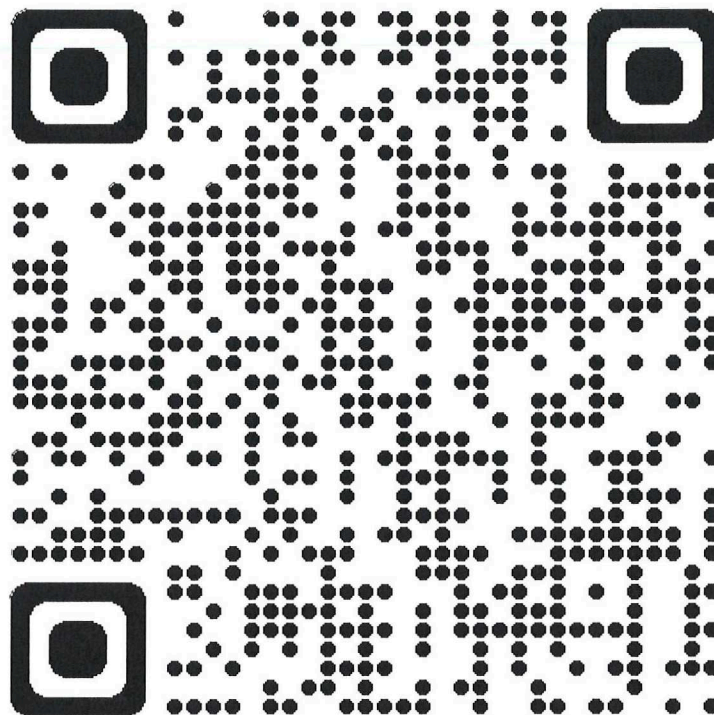


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This certification instrument demonstrates and is verification, that _____ COVID-19 vaccination status complies with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) standards and guidance and San Gabriel/Regional Center's COVID-19 Operations Contingency Plan, mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for all SG/PRC staff and is certified by SG/PRC's Human Resources Department. The above employee received a COVID-19 vaccination and is fully vaccinated or meets exemption criteria and is tested weekly with negative outcomes.

Should you have any questions regarding SG/PRC's COVID-19 vaccine procedure, please contact Mr. Raul Alvarez, Human Resources Specialist, at (909) 710-8201 or ralvarez@sgprc.org. The QR Code below demonstrates authenticity of this certification. After scanning you will gain access to SG/PRC's website, where you find information regarding SG/PRC's COVID-19 protocols.



August 6,2021/SG/PRC



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September 9, 2021

Dear Regional Center Administrators:

SUBJECT: NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDER REGARDING VACCINATION OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS

On August 12, 2021, a Health Officer Order was issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requiring health care or home care workers who work in or routinely visit high risk or residential care settings to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and document their vaccination status by September 30, 2021. This order applies to all individuals who are either paid or unpaid and work in indoor or other settings where care is provided to patients, patients have access for any purpose, or home care or daily living assistance is provided to residents. The requirements also apply to employees with a remote or hybrid work agreement since those who work remotely may need to visit a facility location from time to time.

Any Regional Center staff that meet these criteria specified in the order would be required to adhere to this order.

