitoring	\$10,201	\$12,284	\$2,083
Trauma Informed Services for Foster Youth	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
Regional Center Emergency Coordinators	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Community Navigators	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$0
Tribal Engagement for Early Start Services	\$500	\$500	\$0
Enhanced Service Coordination	\$14,172	\$14,172	\$0
DSP Workforce Training and Development	\$16,200	\$4,300	(\$11,900)
Implicit Bias Training	\$7,029	\$7,029	\$0
Emergency Preparedness	\$200	\$1,050	\$850
Resources to Support Individuals Who Are Deaf	\$2,379	\$4,505	\$2,126
Performance Incentives Program	\$87,500	\$87,500	\$0
Language Access and Cultural Competency	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$0
Health and Safety Waiver Assistance	\$4,412	\$4,412	\$0
Enrolling Vendors as Medicaid Providers	\$550	\$550	\$0
Reduced Caseload Ratio for Children through Age 5	\$51,084	\$51,084	\$0
Early Start – Part C to B Transitions	\$13,167	\$13,167	\$0
Service Access and Equity Grant Program	\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000
Promoting Workforce Stability	\$0	\$185,300	\$185,300
Forensic Diversion	\$534	\$534	\$0
Self-Determination Ongoing Implementation	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$0
Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4	\$8,145	\$8,145	\$0
Service Provider Rate Reform	\$12,647	\$12,647	\$0
Early Start Eligibility	\$0	\$2,530	\$2,530
Total Operations – Policy	\$266,987	\$458,976	\$191,989

Purchase of Services (POS) Caseload

The budget year includes \$9.7 billion TF (\$6.1 billion GF) for purchase of services, an increase of \$2.4 million TF (\$2.6 million GF), as compared to the Governor's Budget. The net increase is primarily due to continued caseload and utilization changes in various budget categories.

Purchase of Services Caseload (Utilization and Growth) (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Community Care Facilities	\$2,751,449	\$2,755,164	\$3,715
Medical Facilities	\$59,052	\$52,329	(\$6,723)
Day Programs	\$1,407,794	\$1,429,208	\$21,414
Habilitation Services	\$126,829	\$128,886	\$2,057
<i>Work Activity Program</i>	\$15,095	\$15,692	\$597
<i>Supported Employment Program – Group</i>	\$69,142	\$70,704	\$1,562
<i>Supported Employment Program – Individual</i>	\$42,592	\$42,490	(\$102)
Transportation	\$468,788	\$472,885	\$4,097
Support Services	\$2,485,930	\$2,480,167	(\$5,763)
In-Home Respite	\$1,284,971	\$1,304,544	\$19,573
Out of Home Respite	\$63,907	\$64,848	\$941
Health Care	\$316,953	\$251,274	(\$65,679)
Miscellaneous Services	\$736,936	\$765,888	\$28,952
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled			
Quality Assurance Fees	\$9,115	\$8,893	(\$222)
Total POS – Caseload	\$9,711,724	\$9,714,086	\$2,362

POS – Policy

The budget year includes \$1.0 billion TF (\$160.9 million GF) for policies impacting regional center purchase of services, an increase of \$80.1 million TF (\$66.1 million GF decrease) as compared to the Governor's Budget.

Updated Policies:

- DSP Workforce Training and Development: Increase of \$11.9 million TF (\$7.9 million GF) to fund DSPs who complete additional training and certification.
- SB 3, Minimum Wage Increase, Effective January 1, 2022: Decrease of \$9.5 million TF (\$5.6 million GF) based upon updated expenditure data.
- Social Recreation and Camping Services: Increase of \$2.9 million HCBS ARPA Funding based upon updated expenditure data.
- Health Facility Rate Increase: Increase of \$1.4 million GF to reflect a permanent ten percent rate increase to align with the Department of Health Care Services.

New Policies:

- SB 3, Effective January 1, 2023, CPI Adjustment: Increase of \$59.4 million TF (\$35.1 million GF) for the January 1, 2023 increase in the minimum wage to \$15.50 for all employers.
- Financial Management Services for Self-Determination Program Participants: Increase of \$7.2 million TF (\$4.4 million GF) to fund the payment of Financial Management Services for Self-Determination Program participants outside of their individual budgets.
- Early Start Eligibility: Increase of \$4.0 million GF to provide purchase of service resources associated with revising statutory eligibility provisions.
- Half-Day Billing Elimination: Increase of \$2.8 million TF (\$1.9 million GF) to fund the elimination of the half-day billing policy for service providers.

