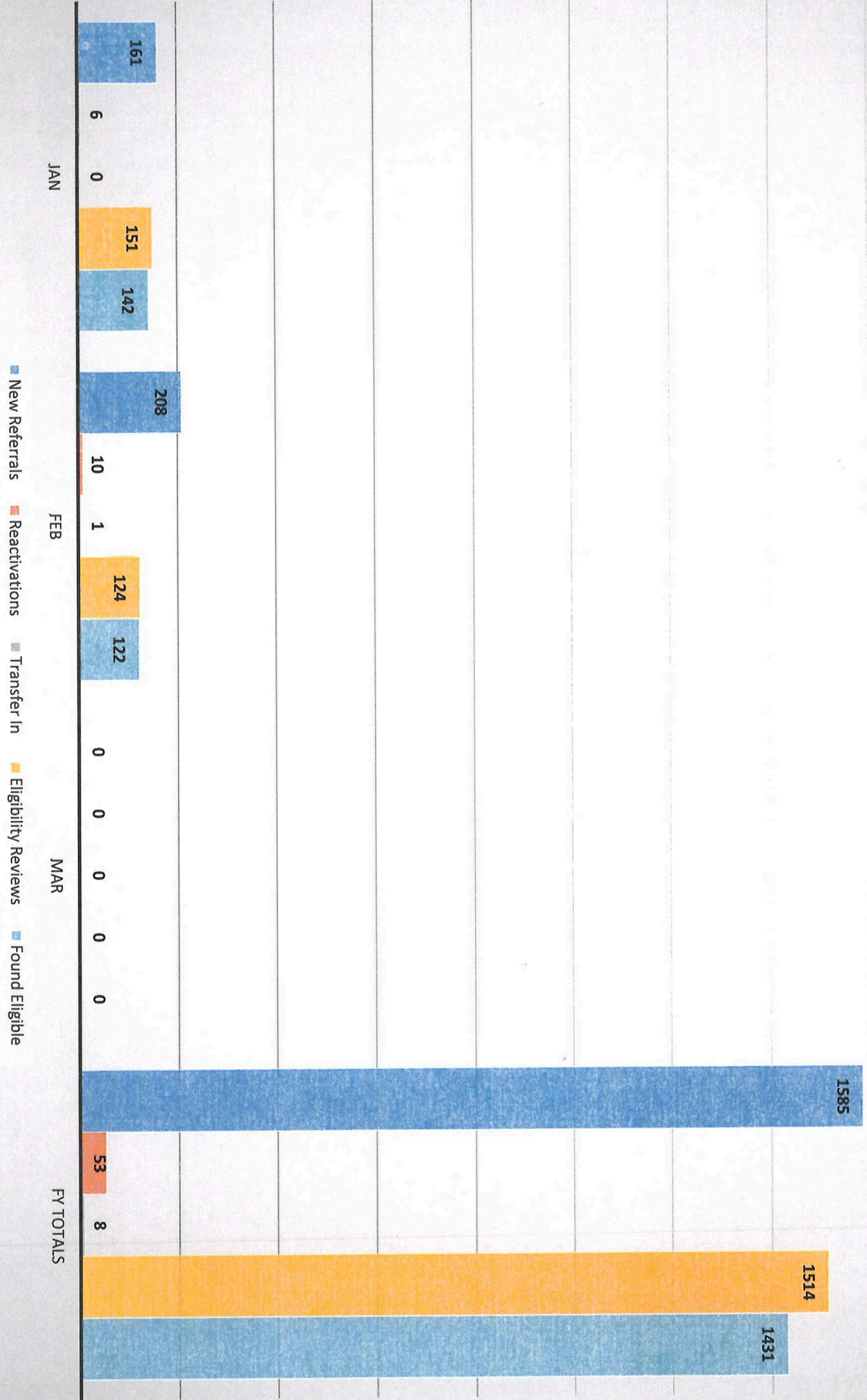


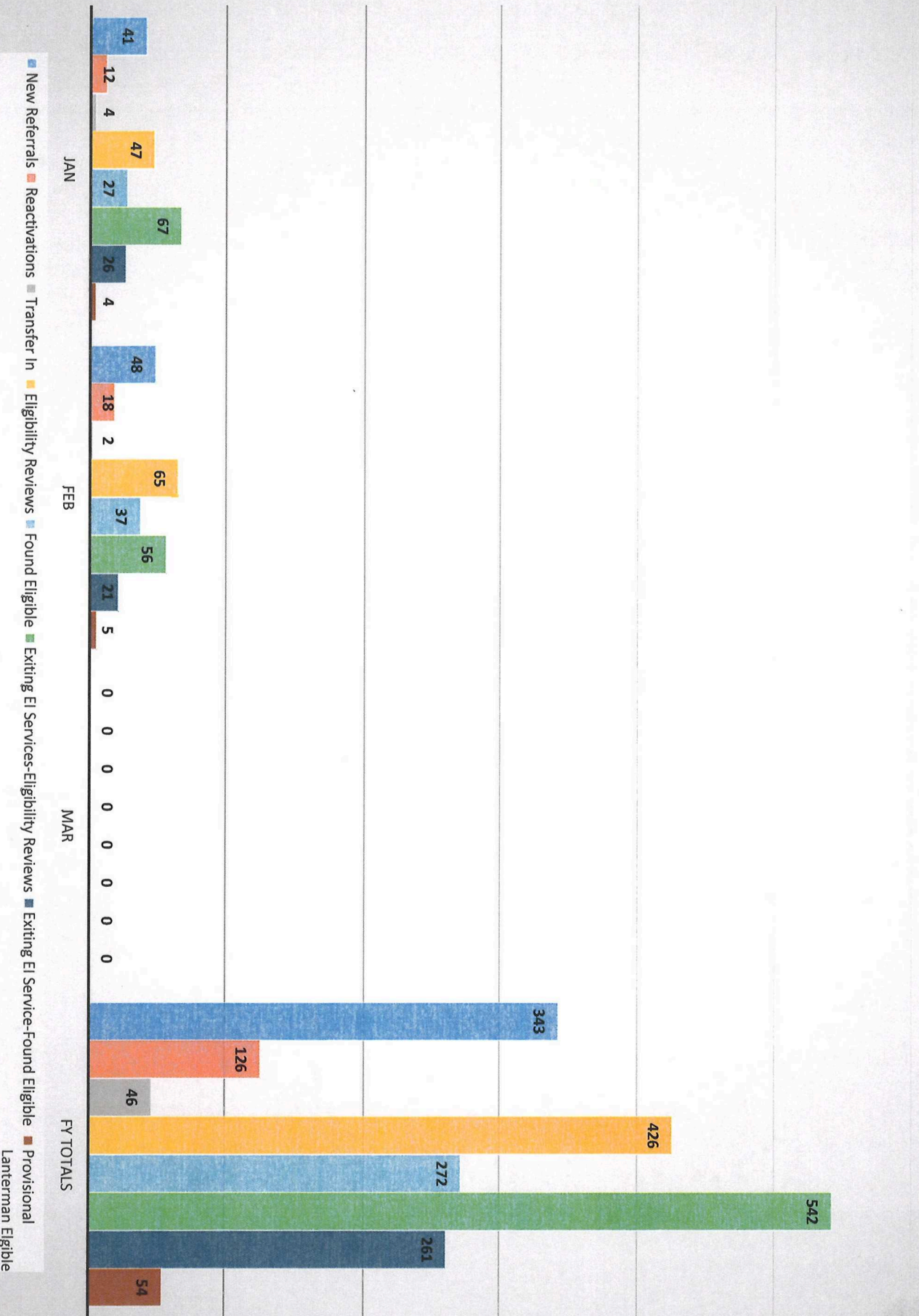
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LA County Daily COVID-19 Data

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Data through 6:00pm 04/14/2022

NOTE: We will no longer report metrics on the weekends. When we report on Monday, we will separately present the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday metrics.