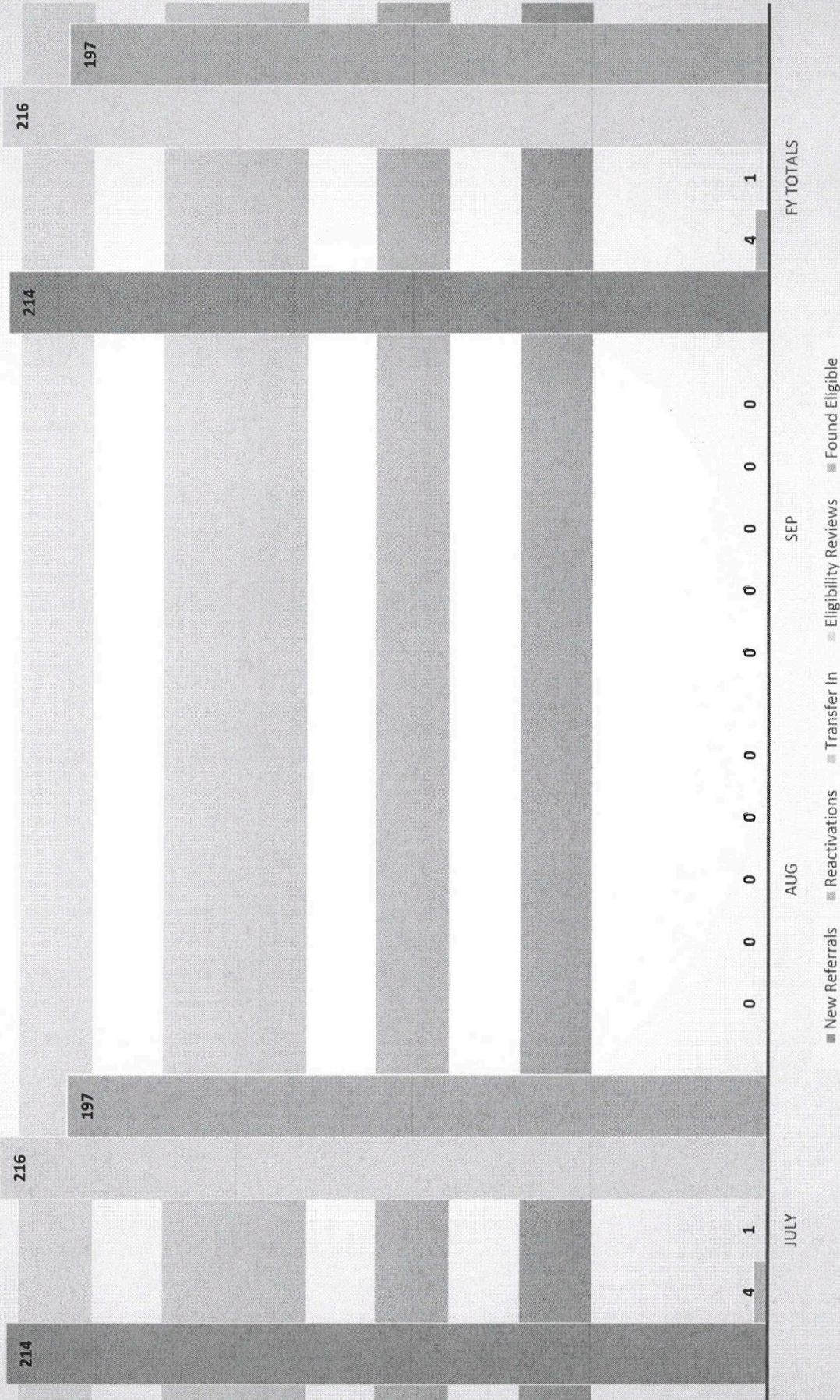
For more specific details, please review the Health Care Worker Vaccination Order and Frequently Asked Questions online at reopeninglacounty.com.