Purchase of Services – Policy			
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Ongoing Purchase of Service Items	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$0
Health Facility Rate Increase	\$0	\$1,421	\$1,421
SB 3, Minimum Wage Increase, Effective January 1, 2022	\$237,810	\$228,357	(\$9,453)
Youth Returning from Out-of-State Foster Care	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
Bilingual Differentials for Direct Service Professionals	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$0
Social Recreation and Camping Services	\$49,000	\$51,868	\$2,868
SB 3, Minimum Wage Increase, Effective January 1, 2023	\$4,146	\$4,064	(\$82)
SB 3, Effective January 1, 2023, CPI Adjustment	\$0	\$59,433	\$59,433
WAP: New Service Model	\$8,233	\$8,233	\$0
Financial Management Services for Self-Determination Program Participants	\$0	\$7,200	\$7,200
Half-Day Billing Elimination	\$0	\$2,845	\$2,845
Forensic Diversion	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0
START Training	\$17,865	\$17,865	\$0
DSP Workforce Training and Development	\$0	\$11,900	\$11,900
Resources to Support Individuals Who Are Deaf	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$0
Self-Determination Ongoing Implementation	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4	\$17,415	\$17,415	\$0
Service Provider Rate Reform	\$554,167	\$554,167	\$0
Early Start Eligibility	\$0	\$3,962	\$3,962
Total POS – Policy	\$963,636	\$1,043,730	\$80,094

American Rescue Plan Act Funding

The budget year includes \$384.6 million in HCBS ARPA funding and \$250.8 million in matching reimbursements, inclusive of purchase of services and operations. This reflects an increase of \$1.9 million and \$996,000, respectively as compared to the Governor's Budget, reflecting a shift in expenditures between current year and budget year. Adjustments are reflected in the table below:

American Rescue Plan Funding			
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
HCBS ARPA	\$382,700	\$384,572	\$1,872
HCBS ARPA Reimbursements	\$249,781	\$250,777	\$996
Total HCBS ARPA	\$632,481	\$635,349	\$2,868

Reimbursements

The budget year includes \$4.2 billion in reimbursements, an increase of \$140.6 million as compared to the Governor's Budget. Adjustments are reflected in the table below and the main driver is due to the impact of the temporary 6.2 percentage point increase authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA), which is anticipated to continue through September 30, 2022.

Reimbursements (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver	\$2,865,498	\$2,992,251	\$126,753
HCBS Waiver Administration	\$24,708	\$21,574	(\$3,134)
Medicaid Administration	\$19,048	\$19,048	\$0
Targeted Case Management	\$312,457	\$313,240	\$783
Title XX Block Grant	\$213,421	\$213,421	\$0
(1) Social Services	\$136,264	\$136,264	\$0
(2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$77,157	\$77,157	\$0
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled State Plan Amendment	\$56,277	\$56,606	\$329
Intermediate Care Facility-Developmentally Disabled Quality Assurance Fees	\$9,959	\$9,717	(\$242)
1915(i) State Plan Amendment	\$515,380	\$537,175	\$21,795
Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment	\$27,272	\$26,164	(\$1,108)
Behavioral Health Treatment Fee-for-Service	\$13,296	\$13,501	\$205
Self-Determination Program Waiver	\$41,872	\$37,075	(\$4,797)
Total Reimbursements	\$4,099,188	\$4,239,772	\$140,584

Federal Funds

The budget year includes \$54.0 million in federal funds, a net decrease of \$72,000 as compared to the Governor's Budget.

Federal Funds (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Early Start Part C/Other Agency Costs	\$52,923	\$52,851	(\$72)
Foster Grandparent Program	\$1,140	\$1,140	\$0
Total Federal Funds	\$54,063	\$53,991	(\$72)

STATE OPERATED FACILITIES**FY 2021-22**

The FY 2021-22 updated state operated facilities budget includes \$332.1 million TF (\$295.4 million GF), a net decrease of \$3.0 million GF compared to the Governor's Budget. The decrease is due to the transfer of \$3.0 million from the state operated facilities budget to headquarters to support anticipated participation in the leave balance buyback program.