Cases

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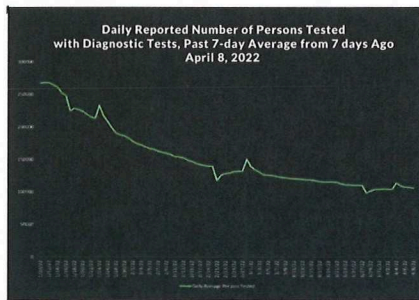
New Cases Reported (04/15)*

2,850,480

Total Cases Reported*

*including cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena Health Departments

Testing



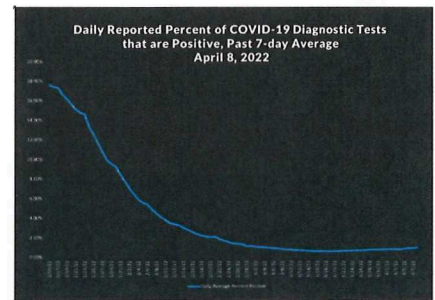
7-Day Daily Average: 106,074

Total Number of People Tested*: 11,777,005

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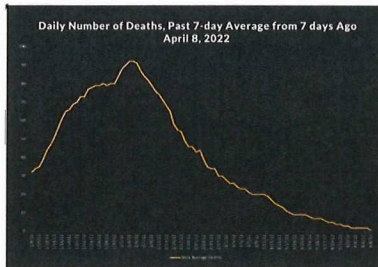
Testing Positivity Rate



7-Day Daily Average: 1.01%

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Deaths



New Deaths Reported (04/15)*: 13

Total Deaths Reported*: 31,852

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Death Rate

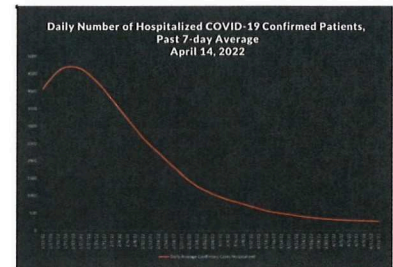
Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to COVID-19 per 100K April 14, 2022

	Mortality Rate
Los Angeles County Total	290
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian	193
Black/African American	307
Hispanic/Latino	451
White	176
Area Poverty	
<10% area poverty	171
10% to <20% area poverty	299
20% to <30% area poverty	389
30% to 100% area poverty	520

by Race, Ethnicity and Poverty Level

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Hospitalizations



Current Hospitalizations (04/14): 228

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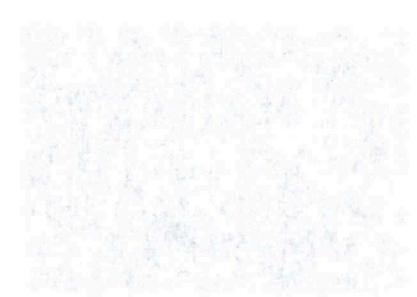
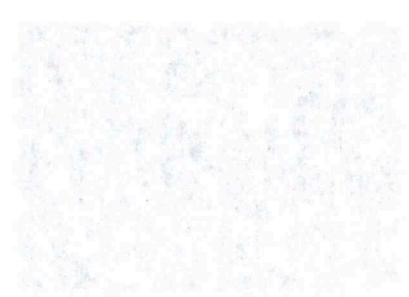
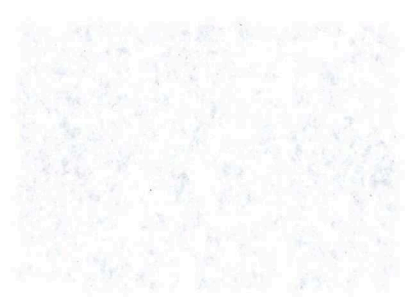
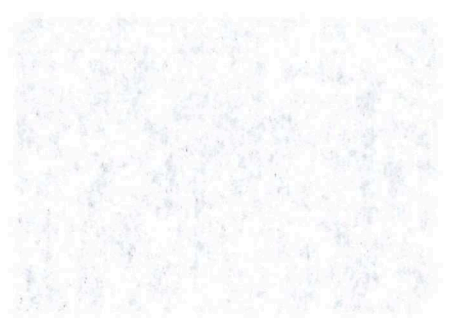
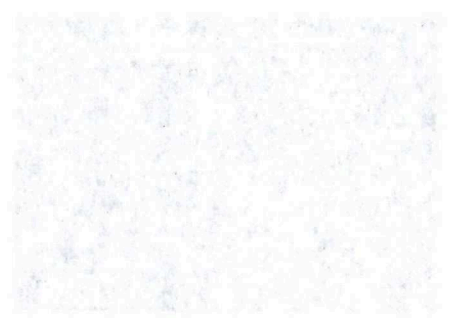
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San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center, in collaboration with Helen Sanderson Associates, will host a Community Conversation via ZOOM to learn from the families served by SGPRC on:

**Thursday April 14, 2022
10:00 am to 11:30 am**

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR THIS FREE EVENT](#)

Please come and share:

- Your questions and concerns about the future care of your family member
- Your ideas about housing arrangements, services and supports that could be considered for future development to address the needs of your family

Interpretation will be available for Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese.

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You are invited to a Community Conversation about Future Care Planning Needs.

Thinking about the future housing, care, and support needs of a family member can be overwhelming.

You might be wondering...

"What will happen to my loved one when I am no longer able to care for them?"

"Where will my family member live and how will they get the care and support they need?"

"Who will support them to make healthcare and financial decisions?"

Lets explore what you need to find peace of mind for the future.

Join other families to share your questions, concerns and ideas for new approaches to services and supports for the future. The regional center will use your input to develop resources to meet your needs.



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- Learn how to protect your family in emergencies!
- Meet LACoFD's support dog, Echo!
- Sensory stations, interactive displays, giveaways!

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APRIL 30, 2022
9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

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Local COVID-19 public health guidance will be implemented.

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE MONTH!



“Service, Support, and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families”



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Community Outreach/Compliance Department Report

April 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://sgprparent.arcalearn.org>) – Flyers in English, Spanish and Korean were created and will be promoted through Staff training and other DDS Equity Projects.
- **Outreaching to Asian Community** – Amos participated TET Festival invited by VPDCA (Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association) on 2/12/22. Asian pediatrician/physician list was updated. Registered WSGV SELPA Student with Disabilities Resource Fair on 4/16/22 and started recruiting staff. Participated Fiesta Educativa Autism Conference organizing meetings and registered for the conference on 4/26/22 and 4/27/22.
- **POS Expenditure Data Presentation for Asian Communities** – Community Meetings for Chinese Community (3/12/22), Vietnamese Community (3/19/22) and Korean Community (3/24/22) were provided with SG/PRC staff presentation and translation.
- **Reducing NO/LOW POS Client Project** – Amos participated in Virtual Chart Training on 3/31/22.
- **Supporting DDS Equity Project** – Recruiting Vietnamese mentor and provided technical support for utilizing SG/PRC parent training modules for Parent Mentor Initiative (PMI) project.
- **Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)** – In March, Amos provided total of 7 PCCs for Korean parents and one PCC with Chinese caregiver with Chinese translation provided by Parents' Place Chinese Outreach Specialist.
- **Translation for Korean Families** – Amos provided total of 1 verbal translation for quarterly meeting and 7 written translations including SOC/REC Survey, Sirens of Silence flyer and UMCD flyer.
- **Collaboration with Asian Equity Partners** – Amos provided 'Regional Center 101' Workshop for 29 Korean parents who have children from age 2-13. This workshop was organized by Being Built

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Together, FY2022 DDS Equity Award recipient. Amos continued participating in the Monthly DDS Cultural Specialist and Community Based Organization Meeting on 3/11/22 and ARCA Cultural Specialist Meeting on 3/24/22 to promote better collaboration promoting POS Equity in regional center services. Amos will continue collaborate with Being Built Together Korean (BBT), Chinese Parents Association For the Disabled (CPAD), Korean American Special Education Center (KASEC), and Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association (VPDCA) which awarded FY2021/2022 Equity Grant.



Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist

For the month of March, Fair Hearing received twelve DS1805/Fair Hearing Requests. Fair Hearing Requests consisted of the following: transportation, daycare, denial of Intake, Lanterman eligibility, dental procedure, vehicle modification/wheelchair lift, copayments for speech therapy, and Self Determination Program budget.

Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist (FHS), held informal meetings on and 3/9/22 and 3/18/22. The appeal reviewed on 3/9/22 was resolved and a Notification of Resolution (NOR) was filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings. FHS is in the process of resolving the appeal reviewed on 3/18/22 pending required documentation. A preliminary meeting with authorized representative and Office of Clients'

Rights Advocate was held on 3/22, to review the Physical Therapist’s consultation note regarding a request for a vehicle modification/wheelchair lift. He attended a Fair Hearing on 2/17. Fair Hearing scheduled for 3/23/22 was resolved informally. Fair Hearing scheduled for 3/9/22 was resolved through mediation. Fair Hearings scheduled for 3/17/22 was withdrawn by authorized representative. And the Fair Hearing scheduled for 3/

He continues providing support and assistance in developing Notices of Proposed Action (NOPA). He reviewed 12 NOPAs submitted for the following issues: genetic testing, fund ABA in school, termination of supplemental rate for residential facility, personal assistance hours for a minor, legal representative to be employee under SDP, copayments for speech therapy, funding for an attorney to support with educational advocacy, SG/PRC individual not being present at the annual meetings, and Early Intervention services.

He participated in three Exceptional Service Review (ESR) meetings. As a member of the Social Recreational Policy, he joined the team in presenting the Social Recreational Policy draft to the Directors on 3/8/22 and to the Advisory Board of Individuals Served on 3/23/22. And now Daniel is part of the team that will be working on developing the Educational Services Policy.

Due to a fair hearing being rescheduled, Daniel had to reschedule his training to the staff to May. He continues working on developing short trainings regarding the different parts of the Fair Hearing Process.

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
April 22	Limited conservatorship letters and regional center role
May 26	IEP & 504 plans
July 21	Requesting related services
September 22	Special Education Timelines
October 20	Assistive Technology

*Further trainings to SG/PRC staff, families and school districts will be coordinated for 2022 year.

Consults completed	36
School Meetings attended (IEP’s/504/ SST/Resolution type meetings)	20

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Outreach/Trainings:

Nora along with SG/PRC team members (Rosa Chavez, Josie Martinez, Lihn Lee, Griselda Gastelum, Giselle Salas and Edith Aburto assisted with the 2022 Virtual Transition Fair that took place on March 16, 2022, from 10am-3pm. This virtual transition fair was coordinated by a collaborative work group that had members from San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, San Gabriel Valley Workability 1 Partners, and School Districts. The 2022 Virtual Transition fair had over 500 virtual participants that included transition students, parents, vendors, and community partners. 2022 Virtual Transition participants continue to have access to the resources provided during the fair by accessing the same link they were emailed at time of registration.

With regards to supports provided regarding limited conservatorship matters

Nora reviewed 33 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 are provided to staff when needed.

Other Activity during month of March

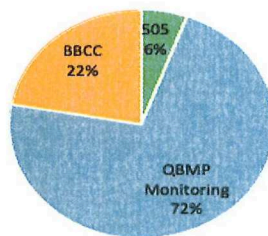
March 24, 2022, staff training session on "IEP Basics & Your Role In Supporting Families/Students with Educational Matters" provided SG/PRC service coordination staff with knowledge in the following areas:

- What is an IEP
- Role of service coordinator when supporting families in educational matters
- Types of IEP meetings
- Components of an IEP
- Special education eligibility
- Placement options & least restrictive environment concept
- Related services
- Consenting to IEP
- Educational resources to share with families

Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist

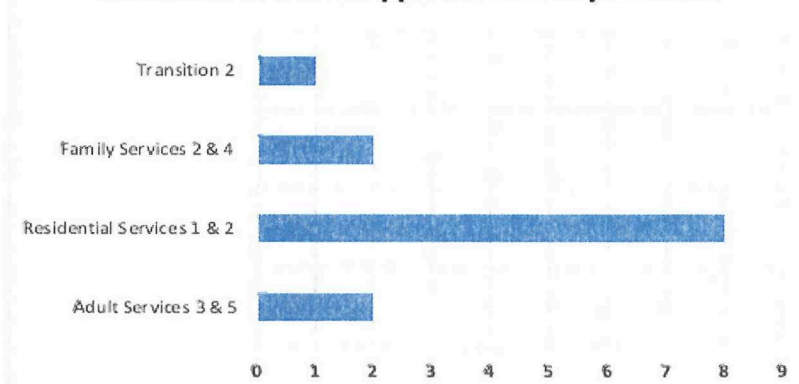
In the month of March 2022 your SGPRC Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Joshua Trevino, directly supported a total of 18 individuals. A total of 5 individuals served, originated from Regional Centers across Southern California (ELARC, RCOC, NLARC & FDLRC). Of the 18 individuals served, 7 individuals are on the Autism Spectrum and the remaining 11 Individuals are diagnosed with Intellectual Disability. Your SGPRC BCBA supported individuals in private homes, residential group homes, Community Crisis homes & Enhanced Behavior Support Homes.

**Allocation of BCBA Support
 March 2022**



72% 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 28% of BCBA support was utilized via direct behavioral consultation in your SGPRC Bio Behavioral Consultation Committee (BBCC) and 1:1 parent consultation via 505 requests. The youngest individual served in this reporting period was 6 years of age while the oldest individual served was 61 years of age. Allocation of BCBA support across departments in the month of March 2022 is noted below;

Allocation of BCBA Support Across Departments



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 and collaboration with sister Regional Centers to further develop role.

Assistive Technology Conference CSUN- 3/17/22: Attended conference at the Anaheim convention center. Met with various vendors who support the Deaf, blind, and disabled community with technology access. Met with Sorenson Communication, T-Mobile, JAN, Scrip Talk and more.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Weekly Collective Meetings- 3/23, 3/30/22: Attended meetings to collaborate on development of DHH role and projects. Contributed to the development of support ideas for Deaf Individuals residing in group homes. Discussed Health and Safety waiver, ADA rights, communication aids, Assistive Technology apps, etc.

Generic Resource Secured Sorenson VRS- 3/21/22: Met with Sorenson Communications - a major Video Relay service for the Deaf. Received brief training on how to set up their Video Relay Interpreting Service. They are a free service funded through the FCC. Follow up to set up in Residential Home and Independent Living for DHH.

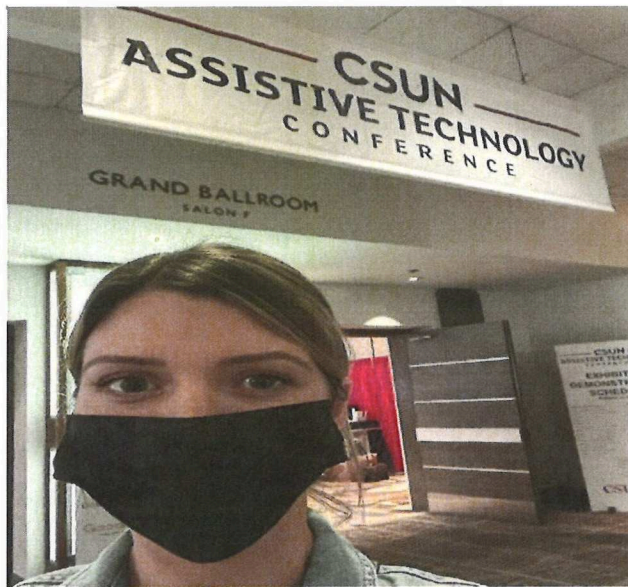
Resource Development Communication Assessment- 3/2/22: Secured vendor Certified Interpreting Services (CIS) to become vendor to provide communication assessments for all DHH.

Vendor Outreach Meeting- 3/2/22, 3/31/22: Met with Easter Seals and provided Deaf friendly Applications for their iPad technology lending library.

Interpreting meetings, SC consultations, Parent support- Assisted Service Coordinators and Individuals Served by providing ASL interpreting/communication to facilitate meetings. Met with Service Coordinators to provide resources for Hearing Aids, Communication Devices and Advocacy Groups. Provided resources to parent of DHH for ASL classes.