Sincerely,

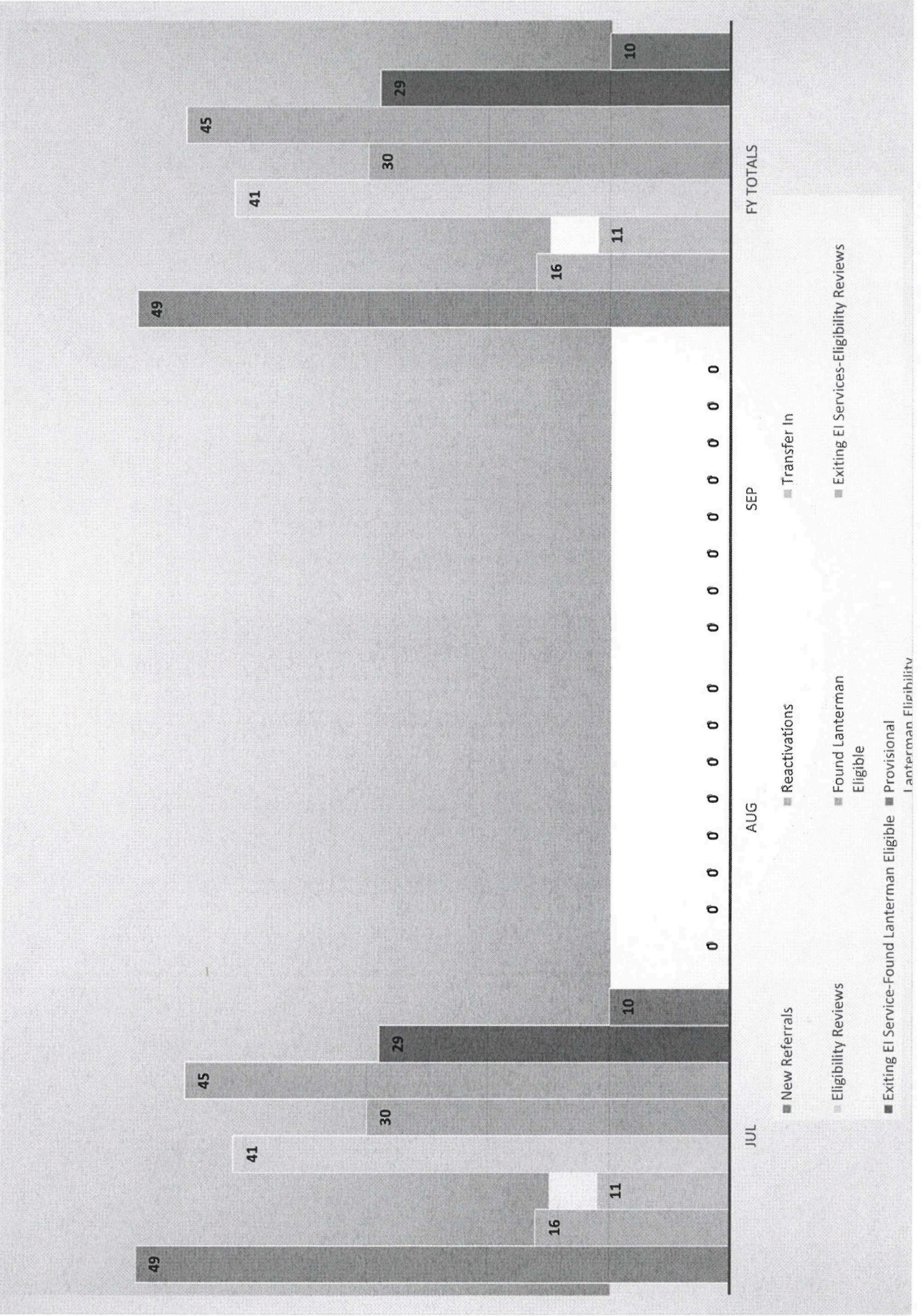
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Early Start Referrals & Eligibility Reviews First Quarter-FY 2021-2022



Lanterman Intake Referrals & Eligibility Reviews First Quarter FY 2021-2022



California COVID-19 Data

Total Cases: 4,354,113
 Hospitalizations: 7,247
 Deaths: 66,701

San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center COVID-19 Report Week of 9/13/21

San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center Positive COVID-19 Cases 2020/2021

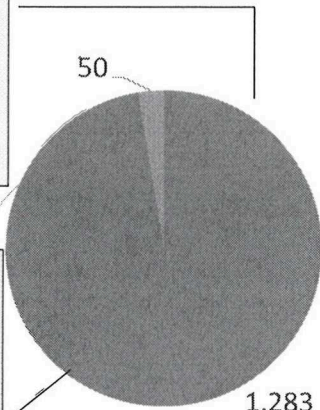
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SG/PRC TOTAL COVID-19 CASES 2020/2021