Costs and Fund Sources			
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Personal Services	\$266,915	\$263,915	(\$3,000)
Operating Expenses and Equipment	\$58,990	\$58,990	\$0
Lease Revenue Bond	\$9,154	\$9,175	\$21
Total Costs	\$335,059	\$332,080	(\$2,979)
General Fund (GF)	\$298,355	\$295,376	(\$2,979)
<i>GF Match</i>	\$23,888	\$23,888	\$0
<i>GF Other</i>	\$274,467	\$271,488	(\$2,979)
Reimbursements	\$36,574	\$36,574	\$0
Lottery Fund	\$130	\$130	\$0
Fund Sources	\$335,059	\$332,080	(\$2,979)

FY 2022-23

The FY 2022-23 includes \$316.3 million (\$281.9 million GF), an increase of \$750,000 TF (\$30,000 GF decrease) compared to the Governor's Budget due to an increase in reimbursements with the extension of the temporary 6.2 percentage authorized by the FFCRA, which is anticipated to continue through September 30, 2022.

Costs and Fund Sources			
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>			
	Governor's Budget	May Revision	Difference
Personal Services	\$267,397	\$267,397	\$0
Operating Expenses and Equipment	\$38,965	\$39,715	\$750
Lease Revenue Bond	\$9,158	\$9,158	\$0
Total Costs	\$315,520	\$316,270	\$750
General Fund (GF)	\$281,890	\$281,860	(\$30)
<i>GF Match</i>	\$27,051	\$26,271	(\$780)
<i>GF Other</i>	\$254,839	\$255,589	\$750
Reimbursements	\$33,500	\$34,280	\$780
Lottery Fund	\$130	\$130	\$0
Fund Sources	\$315,520	\$316,270	\$750

Capital Outlay

The May Revision includes a supplemental appropriation of \$1.1 million GF in FY 2022-23 for the fire sprinkler system capital outlay project at the Porterville Developmental Center.

HEADQUARTERS**FY 2021-22**

The May Revision reflects \$157.5 million TF (\$89.8 million GF), a net decrease of \$9.4 million TF (\$3.1 million GF) from the Governor's Budget. The main drivers include an increase of \$3.0 million GF transferred from the state operated facilities budget to support anticipated participation in the leave balance buyback program and the transfer of \$12.5 million to regional center operations for the Enhanced Community Integration for Children & Adolescents initiative.

FY 2022-23

The May Revision reflects \$150.0 million TF (\$93.4 million GF), an increase of \$14.5 million TF (\$12.7 million GF) compared to the Governor's Budget. The changes include:

- Disposition of Fairview Developmental Center: One-time funding of \$3.5 million GF for the Department to allocate to the City of Costa Mesa to facilitate disposition of the Fairview Developmental Center property.

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- Division of Community Assistance and Resolutions: Increase of \$4.4 million TF (\$3.7 million GF) and 20 positions consisting of one Graphic Designer I, one Staff Services Manager I, two Staff Services Manager II, three Staff Services Manager III, six Associate Governmental Program Analyst, one Research Data Analyst II, two Research Data Specialist I, one Research Data Specialist II, three Career Executive Assignment (CEA) and additional costs for the interagency agreement with the Department of General Services to partner on improvements to the state hearings and appeals process.
- Research and Data Enhancements: Increase of \$2.5 million TF (\$2.0 million GF) and 19.0 positions consisting of three IT Specialist I, one IT Supervisor II, five IT Specialist II, one Staff Services Analyst, three Research Data Analyst II, two Research Data Supervisor II, two Research Data Specialist I, one Research Data Specialist II, one Research Data Specialist III to enhance data collection, analysis, sharing and reporting as well as enable sufficient technical infrastructure support for new and continuing program initiatives that emphasize person-centered outcomes and equitable access and services within the developmental services system.
- Facility Clinical Software Replacement and Electronic Health Record Implementation: Increase of \$1.7 million TF (\$1.6 million GF) and five positions consisting of two IT Specialist II, one Health Record Technician III, one Staff Services Manager I, one Research Data Analyst I and contracting costs to plan for the replacement of clinical software used at the state-operated residential facilities.