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California State University Northridge Assistive Technology Expo Hall 3/17/22



Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager North

Volunteers were mailed trainings on “Return to Service- COVID Training” and mailed back the quiz corresponding to the material for training hour credit. Volunteers were also provided a Zoom training regarding Women’s History Month. Grandma Celia and Grandpa Romeo created 35 St. Patrick’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, some volunteers are slowly returning to serving in person.

3/1/2022- Dignity Adult Day Health Center re-opened and welcomed back volunteers after closing in December due to the COVID spike. On this day, there were 3 volunteers who returned to serving individuals on site.

3/15/2022- Rosita S. began as a new Senior Companion volunteer at Dignity Adult Day Health Center. Rosita will be shadowing a seasoned volunteer to learn her duties within the program.

3/15/2022- Program Manager participated in monthly program meeting with DDS.

3/18/2022- Program Manager held Zoom meeting with volunteers on Women’s History Month.

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Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager South

Volunteers: 48
Hours: 2,891
Individuals Served: 22

Volunteer Trainings:

In March, we sent our scheduled mail-out In-Service Training with materials including National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month information on the Lanterman Act and the Rights of Persons with Developmental Disabilities worksheet. We also provided training materials on Fall Prevention, Pedestrian Safety and a St. Patrick's Day Wordsearch puzzle.

We held 6 separate zoom meetings with small, assigned cohorts for check-ins, with approximately 44 in attendance for those meetings.

Beginning in April, we will resume in person monthly trainings. This will continue as long as it is safe to do so, and the facility allows large group gatherings.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Completed Monthly Reports
- Participated in Monthly Director's Conference Call with DDS.
- Participated in Program Managers Conference meeting.
- Held Advisory Council meeting
- Planning began for Recognition Luncheon in May
- School District Allowed 4 FG volunteers to return to service in March
- Completed FG/SC Station Handbooks
- Completed final MOU for RI

Equity Partners Resources

- **Parenting Black Children (PBC) a project of Access Non-Profit**
- **Creating Leadership Among Parents (CLAP) a project of Familias**
- **Parent Navigator Program, a project of CHLA**
- **Vietnamese Parent with Disability Children Association, Inc.**
- **Family Resource Navigators**
- **Chinese Parents Associate for the Disabled (CPAD)**

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Respectfully,

Salvador Gonzalez, M.S.

Director of Community Outreach and Compliance



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2022 Community Outreach
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Staff Training Calendar

Training Sessions will be held on the following days from 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Date	Presenter & Training Topic
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3/03/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist The Regional Center Purpose
03/10/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist The Regional Center and Family/Individual Partnership
3/17/2022 Thursday	Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist Overview of Fair Hearings and Your Role as a Service Coordinator
3/24/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist IEP Basics & Your Role at School Meetings
4/07/2022 Thursday	Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist How to Utilize Family Education/Training Modules
4/14/2022 Thursday	Joshua Trevino, Board Certified Behavior Analyst An Introduction to Individual Behavior Support Plan
4/21/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist The Access of Regional Center Services and Generic Resources
4/28/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Limited Conservatorship-Letters & Regional Center Role
5/05/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist Helping Parents engage and feel Empowered

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6/16/2022 Thursday	Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist Overview of Fair Hearings and Your Role as a Service Coordinator
7/21/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Requesting Related Services
7/28/2022 Thursday	Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist How to Utilize Family Education/Training Modules
8/17/2022 Wednesday	Marssia Chutan, LA Care Liaison ICFs & Medical Equipment
8/25/2022 Thursday	Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist DHH resources and Specialist Role
9/22/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Special Education Timelines
10/13/2022 Thursday	Joshua Trevino, Board Certified Behavior Analyst Enrichment of ABA Programing: Incorporating Siblings
10/20/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Assistive Technology

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Celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is developmental disabilities awareness month. This campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still face in connecting to the communities in which they live. The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) has created a social media campaign that highlights the many ways in which people with disabilities and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities.



From official declarations to social media campaigns to live events, state I/DD systems join in this celebration of diversity each year. In celebration of diversity in all areas of community life, NASDDDS is pleased to present the following schedule of **FREE educational opportunities** during the month of March. All sessions will be presented for the public on the NASDDDS Facebook page. Follow us [@NasdddsUs](https://www.facebook.com/NasdddsUs) and simply open the page at the dates and times listed to access Facebook LIVE! Please join us! 🌟

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NASDDDS March DD Awareness Schedule

Mitigating Trauma	March 24 at 3:00-3:30 pm ET	<i>As the world continues to grapple with the pandemic and worldwide events, hear from an expert on trauma and how to handle its effects on those supported and those who support I/DD services. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2020 Mid Year Conference.</i>
NASDDDS Forging Ahead	March 28 at 3:00-3:30 pm ET	<i>Join us to explore NASDDDS services and how the association promotes positive systems change and person-centered practices alongside state I/DD systems. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2021 Annual Conference.</i>



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October 7, 2021

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF CAMPING, SOCIAL RECREATION AND OTHER SERVICES PER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 4648.5

Effective July 1, 2021, changes to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4648.5 restores regional center authority to fund camping services and associated travel expenses; social recreation activities; educational services for children three to 17, inclusive, years of age; and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music. Regional centers are advised to take proactive steps to inform their community of the changes to W&I Code section 4648.5.

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) requests that regional centers provide information to service coordinators and conduct outreach to consumers, families, providers and local community organizations to facilitate awareness about the availability of these services. Outreach and information sharing should extend to individuals and families who may not typically use these types of services or other regional center purchased services, but who may benefit from receiving these services. In developing outreach activities, regional centers must consider actions that will increase awareness and facilitate the sharing of information with non-English speaking individuals and communities of color. Service coordinators should discuss the availability of these restored services and related consumer needs during the Individual Program Plan meeting, consistent with W&I Code section 4646(a).

Each regional center must submit an outreach plan to the Department. Additionally, each regional center must revise its purchase of service (POS) policies, as necessary, to reflect restoration of funding for these services and promote compliance with this change in statute and submit them to the Department for review and approval. The outreach plan and revised POS policies are due to the Department by December 15, 2021.

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The Department will translate this correspondence into the identified threshold languages and will post the English and translated versions on our website. If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact your Primary Liaison or the Office of Community Operations at (833) 421-0061.

Sincerely,

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“Service, Support, and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families”

Social Recreation/Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Policy

Definition

Social Recreation/Camp and Non-Medical Therapies are services and supports for individuals served by the regional center that provide integrated participation within community settings. They are intended to develop an individual’s social skills, create social connections, and enhance physical health while ameliorating the impact of the developmental disability.

Social Recreational/Camp and Non-Medical Therapies may include, but are not limited to: swimming, gymnastics, sports club, dance classes, martial arts, creative arts, music therapy, art therapy, equestrian therapy, day camp, overnight camp, or community integration activities. SG/PRC may fund camping services and associated travel expenses that are delivered within the boundaries of the State of California. Consideration of parental obligations, natural supports, and available resources is included to ensure fulfillment of SG/PRC’s obligation to secure the most cost-effective service delivery option.

Philosophy and Purpose

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) encourages access to social/recreation activities; including camp and non-medical therapies (music, art, and equestrian therapy) for children and adults with developmental disabilities because these activities can improve their confidence, encourage independence, foster mental wellness, help them retain emotional stability, increase physical health, establish friendships, expand circles of support, and create diverse circles of friends that include persons with and without disabilities.

The purpose of social recreation/camp and non-medical therapies is to meet the unique service needs of the individual served within the context of objectives and long-range goals described in the Individual Program Plan (IPP). Goals on the IPP are person-centered and guided through the planning team assessment process. These services and supports are essential bridges for encouraging the inclusion of individuals served within all aspects of community living.