Living Situation

Family: 548
 Res. Facility: 378
 ICF: 236
 SNF: 39
 ILS/SLS: 65
 Other: 22

596



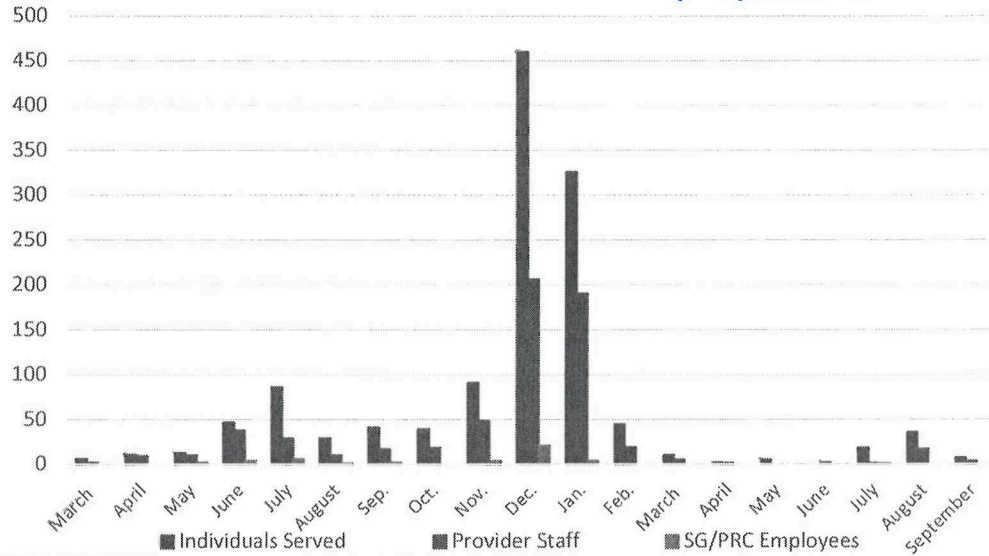
Age Range

0-17 → 219
 18-40 → 462
 41-64 → 393
 65+ → 210

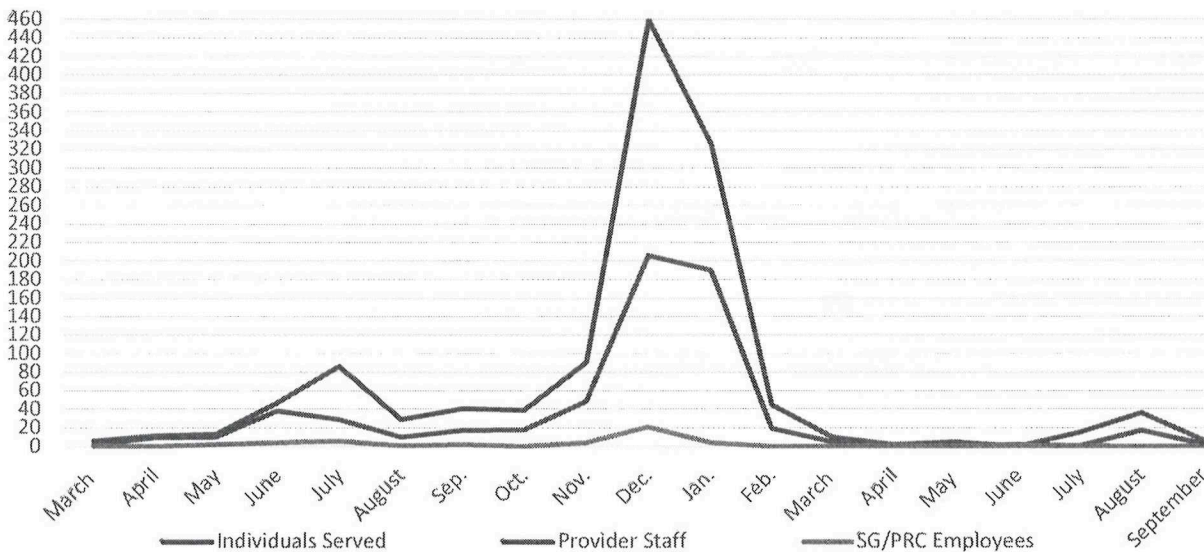
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*2 Week Total: 12 New cases

■ Individuals Served ■ Provider Staff ■ SG/PRC Staff



San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center Positive COVID-19 Cases 2020/2021



COVID-19 Deaths of Individuals Served

***2020 Total Deaths	28
2021	
January	19
February	10
March	1
April	0
May	1
June	0
July	1
August	2
September	1
2020/2021 TOTAL	63

Los Angeles County Public Health Data

Total Cases	1,427,817
Current Hospitalizations	1,385 (was 1,480)
Total Deaths	25,611
Positivity Rate	1.85% (was 2.09%)
7 Day Average	137,372
SG/PRC SERVICE AREA HOTSPOTS / TOTAL CASES	
Pomona	28,099
El Monte	18,609
West Covina	14,678
Baldwin Park	14,293