- Resources for e-Signature/e-Forms and Accounting Support: Increase of \$436,000 TF (\$409,000 GF) and four positions consisting of one Accounting Officer, one Senior Accounting Officer, two Associate Governmental Program Analyst and consulting resources for implementation and maintenance of an electronic forms (e-Forms) and signature (e-Signature) system.

May Revision Budget Change Proposals

- Promoting Workforce Stability: An increase of \$1.1 million TF (\$881,000 GF) and seven positions consisting of one Staff Services Manager II, one Training Officer II, two Training Officer I, two Associate Governmental Program Analyst, and one CEA Level A to support a multi-pronged workforce development strategy.
- Service Access and Equity Grant Program: An increase of \$792,000 TF (\$634,000 GF) and four positions consisting of two Associate Governmental Program Analyst, two Research Data Analyst II to support expansion and address the program's ongoing workload.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is pleased to announce the launch of the Direct Service Provider (DSP) Workforce Data Collection. Today, agencies that employ DSPs will receive an email invitation from Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) inviting their participation in this data collection effort. The email includes a link unique to each agency that will direct participants to an online portal to complete the data collection. Agencies are to provide data regarding the DSP workforce for their entire organization even if the organization received more than one email invitation and/or operates more than one vendored service. Responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), including a list of the included vendor codes, can be found [here](#).

We invite your help to promote this data collection initiative and to encourage agencies that employ DSPs to participate. We have created a [DDS Workforce Data Collection - CA Department of Developmental Services](#) page on our website dedicated to this data collection effort. Included is an outreach toolkit with sample tweets and posts that you could use or modify to promote the data collection effort on your social media pages or website.

DDS will be tracking and posting response rates by regional center. During the data collection period, DDS will be sending email reminders encouraging their participation to agencies who have yet to submit their data. Data submission must be completed by **June 30, 2022**, after which the data collection portal will close and no further responses may be submitted.

QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

As part of the [quality incentive program](#) authorized in the 2021 Budget Act, all agencies who complete the entirety of the data collection instrument and submit their responses before **the data collection window closes on June 30th** later will receive **an incentive payment of at least \$8,000** for each organization's participation. Agencies must submit responses to every question to be eligible for the incentive. Only one incentive payment will be paid for each organization.

Thank you for your help to design and promote this data collection effort. If you have any questions about the data collection, please email DSPWorkforce@DDS.CA.gov.





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May 16, 2022

Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services

Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget, Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services

RE: Department of Developmental Services (4300) – 2022-23 May Revision

Honorable Senator Talamantes Eggman and Assemblymember Arambula:

California's regional centers are a network of 21 community-based non-profits, represented by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). The regional centers coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, nearly 400,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. We thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Governor's proposed Budget for FY2022-23 for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Investing in the Workforce

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families rely upon a network of dedicated professionals to bring the Lanterman Act's promise of individualized planning and service delivery to life for them. ARCA appreciates the one-time investments included in the May Revise that would strengthen the service provider and regional center workforce, and supports the inclusion of \$185.3M to do the following:

- Provide training stipends for Direct Support Professionals;
- Incentivize new employees to enter the Direct Support Professional workforce through internship opportunities and retention stipends;
- Support the pursuit of advanced degrees by regional center service coordinators, which will both incentivize their employment and strengthen future leadership; and,
- Pilot programs to explore the role technology can play in augmenting staff support and increasing opportunities for greater independence for those with developmental disabilities.

ARCA also supports the proposed increase of \$2.1M for regional center monitoring of specialized homes, an increase that reflects not only the increased number of homes requiring intensive monitoring, but also the higher salaries necessary to recruit and retain the skilled staff to carry out these functions. Updating all regional center staff funding formulas, including the Core Staffing Formula, is the only path to achieving stability for critical functions, such as service coordination, clinical and intake services, and resource development and quality assurance.

Supporting Equity

ARCA supports the two additional investments in equity measures proposed in the May Revision. A one-time increase of \$11M in the DDS Service Access and Equity Grant Program will provide greater opportunity for innovative projects to reach California's increasingly-diverse population. The ongoing increase of \$2.1M to support interpretation services for regional centers' Deaf Specialists will enhance the effectiveness of those professionals and regional centers in meeting the needs of the Deaf+ population.

Lessons from the Pandemic

The pandemic highlighted several truths about California's developmental services system, including the preference for flexible, individualized services and the need to eliminate barriers to service access.