SG/PRC’s funding decisions regarding social recreation/camp and non-medical therapies are guided through person-centered choice and decision making within the IPP process. SG/PRC will fund services and supports that ensure optimal participation within integrated community settings. Individuals served often experience a variety of barriers to participation in community social recreation. Environmental, physical, person-related, and task related barriers may require additional supports such as adapted equipment, individualized support, development of professional competence in working with individuals served, and supportive equipment for activities selected.

Community social recreational programs can be highly successful when elements of the environment, individual, and task are all supported. SG/PRC is committed to alleviating barriers to access of social recreation services and may fund additional services and supports to secure access and equity for individuals served.

As an ongoing practice, SG/PRC will encourage publicly and privately funded socialization, leisure, and recreational programs, camps, and non-medical therapy service providers to reimagine, modify, and refine their service delivery models ensuring that people with developmental disabilities are fully included.

Funding Criteria

Individuals served may participate in social/recreation activities, camps, and non-medical therapies through community programs, funded through their families, churches, schools, day programs, and residential services.

To be considered for SG/PRC funding, these person-centered activities should include opportunities and experiences that will improve self-reliance, increase adaptive behaviors, and improve the ability to establish social relationships. These are primary social and recreational benefits.

The social and recreational benefit of each activity or service specified within the IPP shall also be considered when planning and purchasing such services. In some cases, an individual may need services to develop a particular skill to join or participate in a social recreational program. An example is learning to swim to later participate in water sports or pool parties with friends and family. SG/PRC will consider funding additional supports to encourage service equity and access to social recreation, camp, and non-medical therapies.

SG/PRC may purchase social recreation/camp and non-medical therapy services when the following criteria are met:

- The Individual is at least three (3) years of age.
- The Individual resides in their own home or with family, including foster care.
- The parent has made reasonable efforts to identify and use typical community socialization, leisure, or recreation programs to meet the individual's needs, including parental responsibility to fund typical social/recreation programs, camp, and non-medical therapies when applicable.
- The Planning Team has identified and documented social skill challenge(s).
- Social Recreation/Camp and Non-Medical Therapy services are not currently funded through a generic resource.
- The individual has socialization needs that significantly affect social interaction with peers and others. Examples may include limited responses to social engagement from others, excessively friendly advances towards others, excessive shyness or passivity, inappropriate social interactions (e.g., teasing/bullying), difficulty developing friendships, hyperactivity, withdrawal, or other behaviors (easily frustrated, resistive).

Service Amount and Frequency

- Funding for social recreation activity, service, program, or non-medical therapy may be purchased as determined through Planning Team assessments and recommendations.
- Social recreation activities may occur once or twice weekly for 6 hours total per week but is based on the frequency and quantity of services assessed and determined to be needed within the Planning Team process.
- Non-Medical therapies may occur twice a week (hourly sessions) or consistent with the Planning Team assessments and recommendations and service needs determination.
- One session of camp, up to two weeks per year, may be purchased for individuals who meet the criteria for social recreation services.
- The frequency/duration of services should not interfere with the time that families spend together engaging social recreation activities during weekends and vacations.
- Social recreation services and non-medical therapies cannot be used to replace an individual's need for childcare when parents are working.
- Social recreation services may be considered as part of a family support plan to meet a respite need.

Planning Team Considerations

- A parent's responsibility for paying for similar services and supports for a minor child without a disability will be considered. Parents will pay the typical cost of private lessons.
- SG/PRC recognizes that adults served are typically on a fixed income. For this reason, SG/PRC will not require adults that are eligible for social recreation services/camp or non-medical therapies to pay for these services.
- If a child requires additional experience and practice to benefit from the service due to their disability, SG/PRC may consider funding supplemental services and supports, thereby encouraging access to the social recreation activity that is funded by the parent.
- Cost of admission to recreational activities or events in the community will be paid for by the individual or parent.

Evaluation of Progress

- In accordance with the Individual Program Plan, services will be reviewed at regular intervals to monitor progress and to ensure continued need.
- Services may only continue if the individual, parent, legal guardian, or conservator (when appropriate) and the regional center agree and reasonable progress toward IPP objectives and long-range goals has occurred.
- Service Providers will submit progress reports quarterly, semiannually, or required frequency specified within their service delivery design, SG/PRC agreements or where legally required.

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Purchase of Service Policy

Exceptions and Appeal Process

The SG/PRC Executive Director or designee may grant an exemption to this policy as warranted under extraordinary unique individual circumstances. Accordingly, if an individual served or their legal representative disagrees with services offered through implementation of this policy, they retain the right to appeal the Planning Team's and the Executive Director's (or designee's) decision as described within Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4710 et al.

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March 21, 2022

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Dear Anthony Hill:

Thank you for your service coordinator caseload ratio survey submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (Department) on February 10, 2022. The data you provided indicates that, as of February 1, 2022, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC) did not meet all the required caseload ratios mandated by Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code §4640.6(c) and Article IX, Section 2 of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Regional Center Contract. Specifically, SG/PRC did not meet the required caseload ratios for the highlighted categories noted in the table below:

Regional Center	On Waiver*	Under 3 Years	Movers Over 24 Months	Movers Between 12 and 24 Months	Movers Within Last 12 Months	Over 3 Years, Non-Waiver, Non-Mover*	Complex Needs	Low or No POS
W&I Code Required Ratios	1:62	1:62	1:62	1:45	1:45	1:66	1:25	1:40
SG/PRC Number of Individuals Served	4,775	2,074	106	0	1	7,640	48	0
SG/PRC Ratios	1:77	1:78	1:72	N/A	1:51	1:81	1:25	N/A
CA Average	1:79	1:65	1:60	1:52	1:32	1:82	1:23	1:38

*Out of compliance for two consecutive reporting periods

This letter is to notify you that, as specified by W&I Code §4640.6(f), SG/PRC is required to submit a plan of correction when caseload ratios are not met for two consecutive reporting periods. The plan of correction must be developed with input from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, local organizations representing the individuals you serve, their family members, regional center employees, including recognized labor organizations, service providers, and other interested parties. Please include in your plan of correction how you incorporated feedback from all required stakeholders.

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Additionally, the Governor's Budget includes funds in fiscal year 2022/2023 for regional centers with the stated purpose of reducing caseload ratios. In accordance with W&I Code §4640.6(g)(1), SG/PRC is required to hold at least one public meeting to receive stakeholder input to help inform the way the regional center allocates new positions funded through the allocation. The public meeting fulfills SG/PRC's requirement under W&I Code §4640.6(f) to gather input regarding its plan of correction, if the plan of correction is discussed during the meeting.

We encourage you to review your process for determining service coordinator caseload assignments to assist in meeting the required caseload ratios and in developing your plan of correction. The Department is available to provide technical assistance with the development of your plan of correction.

Please email your plan of correction within 60 days from the date of this letter to:

Email: OCO@dds.ca.gov

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Danielle Hurley, Research Data Specialist, Research, Evaluation, and Audit Branch, at (916) 654-3228, or by email, at danielle.hurley@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-032222: EXTENSION OF WAIVERS, MODIFICATIONS AND DIRECTIVES DUE TO COVID-19

Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, and Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) issued numerous Directives to regional centers waiving or modifying certain requirements of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the California Early Intervention Services Act, and/or certain provisions of Title 17, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations. Additionally, the Director of the Department issued several Directives pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4639.6 to protect consumer rights, health, safety, or welfare, or in accordance with W&I Code section 4434.