Covid-19 Vaccine Data

LOS ANGELES COUNTY	
Doses Administered	11,925,403
Fully Vaccinated	66%
Received 1 Dose	75%
Seniors (65+) Fully Vaccinated	81%
CALIFORNIA	
Doses Administered	47,908,225
Fully Vaccinated	68%
Partially Vaccinated	10%

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COVID-19 TESTING

FREE TESTING
OFFERED TO INDIVIDUALS
WE SUPPORT, THEIR FAMILIES,
VENDORS & SG/PRC STAFF

Testing available 4 days a week.
Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Registration is
Highly Encouraged

Testing Site:

**San Gabriel/Pomona
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75 Rancho Camino Drive**

TO REGISTER,
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PRUEBAS PARA EL COVID-19

**SE OFRECEN PRUEBAS
GRATUITAS PARA LOS INDIVIDUOS
QUE APOYAMOS Y A SUS FAMILIAS,
LOS PROVEEDORES DE SERVICIO
Y LOS EMPLEADOS DEL SG/PRC**

**Citas disponibles 4 días a
la semana de Lunes a Jueves
9 a.m. a 11:30 a.m.**

**Se le sugiere que se
registren con anticipación**

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Regístrese aquí

Este servicio es posible por medio de
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[https://home.color.com/covid/
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**Para preguntas, puede mandarnos un
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Announces a Multidisciplinary Conference for Healthcare Professionals

Breaking Barriers, Developing Possibilities:

Lessons Learned from COVID 19

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021

9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Live Stream Webinar on Zoom

Keynote Speaker: Andy Imparato

Executive Director, Disability Rights CA
Member, Biden Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force

CMEs, CDEs, and CEUs by Children's Hospital Los Angeles and University of Southern California for:

- Physicians (MD)/ Psychologists (PhD)
- Nurses (RN)
- Dental Professionals (DDS, RDHAP)
- Clinicians (LCSWs and LMFTs)
- Behavior Analysts (BCBA, BCaBA) - Type 3 Units*

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Registration - No Fee

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Registration + CEUs - \$55
(includes Evenbrite processing fee)

For questions about registration or the conference please email
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Announces a Family Day Conference

Breaking Barriers, Developing Possibilities: Lessons Learned from COVID 19

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021

9 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

Live Streamed Webinar on Zoom

Keynote Speaker: Alicia Bazzano, MD, PhD, MPH
Medical Director, Special Olympics

Presentations on

- Telehealth,
- COVID 19 Update,
- Selfcare
- and More!

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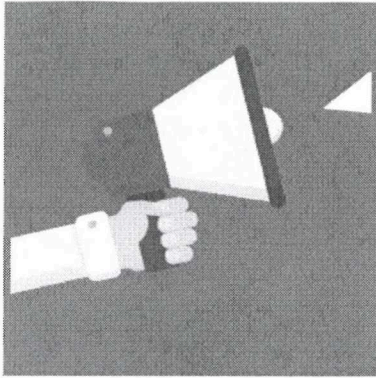


Priority given to family members and adults 18+ served by SG/PRC



Spanish, Korean, Mandarin and Vietnamese interpretation provided, as needed

For questions about registration or the conference please email Crystal Ashe at cashe@chla.usc.edu



**JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION
REGARDING SG/PRC's CASELOAD RATIO
SG/PRC WANTS YOUR INPUT!**

We are soliciting public input from state council, local organizations representing consumers, family members, regional center employees, service providers, and other interested parties for our plan of correction

**Join us on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
during our weekly Zoom Community Meeting for a presentation
regarding the SG/PRC caseload ratio Plan of Correction.**

During this meeting we will provide you with survey findings showing that SG/PRC did not meet caseload ratios as expressed in WIC Section 4640.6 (c).

SG/PRC did not meet two (2) out of the seven (7) categories measured on March 1, 2021.

Click here to access letter from DDS

Habr  traducci3n simult nea en espa ol durante esta junta.
Simultaneous Spanish translation will be available during this meeting.