Family Fees

While ARCA appreciates the acknowledgement that the Annual Family Program Fee and Family Cost Participation Program as currently structured get between too many children and their services, the proposed suspension and restructuring of these programs does not address their fundamental flaw – linking time-sensitive developmental services to discussions about family income. ARCA has led the advocacy effort for elimination of both fees and continues to believe only this will allow the focus to return to each child's needs.

Intermediate Care Facility Rates

ARCA strongly supports the proposal to make permanent the pandemic-era 10% rate increase for Intermediate Care Facilities, as this service option allows 6,000 Californians with developmental disabilities and health care needs to live in homes that can meet their unique needs. Long-term rate freezes for this service prior to the pandemic threatened its ongoing viability as an option.

Supporting Flexibility

To enable the greater service flexibilities many have come to appreciate, ARCA supports the proposal to eliminate the half-day billing policy and the allowance for the use of remote service delivery to meet an individual's unique needs. Acceleration of the next service provider rate increases to July 1, 2022, is essential to sustainably rebuild the Direct Service Professional workforce to a level needed to support flexible, dynamic service delivery.

Financial Management Services (FMS) in the Self-Determination Program (SDP)

Funding FMS outside each person's individual budget in SDP as a pandemic flexibility has made the program more accessible, including for those with lower budget amounts. ARCA supports the proposal to make this change permanent. An additional investment needed to strengthen this service for those interested in SDP is funding for transition-related services from FMS agencies. FMS agencies should not be expected to provide uncompensated intensive support in this area.

Laying a Foundation for the Future

The May Revision includes largely one-time investments across program areas. ARCA appreciates and supports two specific proposals for ongoing investments that will, in the long term, strengthen services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Early Start Expansion

Early intervention is the key to maximizing developmental outcomes for the youngest children, which puts them on a stronger trajectory for the remainder of their lives. ARCA strongly supports the proposal

to expand Early Start eligibility through identifying Fetal Alcohol Syndrome as a risk-factor, reducing the delay that must be present to qualify for services, and considering receptive and expressive language separately. These changes will serve more children in need of intervention in the Early Start program. Updates to service rate models for early intervention programs and associated therapies are needed, however, to enhance provider capacity to effectively support this expanded population.

Emergency Preparation

Unfortunately, natural disasters and Public Safety Power Shutoffs are now a way of life in California. For people with developmental disabilities and their families, this can mean additional considerations, such as the need for a power supply for essential medical equipment or refrigeration for medication. ARCA supports the proposed ongoing investment in emergency supplies and battery power to meet the needs of this community.

ARCA will continue to build on our long-standing collaborative relationships to partner with those served, their family members, the Legislature, the Administration, and community organizations. We are deeply committed to meeting today's needs with an eye towards the future. With thoughtful investments and policy, we will be able to keep the promise of the Lanterman Act for hundreds of thousands of Californians who rely on it.

Sincerely,
/s/
Amy Westling
Executive Director

Cc: Renita Polk, Consultant, Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services
Nicole Vazquez, Consultant, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services
David Stammerjohan, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Eggman
Karen Jones, Legislative Aide, Office of Assemblymember Arambula
Nicki Taylor, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Melendez
Darin Walsh, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Pan
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April 19, 2022

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez
Capitol Annex Swing Space, Ste. 5250
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2645 (Rodriguez) – SUPPORT

Honorable Assemblymember Rodriguez:

California's regional centers are a network of 21 community-based non-profits, represented by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). The regional centers coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, nearly 400,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. On behalf of ARCA, I wish to express our support for AB 2645, your bill requiring the integration of community resilience centers in local emergency plans.

During the 2018 Camp Fire, 86 people lost their lives. But not one was a client served by Far Northern Regional Center. The center's advance planning and work with local service providers to plan for just such an event ensured this outcome. When community organizations take a leadership role in the health and safety of the population they serve – and know best – the outcomes are better for all.

By further refining emergency planning, including through creating resilience centers that can support a variety of needs in a variety of emergencies, similar outcomes will obtain. We strongly support efforts to increase the resilience of all our communities; preparation and planning saves lives.

We thank you for authoring this bill, and urge its favorable consideration. If you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Savino in our office at dsavino@arcenet.org or (916) 446-7961.