Any waivers, modifications or directives contained in the following Directives are extended an additional 30 days from the current date of expiration, and specified sections within certain Directives are amended, as follows:

Date Issued	Directive Subject	Current Expiration Date	New Expiration Date
3/12/2020	<p>Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19</p> <p><u>Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section “Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions” will be deleted from the Directive, effective January 2, 2022, rescinding the delegation provided to regional center Executive Directors. Beginning January 2, 2022, any requests for rate adjustments for residential services and/or supplemental services in residential settings must be submitted to the Department through the standard health and safety waiver exemption process. (Amendment effective 1/2/2022) The following paragraph under section “Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions” is hereby amended to read: “The Director of the Department delegates to regional center Executive Directors the authority to grant rate adjustments for residential services and/or supplemental services in residential settings, consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4681.6, 4689.8 and 4691.9, to protect a consumer’s health or safety as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19. Effective November 3, 2021, this delegation excludes rate adjustments 	4/1/2022	5/1/2022

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	<p><u>for supplemental staffing in residential settings under Service Code 109. Regional centers must request the Department's approval for new and ongoing rate adjustments granted under this delegation for Service Code 109, as described in the Department's August 27, 2021 correspondence, "Health and Safety Waivers due to COVID-19 State of Emergency."</u> The waiver will require supplemental reporting to the Department. Instructions on the required supplemental reporting will be provided in a future directive. This delegation is necessary because the Department finds that high risk health conditions and fear of exposure to COVID-19 may cause consumers to forego activities away from their home resulting in a need for additional residential staffing or supplemental services. (Amendment effective 11/3/2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For section "Early Start In-Person Meetings", the waiver of in-person service coordination meeting requirements is hereby rescinded. <u>Trailer Bill AB 136</u>, effective July 16, 2021, amended Government Code section 95020(c)(1), allowing, until June 30, 2022, individualized family service plan meetings to be held by remote electronic communications when requested by the parent or legal guardian. The waiver of in-person eligibility determination meeting requirements, as provided in this section is extended and remains effective until rescinded. (Amendment effective 7/29/2021) • Effective immediately, section "Early Start Remote Services" is hereby deleted from this Directive. Trailer Bill AB 136 amended Government Code section 95020(d)(5)(A), specifying that early intervention services may be delivered by remote electronic communications. (Amendment effective 7/29/2021) • Effective immediately, section "Lanterman Act In-Person Meetings" is hereby deleted from this Directive. Trailer Bill AB 136 amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 4646(f), allowing, until June 30, 2022, services and supports meetings, including individual program plan meetings, to be held by remote electronic communications when requested by the consumer or, if appropriate, the consumer's parents, legal guardian, conservator, or authorized representative. (Amendment effective 7/29/2021) 		
3/18/2020	<p><u>Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 and Additional Guidance</u> <u>Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following sentence under section "Day Program Services" is hereby amended to read: "To protect public health and slow the rate of 	4/7/2022	5/7/2022

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	<p>transmission of COVID-19, services must be provided in alignment with the guidance issued by CDPH on March 16, 2020. Day program services must be provided in accordance with local county public health orders and relevant guidelines issued by the California Department of Social Services and/or California Department of Public Health. (Amendment effective 5/5/2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following paragraph under section "Day Program Services" is hereby amended to read: "The Department reiterates the March 12, 2020, directive to regional centers, "State of Emergency Statewide," authorizing regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are a direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak, pursuant to Title 17 section 54326(a)(11). <u>As indicated in the Department's July 17, 2020, directive, "Providing and Claiming for Nonresidential Services During the State of Emergency," retention payments to nonresidential providers for consumer absences are authorized through August 31, 2020. The Department will issue a directive outlining the structure for subsequent reimbursement of claims for providing nonresidential services using alternative service delivery approaches during the State of Emergency.</u>" (Amendment effective 8/10/2020) Effective immediately, section "WIC §4731 Consumers' Rights Complaints" is hereby deleted from this Directive. The 20-working day requirement for investigating and providing a written proposed resolution to a complainant pursuant to W&I Code section 4731(b) is reinstated. (Amendment effective 7/15/2020) The following sentence under section "Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Self Assessments" is hereby amended to read: "The requested completion date for provider HCBS self-assessment has been extended to June 30, 2020 <u>August 31, 2020.</u>" (Amendment effective 6/8/2020) 		
3/25/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 02-032520: Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective April 15, 2022, the following paragraph under section "Lanterman Act Eligibility" is hereby amended to read: "If the regional center is reasonably certain the individual is eligible for regional center services, but due to the circumstances the regional center is unable to make a definitive determination, the regional center may determine the individual presumptively eligible. If following reassessment, a regional center later determines that an individual found eligible during the effective period of this directive does not have a developmental 	4/14/2022	5/14/2022

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	<p><i>disability as defined in the Lanterman Act, the requirement that the regional center show the original finding of eligibility was clearly erroneous is hereby waived. <u>Effective April 15, 2022, regional centers may not determine a new individual presumptively eligible.</u></i> (Amendment effective 4/15/2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Section "In-Home Respite Workers" will be deleted from this Directive, effective May 31, 2021. (Amendment effective 5/31/2021)</i> • <i>The following paragraph under section "In-Home Respite Workers" is hereby amended to read: "To increase available workforce and support consumers and families at home, the Department waives Title 17 section 56792(e)(3)(A) requirements for in-home respite workers to possess first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training prior to employment when the consumer receiving services does not have chronic or presenting health concerns. <u>Training must be obtained within 30 days of starting work.</u>" (Amendment effective 7/15/2020)</i> 		
3/30/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 01-033020: Additional Participant-Directed Services</u></p>	4/19/2022	5/19/2022
4/15/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 01-041520: Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Section "Residential Facility Payments" will be deleted from this Directive, effective May 1, 2021. (Amendment effective 5/1/2021)</i> • <i>Section "EBSH/CCH Registered Behavior Technician Certification" will be deleted from this Directive, effective January 10, 2021. (Amendment effective 1/10/2021)</i> • <i>The following paragraph under section "Residential Facility Payments" is hereby amended to read: "The Department hereby modifies any requirements of the Lanterman Act or Title 17 regarding payments to a residential facility when a consumer is temporarily absent. If the temporary absence from the facility is for the purpose of preventing or minimizing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and the regional center is in agreement that the absence is related to this purpose, the regional center shall continue to pay the established rate as long as no other consumer occupies the vacancy or until it is determined the consumer will not return to the facility and the facility retains and continues to pay staff during this time. Any claims made for these absences are subject to audit and review. <u>Regional centers shall report to the Department by December 15, 2020, all current approved payments for temporary absences in accordance with this section. The Department will issue a subsequent communication</u></i> 	4/5/2022	5/5/2022

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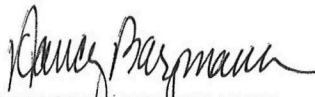
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	<p><u>regarding the process and format for reporting.</u>" (Amendment effective 12/1/2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following paragraph under section "Vendor Fiscal Audits" is hereby amended to read: "The requirements of Article III, Section 9, paragraph (c) of the Department's regional center contract are waived for Fiscal Year 2019-20. To the extent feasible, regional centers shall continue to conduct fiscal audits in accordance with this paragraph." (Amendment effective 7/15/2020)• The following sentence under section "Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule Compliance Information" is hereby amended to read: "Regional centers shall post this information on their websites by July 1, 2020 <u>August 31, 2020.</u>" (Amendment effective 6/8/2020)		
6/15/2020	Department Directive 01-061520: Extension of Early Start Services	4/6/2022	5/6/2022
10/2/2020	Department Directive 01-100220: Waiver of Half-Day Billing Requirements for Day Services	3/26/2022	4/25/2022
11/19/2020	Department Directive 01-111920: Waiver of Self-Determination Program Budget Restrictions for Financial Management Services	4/13/2022	5/13/2022

The extension of time for these Directives continues to be necessary to protect public health or safety and to ensure delivery of services. All COVID-19 related directives and guidance issued by the Department can be found at: www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources.

If you have questions regarding this Directive, please email DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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DATE: MARCH 17, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES SETTING ASSESSMENT

The federal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule requires individuals who receive services be provided full access to the benefits of community living and that services be offered in settings that are integrated in the community. Only services that are HCBS Final Rule compliant can be purchased through the Self-Determination Program (SDP). The purpose of this correspondence is to identify SDP service settings that require an assessment and provide information on how those settings will be reviewed to determine HCBS Final Rule compliance.

Settings that are designed specifically for groups of individuals with developmental disabilities must be assessed prior to beginning the SDP service. A list of those services can be found in Enclosure A. Providers of one of the services listed on Enclosure A who are both vendored with a regional center to provide services through the traditional service delivery system and plan to provide services to a participant in the SDP in the same setting as services in the traditional system are required to complete an assessment. Enclosure B is the assessment tool for this purpose.