This meeting will be convened via videoconference due to the necessity to maintain social distancing.

To join the meeting, please click on the link below at the meeting time via your computer, e-tablet (iPad or otherwise) or smart phone.

VIDEO-CONFERENCE LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/941540067?pwd=OUgxNXBaMjN3cDRsK3hqT2Y3SWs1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 941 540 067

Password: 123456

**You may also submit your input at
caseload@sgprc.org before August 26, 2021**

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July 2, 2021

Anthony Hill, M.A., Esq., Executive Director
 San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
 75 Rancho Camino Drive
 Pomona, CA 91766

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your service coordinator caseload survey emailed to the Department of Developmental Services (Department) on March 10, 2021. The data provided indicates that, as of March 1, 2021, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) did not meet all the required caseload ratios mandated by Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code §4640.6(c). Specifically, SG/PRC did not meet required caseload ratios for the highlighted categories. Of the highlighted categories, SG/PRC caseload ratios for individuals enrolled in the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program and over three years old, non-waiver, non-mover individuals have been out of compliance for two consecutive reporting periods.

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
W&I Code Required Ratios	1:62	1:62	1:62	1:45	1:45	1:66	1:25
SG/PRC Number of Individuals Served	4,642	1,630	112	0	0	7,340	94
SG/PRC Ratios	1:66	1:48	1:54	N/A	N/A	1:70	1:21
CA Average	1:77	1:58	1:59	1:38	1:29	1:81	1:25

*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 for the caseload ratio categories that were not met for two consecutive reporting periods.

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Anthony Hill, M.A., Esq., Executive Director

July 2, 2021

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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.

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.

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

Email: OCO@dds.ca.gov

The Department is available to provide technical assistance with the development of your plan of correction. If you have questions, please contact Danielle Hurley, Research Data Specialist I, Office of Community Operations, at (916) 654-3228, or by email, at danielle.hurley@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

ERNIE CRUZ

Assistant Deputy Director

Office of Community Operations

cc: Penne Fode, San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc.
Brian Winfield, Department of Developmental Services
Erica Reimer Snell, Department of Developmental Services
LeeAnn Christian, Department of Developmental Services
Aaron Christian, Department of Developmental Services
Uvence Martinez, Department of Developmental Services
Danielle Hurley, Department of Developmental Services

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September 14, 2021

Ernie Cruz, Assistant Deputy Director
Department of Developmental Services
1215 O Street- MS-8-20
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) – Caseload Ratio Plan of Correction

Dear Mr. Cruz,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 2, 2021. We value our partnership with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). After reviewing your letter, we found that despite under allocation for Service Coordinator salaries and benefits weighted through the core staffing formula fixing those cost at \$37,000 annually, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) met three out of the five areas measured and outperformed the statewide average. We view these outcomes, as remarkable when balancing the impact of funding methodology and public policy.

SG/PRC is currently underfunded at least \$1.5 million dollars annually for Service Coordinators salaries and benefits on a per capita basis. We do agree, SG/PRC's Service Coordinator assignment practices should be adjusted. During May 2021, we examined and adjusted our internal practices to maximize the reach of resources.

It is our understanding that caseload ratio relief is on the way because of a plan negotiated by our elected officials to address the underfunded allocation mentioned, reflected in a \$61 million-dollar annually, general fund budget proposal beginning Fiscal Year 22/23. Certainly, the implementation of the budget plan will narrow the gap created through the core staffing formula. However, the impact of recent public policy, including provisional eligibility, and expansion of the self-determination program require Service Coordinator supports and accrues associated cost for administrative support and supervisory staff ... restraining full reach. Another threat is the prevailing employment marketplace where for-profit businesses have risen hourly wages for workers that are not required to have a bachelor's degree and prior experience.

Accordingly, SG/PRC's caseload ratio at the time of the survey completed on March 1, 2021, did not meet statutory requirements in the categories; on the waiver, and over 3 years, non-waiver/ non-mover. SG/PRC has electronically delivered notices to specific entities regarding its plan of correction and thereafter, held a public meeting on August 24, 2021, through the Zoom platform.

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Program of San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc.