Sincerely,

/s/Amy Westling
Executive Director

Cc: Dawn Clover, Legislative Director, Office of Assemblymember Rodriguez
Anthony Hill, Executive Director, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director, Inland Regional Center



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May 10, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula
2550 Mariposa Mall Drive
Suite 5031
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Arambula:

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Your support as the author for the Budget request to implement the next phase of the rate reform effective July 1, 2022, recognizes the impact of COVID-19, the effects of the Great Resignation, and the challenges in front of Service Providers with securing and retaining a competent workforce to deliver respite, residential, day program, supported living, behavior treatment, independent living, transportation, early childhood development, physical, occupational and speech therapy services, to name a few. These services ameliorate the impact of the presenting disability, retains placements within the family home, safeguards family unity, and furthers full inclusion within all aspects of community living for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Acceleration of the rate reform protects the regional center service delivery infrastructure, from further erosion created through the rate freeze, and is timely action mitigating the obvious reality that the Direct Support Professional workforce is shrinking because many younger workers are seeking different occupations. Also, the post pandemic job market is highly competitive, where successful recruitment and retention of a competent workforce is achieved through salaries and benefits offered. Without action as intended through your proposal, staffing shortages will block service access, increase referral waiting times, and will reduce pre-pandemic capacity. Regrettably, Service Providers would be forced to pick and choose those that will be offered services.

Honorable Assemblymember Arambula, we applaud your strategic vision and commitment for "California for All". We will encourage other lawmakers to join you.

Warmest regards,

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May 11, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Chris Holden
415 W. Foothill Blvd.
Suite 124
Claremont, CA 91711

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Holden:

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Assemblymember Arambula has authored a Budget request to accelerate the implementation of the Service Provider Rate Reform. We urge that you join Assemblymember Arambula's proposal or other actions targeting the same goal. The impact of COVID-19 and the effects of the Great Resignation are challenges in front of Service Providers threatening workforce stability, essential for delivering respite, residential, day program, supported living, behavior treatment, independent living, transportation, early childhood development, physical, occupational and speech therapy services to name a few. These services ameliorate the impact of the presenting disability, retains placements within the family home, safeguards family unity, and furthers full inclusion within all aspects of community living for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Chino, CA 91710

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May 11, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
100 N. Barranca Street
Suite 895
West Covina, CA 91791

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

Dear Honorable Assemblymember Rubio:

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May 11, 2022

Honorable Senator Josh Newman
203 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92832

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

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May 11, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Mike Fong
1255 Corporate Center Drive
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Monterey Park, CA 91754

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

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May 11, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Lisa Calderon
13181 Crossroads Parkway North
Suite 160
City of Industry, CA 91746

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

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May 11, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Phillip Chen
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Brea, CA 92821

RE: Support for Acceleration of Rate Reform

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Fact Sheet

FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET ALLOCATION
(through C-2 amendment)

Operations	\$38,288,747	11%
Purchase of Services	\$318,353,513	89%
TOTAL	\$356,642,260	100%

No. of (FTE) Employees:			
Service Coordinators	209.0	57%	
All Other	156.0	43%	
Total	365.0	100%	0.6%

EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2020/21*

PROGRAM SERVICES (direct services)	Amount	%
Payroll and admin. exp. for direct services	\$ 32,019,289	10%
Purchase of Services (POS):		
Living out of home	\$ 110,447,382	34%
Day program	\$ 98,374,633	31%
Transportation	\$ 11,794,277	4%
Other purchased services	\$ 63,984,965	20%
Total Purchase of Services (POS)	\$ 284,601,257	89%
Total Program Services	\$ 316,620,546	99%
SUPPORT SERVICES (indirect services)		
Payroll for support personnel	\$ 2,738,381	1%
Admin Support Services	\$ 795,532	0%
Total Support Services	\$ 3,533,913	1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$320,154,459	100%

* per audited financial statements

Individuals Served (as of May 1, 2022)

15,213 including 11 shared in

Clients by Living Arrangement

(incl. 11 shared-in cases)

	Res. Code	# of Clients	%
Out of State	9	1	0%
Living w/ Family	11	12,505	82%
Living Independently or Supported	13, 14	559	4%
Living in Developmental Centers	21 - 23, 31	2	0%
Living in Health Care Facilities	52 - 60	541	4%
Foster/Family Homes	78, 79, 80	368	2%
Other Living Arrangements	40-43, 81-98	50	0%
Living in community care facilities	44-50	1,187	8%
Total Clients (status U,0,1,2,8)		15,213	100%

Clients in Comm. Care Fac. (by size of facility)

Change in 1 mo.