There may be services not listed in Enclosure A that are not vendored by regional centers and are provided in settings that are not compliant with the HCBS Final Rule. The regional center, provider, and participant should work collaboratively to ensure compliance with the HCBS Final Rule in all settings where an SDP service is provided, including any not listed in Enclosure A. This may require a setting assessment using the form in Enclosure B. If it is determined the setting is not compliant, the regional center and participant should explore possible changes with the service provider, which would allow the participant to purchase the service using SDP funds. Examples of these types of settings are camps specifically for individuals with developmental disabilities that are used on greater than a temporary or intermittent basis.

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The participant and the service provider must complete the assessment. It may be completed at the same time for all SDP participants interested in using the service. The participant's Financial Management Services provider and the participant will jointly review the initial assessment.

During annual reviews of the individual program plan, the planning team must review the initial assessment and determine if the setting continues to be HCBS Final Rule compliant. If the SDP participant is already receiving services from a setting that needs assessment, the planning team can wait for the next annual review to complete the assessment. Documentation of this review will be maintained by the regional center and may include, for example, documentation in the Individual Program Plan.

The setting must comply with the HCBS Final Rule prior to payment for services.

General information regarding the HCBS Final Rule can be found online at www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations. Information specifically for participants, families and service providers can be found at www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/training-information.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact sdp@dds.ca.gov.

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**Self-Determination Program
Home and Community-Based Services Settings**

Settings where a service purchased through the Self-Determination Program (SDP) spending plan, vendored or non-vendored, that is designed specifically for groups of individuals with developmental disabilities require an assessment to determine if the setting meets the Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule.

Providers vendored with a regional center to provide any of the following services in the traditional service delivery system and who plan to provide services to a participant in the SDP in the same setting as traditional services, are required to complete the assessment in Enclosure B.

Service Type	Service Code	Service Code Description
Residential	096	Geriatric Facility (Residential Care Facility for the Elderly)
Residential	113	DSS Licensed Specialized Residential Facility (Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs)
Residential	904	Family Home Agency (Adult Family Home, Certified Family Home, Family Teaching Home)
Residential	905, 915	Adult Residential Facility
Residential	910, 920	Children's Residential Facility; Group Home; Foster Family Home; Small Family Home
Day Program	028	Socialization Training Program
Day Program	055	Community Integration Training Program
Day Program	063	Community Activities Support Services
Day Program	475	Participant-Directed Community-Based Training Service for Adults (Community-Based Training Provider)
Day Program	505	Activity Center
Day Program	510	Adult Development Center
Day Program	515	Behavior Management Program
Day Program	855	Adult Day Care (Adult Day Care Facility)
Employment	950	Supported Employment Program-Group Services
Employment	954	Work Activity Program

Setting Assessment Tool

The federal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule requires individuals with disabilities be provided full access to the benefits of community living and that services be offered in settings that are integrated in the community. To assist in determining eligibility for service provision in the Self-Determination Program (SDP), this setting assessment tool must be completed according to the guidance provided.

The SDP participant and service provider will complete the assessment together. The assessment can be completed at the same time for all SDP participants interested in using the service. Upon completion of the assessments, the SDP participant and service provider will provide the assessment form to the regional center representative and the participant's Financial Management Services (FMS) provider. The participant and their FMS will jointly review the initial assessment. If the setting does not align with the HCBS Final Rule, the regional center and participant should explore possible changes with the service provider. The goal is for the participant, regional center, and provider to work together so the setting selected by the participant will meet the HCBS Final Rule, which will allow the participant to spend their SDP funds on it.

Questions regarding the completion of this assessment and the assessment process for the SDP should be directed to sdp@dds.ca.gov.

Date of Assessment: _____
 Provider Name: _____
 Contact Phone/Email: _____
 Service/Activity Title: _____

Requirement #1	<p><i>The setting is integrated in, and supports full access of, individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.</i></p> <p>Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Requirement #2:	<p><i>The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability-specific settings, and if the choice is regarding a residential setting, the individual has an option for a private unit in a residential setting.</i></p> <p>Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Requirement #3:	<p><i>The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.</i></p> <p>Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Requirement #4:	<i>Optimizes individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including, but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #5:	<i>Facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Additional requirements for provider-owned or controlled residential settings:

Requirement #6	<i>The unit or dwelling is a specific physical place that can be owned, rented, or occupied under a legally enforceable agreement by the individual receiving services.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #7	<i>Each individual has privacy in their sleeping or living unit; including doors lockable by the individual, choice of a roommate if sharing a unit, and the freedom to furnish and decorate their sleeping or living units within the lease or other agreement.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #8	<i>Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities and have access to food at any time.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #9	<i>Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #10	<i>The setting is physically accessible to the individual.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #11 (Unique to SDP)	<i>The unit or dwelling may be shared by no more than four waiver participants.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that completion of this evaluation is for the sole purpose of determining compliance with the HCBS Final Rule for the SDP service for the participant noted below and does not take the place of future provider assessments that the Department of Developmental Services may require to determine settings compliance with the HCBS Final Rule.

I AGREE

Provider Signature: _____

The setting for this SDP service meets the HCBS final rule.

The setting for this SDP service does not meet the HCBS final rule at this time.

Regional Center Representative

Name and Title: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Participant/Guardian Name: _____

Signature and Date: _____



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February 28, 2022

Senator Anthony Portantino
Capitol Annex Swing Space, Ste. 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 387 – SUPPORT

Honorable Senator Portantino:

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) represents the network of 21 community-based non-profit regional centers that coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, nearly 400,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. On behalf of ARCA, I wish to share our support for SB 387.

People with developmental disabilities and their families are, like the general population, at risk of mental health crises. But numerous statistics all support the assertion that people with developmental disabilities are **more** likely to have psychiatric challenges than the general population. Requiring local education agencies to increase staff trainings related to behavioral health will help ensure that some of the professionals who spend the most time with students – outside of the family home – can be more responsive to their unique needs.

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

Sincerely,

/s/Amy Westling
Executive Director

Cc: Tara McGee, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Portantino
Gloria Wong, Executive Director, Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
Melinda Sullivan, Executive Director, Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director, Inland Regional Center
Ruth Janka, Executive Director, North Los Angeles County Regional Center
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March 21, 2022

Senator Anthony Portantino
Capitol Annex Swing Space, Ste. 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 987 (Portantino) – SUPPORT

Honorable Senator Portantino:

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.

People with developmental disabilities have unique needs. For over 50 years the state of California has committed to meeting those needs through a community-based regional center service system. With the passage of time, people's needs, the best ways to meet those needs, and our understanding of the philosophies that guide our system have continued to evolve.

Extending current Medi-Cal time and distance standards for another five years, therefore, is part of a long history of changes, refinements, and reforms that both directly and indirectly impact our service system. It will help improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities, and by virtue of benefiting them, it will strengthen our service system. We thank you for authoring this bill, and hope it receives favorable consideration.

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@arcanet.org or (916) 446-7961.

Sincerely,

/s/Amy Westling
Executive Director

Cc: Kristi Lopez, Senior District Representative, Office of Senator Portantino
Gloria Wong, Executive Director, Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
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Melinda Sullivan, Executive Director, Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
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Advocacy - Key Points

- Modernizing Core Staffing Formula – ARCA and SEIU-California are jointly requesting \$21.6M General Fund to reform the “Core Staffing Formula.” It is a budgeting tool that calculates most funding for regional center operations, but has not been updated in many years. This is the reason caseload ratios increase over time. The biggest change being requested would tie the cost of service coordination to a similar state position. These updates would support all the key functions of regional centers – service coordination, intake, community services, and other key policy positions.

When the number of people service coordinators are helping climbs too high, individuals served by regional centers and their families are not given the time and attention they need and have been promised. The goal is to reduce the number of people each service coordinator supports and let them better meet the needs of the individuals and families they serve.