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Additionally, SG/PRC established an email address caseload@sgprc.org and distributed it to our community as a forum to receive feedback and public input. SG/PRC did not receive feedback through the designated email address. SG/PRC received the following public input during the Zoom meeting:

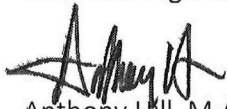
“ When will San Gabriel/ Pomona Regional Center raise Service Coordinator salaries?”

SG/PRC’s plan entails the following actions incorporating public input received:

1. During May 2021, SG/PRC adjusted its internal business practices related to Service Coordinator assignments intended to balance caseload ratios.
2. SG/PRC’s CFO and HR Directors will analyze current and future budgetary commitments, and recruit Service Coordinators within budget year allocation thresholds.
3. SG/PRC is deploying technology, including laptops, cellphones, integrated teleconferencing, and texting to support Service Coordinators tasks, communications and relationships with individuals served, their families and stakeholders.
4. SG/PRC will retain floater Service Coordinator positions that are not computed within its survey of caseload ratios.
5. SG/PRC has secured an agreement with Virtual Chart to eliminate redundancies in the work performed by Service Coordinators.
6. 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 as a necessity to support individuals with developmental disabilities’ integration into all phases of community life.

Mr. Cruz, exceedingly we value our partnership with DDS. Please stay safe and remain well.

Warmest regards,



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

Enclosure: Exhibit A. Letter Ernie Cruz (7.2.2021)

September 14, 2021

Ernie Cruz, Department of Developmental Services

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cc: Penelope Fode, Board President, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
Roy Doronila, SG/PRC CFO
Raquel Sandoval, SG/PRC Director of Human Resources
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance
Amy Westling, Executive Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies
Brian Winfield, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Developmental Services
Uvence Martinez, Chief, Community Operations, Department of Developmental Services

2021-22 Budget Initiatives

ATTACHMENT 8

Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4	Social Recreation, Camp & Non-medical Therapies	Self-Determination Program Expansion	Enhanced Service Coordinator Ratios for Underserved Consumers
Early Start Outreach to Tribal Communities	Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents	Implicit Bias Training	Services to Deaf Community
Rate Adjustments and Quality Incentive Program	Language Access and Cultural Competency Orientations and Translations	Community Navigator Program	Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Repeal Uniform Holiday Schedule	DSP Bilingual Differential	Paid Internship and Competitive Integrated Employment Programs	Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources & Treatment (START) Teams
Provider Supplemental Rate Increases	DSP Workforce Training and Development	Employment Grants	Emergency Preparedness Resources
Regional Center Performance Incentives	Coordinated Family Support Services	Forensic Diversion Program	Quality Improvement Pilot
Modernize IT Systems		Foster Youth Trauma Informed Services	

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August 25, 2021

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-082521: 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><u>Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19</u></p> <p><u>Amendments to Directive</u></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, 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)</u> Effective immediately, section "Early Start Remote Services" is hereby deleted from this Directive. <u>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)</u> 	9/3/2021	10/3/2021

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Date Issued	Directive Subject	Current Expiration Date	New Expiration Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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></p> <p><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 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) 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) 	9/9/2021	10/9/2021

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Date Issued	Directive Subject	Current Expiration Date	New Expiration Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>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)</i> 		
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"> <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> 	9/16/2021	10/16/2021
3/30/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 01-033020: Additional Participant-Directed Services</u></p>	9/21/2021	10/21/2021
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</i> 	9/7/2021	10/7/2021

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Date Issued	Directive Subject	Current Expiration Date	New Expiration Date
	<p><i>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 regarding the process and format for reporting.</u> (Amendment effective 12/1/2020)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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)</i> • <i>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)</i> 		
6/15/2020	<u>Department Directive 01-061520: Extension of Early Start Services</u>	9/8/2021	10/8/2021
10/2/2020	<u>Department Directive 01-100220: Waiver of Half-Day Billing Requirements for Day Services</u>	8/28/2021	9/27/2021
11/19/2020	<u>Department Directive 01-111920: Waiver of Self-Determination Program Budget Restrictions for Financial Management Services</u>	9/15/2021	10/15/2021

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.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

NANCY BARGMANN
Director

cc: Regional Center Board Presidents
Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
Regional Center Community Services Directors
Association of Regional Center Agencies

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

March 25, 2021

Assemblymember Lisa Calderon
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 445 – SUPPORT

Honorable Assemblymember Calderon:

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) is offering support for your bill AB 445.