Facility Size	# of Clients	%	Change in 1 mo.
50+ bed	3	0%	0
16-49 bed	99	8%	0
7-15 bed	65	5%	0
1-6 bed	934	79%	0
RCF Elderly	86	7%	0
Spcl. Hlth Care Child	0	0%	0
Total CCF Residents	1187	100%	0

Clients Living Arrangement by Age

0-17 18-54 55+

	Minors	Adults	Seniors
Living with family	7,002	4,801	294
Living independently or supported	0	320	235
Living in community care facilities	16	675	497
Living in foster homes/fam.home	276	42	11
Living in health care facilities	17	309	309
Other living arrangements	16	37	10
Living Out of State	2	0	0
TOTAL (status U,1,2)	7,329	6,184	1,356
Living in Developmental Centers	0	3	0

Clients by Gender

Female	5,076	34.5%
Male	9,638	65.5%
Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	14,714	100%

Clients by Diagnosis

(duplicate count)

	# of Clients	%	Change in 1 mo.
Autism	5,226	42%	44
Cerebral Palsy	1,453	12%	-1
Epilepsy	1,890	15%	-8
Intellectual Disability	7,814	63%	17
Other Dev. Disability	1,063	9%	6
Total Clients w/Diagnosis (Status 2)	12,416		

Clients by Age

Age In Years # of Clients %

Age Group	# of Clients	%
Infants (<3)	2,740	19%
Children (school age)	4,576	31%
Adults (school age)	1,443	10%
Adults	4,889	32%
Seniors	1,266	9%
Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	14,714	100%

Active Cases by Status Code

Clients % of Total

Growth in #s & % in 1 month

stus2 In Community (active)	12,416	82%	58	0.5%
stus1 Early Start	2,178	14%	-51	-2.3%
stus8 Developmental Centers	3	0%	0	0%
stus0 Intake	488	3%	16	3%
stusU Provisional Eligibility	117	1%	75	179%
Total	15,202	100%	98	0.65%

Clients by Ethnicity

Asian	1,569	10%	8	0.5%
African American	788	5%	6	0.8%
Filipino	368	2%	3	0.8%
Multi-Cultural	1,263	8%	11	0.9%
Native American	22	0%	0	0.0%
Other & Unknown	401	3%	5	1.3%
Polynesian/Pacific Islands	15	0%	0	0.0%
Hispanic	8,515	56%	62	0.7%
White	2,272	15%	3	0.1%
Total	15,213	100%	98	0.6%

(incl. 11 shared-in cases)

Medicaid Waiver Clients:

4,892 **3** **0.1%**

Clients with funded services:

Residential Care	1,310	9%	0	0%
Day Care	775	5%	6	1%
Day Training	3,821	26%	19	0%
SEP/WAP	405	3%	16	4%
Transport.	2,860	20%	0	0%
Respite	2,457	17%	7	0%

Total Clients status 1&2

14,594 **Client Growth** **0.0%**

Clients by Language:

ARABIC	19	0.1%	0	0.0%
ARMENIAN	14	0.1%	1	7.7%
ENGLISH	10,670	72.5%	86	0.8%
FARS/OTH.INDO-IRANIAN	11	0.1%	1	10.0%
* JAPANESE	5	0.0%	-1	-18.7%
* KOREAN	69	0.5%	0	0.0%
* VIETNAMESE	144	1.0%	0	0.0%
* MANDARIN CHINESE	308	2.1%	-3	-1.0%
* CANTONESE CHINESE	184	1.3%	0	0.0%
* CAMBODIAN	9	0.1%	0	0.0%
* OTHER ASIAN	20	0.1%	-2	-9.1%
ASIAN	739	5.0%	-6	-0.8%
SPANISH	3,118	21.2%	0	0.0%
TAGALOG	51	0.3%	0	0.0%
OTHER LANGUAGES	17	0.1%	-2	-10.5%
SIGN LANGUAGE	75	0.5%	2	2.7%
TOTAL CLIENTS	14,714	100.0%	Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	