- Repeal of fees on families – The Annual Family Program Fee and Family Cost Participation Program are two fees charged to families receiving regional center services. These fees – perhaps more accurately termed “disability taxes,” – impact Early Start families most. Getting young children services quickly is very important. The fees act as a barrier to needed services, and can create problems between service coordinators and families they are supporting.
- SB 882 (Eggman) – ARCA is co-sponsoring SB 882 (Eggman), which will create an advisory council to look at ways to improve interactions between law enforcement and people with developmental disabilities. SB 882 will also explore ways to improve peace officer trainings. This bill will have direct and positive impacts on the work of law enforcement, and the safety and well-being of people with developmental disabilities.

AB 2378 (Irwin) – ARCA is also co-sponsoring AB 2378 (Irwin). Many people served by the regional centers want, and actively seek, employment. Despite ample research indicating such employees have lower turnover and lower on-the-job accident rates, employment rates remain low. By creating a tax credit for hiring a qualified individual, AB 2378 provides a meaningful incentive to hire a person with a developmental disability.

- Provider rate reform acceleration – The Lanterman Coalition is a group of many of the leading statewide developmental services organizations in California, including ARCA. ARCA joins them in urging acceleration of planned rate increases from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2022. This investment will improve the stability of the Direct Support Professional workforce and support staff recruitment necessary to achieve a return to greater in-person service delivery options.

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SAN GABRIEL / POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
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	202.0	56%	
All Other	161.0	44%	
Total	363.0	100%	-0.3%

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%

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 April 1, 2022)
15,115 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	12,420	82%
Living Independently or Supported	13, 14	558	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	360	2%
Other Living Arrangements	40-43, 81-98	46	0%
Living in community care facilities	44-50	1,187	8%
Total Clients (status U,0,1,2,8)		15,115	100%

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

Change in 1 mo.

50+ bed	3	0%	0
16-49 bed	99	8%	-1
7-15 bed	65	5%	0
1-6 bed	934	79%	5
RCF Elderly	86	7%	0
Spcl. Hlth Care Child	0	0%	0
Total CCF Residents	1187	100%	4

Clients Living Arrangement by Age

0-17 Minors 18-54 Adults 55+ Seniors

Living with family	6,927	4,778	293
Living independently or supported	0	318	238
Living in community care facilities	16	679	493
Living in foster homes/fam.home	278	42	11
Living in health care facilities	17	213	309
Other living arrangements	15	35	10
Living Out of State	2	0	0
TOTAL (status U,1,2)	7,255	6,065	1,354
Living in Developmental Centers	0	2	0

Clients by Gender

Female	5,046	34.5%
Male	9,586	65.5%
Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	14,632	100%

Clients by Diagnosis

(duplicate count)

	# of Clients	%	Change in 1 mo.
Autism	5,182	42%	56 1.1%
Cerebral Palsy	1,454	12%	-3 -0.2%
Epilepsy	1,898	15%	-4 -0.2%
Intellectual Disability	7,797	63%	14 0.2%
Other Dev. Disability	1,057	9%	2 0.2%
Total Clients w/Diagnosis (Status 2)	12,358		

Clients by Age

Age in Years # of Clients %

Infants (<3)	0- <3	2,668	18%	Minors (0-17): 7,214 49%
Children (school age)	03-17	4,546	31%	
Adults (school age)	18-22	1,429	10%	School Age (3-22): 5,975 41%
Adults	23-55	4,730	32%	
Seniors	56+	1,259	9%	Minors&School Age 8,643 59%
Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)		14,632	100%	

Active Cases by Status Code

Clients % of Total Growth in #s & % in 1 month

stus2 In Community (active)	12,358	82%	43	0.3%
stus1 Early Start	2,229	15%	-18	-0.8%
stus8 Developmental Centers	3	0%	-1	-25%
stus0 Intake	472	3%	59	14%
stusU Provisional Eligibility	42	0%	7	20%
Total	15,104	100%	90	0.60%

Clients by Ethnicity

Asian	1,561	10%	17	1.1%
African American	782	5%	5	0.6%
Filipino	365	2%	0	0.0%
Multi-Cultural	1,252	8%	28	2.3%
Native American	22	0%	1	4.8%
Other & Unknown	396	3%	0	0.0%
Polynesian/Pacific Islands	15	0%	0	0.0%
Hispanic	8,453	56%	39	0.5%
White	2,269	15%	0	0.0%
Total	15,115	100%	90	0.6%

Medicaid Waiver Clients:

4,889	8	0.2%
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Clients with funded services:

Residential Care	1,310	9%	1	0%
Day Care	769	5%	14	2%
Day Training	3,802	26%	20	1%
SEP/WAP	389	3%	19	5%
Transport.	2,860	20%	174	6%
Respite	2,450	17%	10	0%

Total Clients status 1&2

14,587	Client Growth	0.2%
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Clients by Language:

ARABIC	19	0.1%	0	0.0%
ARMENIAN	13	0.1%	1	8.3%
ENGLISH	10,584	72.3%	21	0.2%
FARSI/OTH.INDO-IRANIAN	10	0.1%	0	0.0%
* JAPANESE	6	0.0%	0	0.0%
* KOREAN	69	0.5%	2	3.0%
* VIETNAMESE	144	1.0%	0	0.0%
* MANDARIN CHINESE	311	2.1%	7	2.3%
* CANTONESE CHINESE	184	1.3%	-1	-0.5%
* CAMBODIAN	9	0.1%	1	12.5%
* OTHER ASIAN	22	0.2%	0	0.0%
ASIAN	745	5.1%	9	1.2%
SPANISH	3,118	21.3%	0	0.0%
TAGALOG	51	0.3%	0	0.0%
OTHER LANGUAGES	19	0.1%	0	0.0%
SIGN LANGUAGE	73	0.5%	0	0.0%
TOTAL CLIENTS	14,632	100.0%	Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	

EARLY START NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2022



WHAT IS EARLY START?

The Early Start program is California's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Early Start services are available statewide and are provided in a coordinated, family-centered system.

INTRODUCING THE EARLY START NEWSLETTER

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is introducing a new Early Start Program quarterly newsletter! This newsletter will contain information on upcoming Early Start events, resources and other important material for families, regional centers, and service providers.

UPCOMING EARLY START ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS

**California Early Start Network
Video Conference
May 19, 2022, 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

Meaningful, compliant, & culturally competent IFSPs
([click here to register](#))

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EARLY START PROGRAM

- Visit the [Early Start Page](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQs](#)
- View [Resources for Families, Parents & Caregivers](#)
- For questions or concerns please email the DDS Early Start mailbox at earlystart@dds.ca.gov or call the BabyLine at 800-515-BABY (2229)

Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

The council is comprised of parents of children with disabilities, early intervention service providers, health care professionals, state agency representatives, and others interested in early intervention.

The ICC encourages a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration, while providing a forum for public input.

For more information on the ICC:

[ICC Overview](#)

Virtual Early Start Partners Symposium

DETAILS COMING SOON

[Home - Early Start Neighborhood \(ning.com\)](http://Home - Early Start Neighborhood (ning.com))

April 21 & 22, 2022

Virtual International Pediatric Feeding Disorder Conference

Educational sessions, updates on research, and collaboration opportunities between healthcare providers and families of children with Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD)

[PFD Conference: Feeding Disorder Treatments - Feeding Matters](#)

April 26-28, 2022

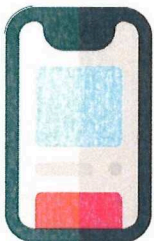
Virtual Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference

This conference features nationally known speakers and empowers and educates attendees to become advocates for individuals with disabilities in California.

[CONFERENCE \(thearca.org\)](http://thearca.org)

APRIL	MAY	June
<p>California Autism Awareness Month</p> <p>Bill Text - SCR-69 California Autism Awareness Month.</p>	<p>Drowning Prevention Month</p> <p>Drowning Prevention: CA Department of Developmental Services</p>	<p>National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month</p> <p>National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month CDC</p>

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



Educational Apps

Download these apps for kids, even without Wi-Fi access at home! [Search Apps](#)



Parent's Guide to Choosing Child Care-Tip Sheet

Resources to help select a licensed childcare facility for your children [Fact Sheet](#)

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

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