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is a non-profit entity created through statute for the purpose of providing counselling, diagnostic assessment, and ensuring the delivery of community-based services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center serves approximately 14,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families that live in Los Angeles County, El Monte, Pomona, and Foothill Health Districts.

Our organization supports AB 445. Your bill removes personal, sensitive information disclosure requirements that are not criteria relied on to determine eligibility for regional center services based on a qualifying condition as stated within WIC Sections 4512(a) & (l).

The obvious unintended consequence when requiring the collection of unrelated information or data is the applicant's failure to proceed in the application process or delay in receiving critical services. Both outcomes are severely harmful in preserving the impact of the presenting developmental disability. Also, your bill simultaneously eliminates inefficient procedure and creates regional center operations expense savings. Exceedingly, your bill encourages prudent public policy.

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center strongly supports your bill. AB 445 is timely and furthers the mission of San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center in creating a society where all individuals with developmental disabilities are fully included within all aspects of community life.

Please know that San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is thankful for your thoughtfulness and your time allocated pursuing the necessary outcome of AB 445.

With best regards,



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September 10, 2021

Governor Gavin Newsom
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RE: AB 580 (Rodriguez) – SIGNATURE REQUEST

Honorable Governor Newsom:

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, over 350,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. On behalf of ARCA, I wish to share our support for AB 580 (Rodriguez).

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.

Improving the way the Office of Emergency Services addresses the unique circumstances of the access and functional needs community, 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 Assemblymember Rodriguez 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: Anthony Hill, Executive Director, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
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September 13, 2021

Governor Gavin Newsom
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RE: SB 14 (Portantino) – SIGNATURE REQUEST

Honorable Governor Newsom:

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, over 350,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. On behalf of ARCA, I wish to express our support for SB 14, Senator Portantino's bill improving the way mental/behavioral health needs of students are addressed.

Parity was a critical concept that changed the health care landscape. The (mental) health needs of individuals should be treated with the same zeal and attention as their (exclusively) physical health needs. For individuals with developmental disabilities, the first meaningful statewide application of this was via SB 946 (Steinberg, 2011, Ch. 650). It required insurance companies to cover behavior health treatments for individuals with autism. While functionally a coverage mandate, it was rooted in the premise of mental health parity, and has had profound benefits for Californians.

We urge the passage of this bill to more effectively extend the benefits of mental health parity to students in California. We have seen the benefits of this policy in our community – and recognize many challenges still remain. SB 14 (Portantino) will help address those challenges.

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,

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September 9, 2021

Governor Gavin Newsom
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RE: SB 224 (Portantino) – SIGNATURE REQUEST

Honorable Governor Newsom:

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, over 350,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. On behalf of ARCA, I wish to share our support for SB 224 (Portantino).

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.

Increasing mental health knowledge among students, 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 Senator Portantino 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,

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Developmental Services Trailer Bill (TBL)

AB 136 (Committee on Budget)

Assembly Bill 136 (AB 136) is this year's developmental services "Trailer Bill." A summary of this year's TBL is provided here, with reference to the sections of law changed upon the Governor's signature on July 16, 2021.

1. Early Intervention Services Act (GOV §95020) – Early Intervention Services Act– IFSP to be conducted upon request via video remote until June 30, 2022.
2. DDS/DSS licensed program (HSC §1502)– Authorizes the expansion of the Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHNs) model to children, which would be licensed as Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs (GHCSHNs).
3. GHCSHNs (HSC §1524) – Requires GHCSHNs to be licensed through Community Care licensing.
4. GHCSHNs (HSC §1534) – Requires GHCSHNs to be vendored by regional centers.
5. Remote services (WIC §4646)- Authorizes the continuance of remote service delivery until June 30, 2022. Implicit Bias (WIC §4511.1) –Mandates implicit bias training for regional center personnel. However, training shall be prioritized for regional center personnel and contractors involved in eligibility determinations or directly assisting individuals and their families during the intake processes, service coordination, and those overseeing purchase of service policies.
6. Service restoration (WIC §4648.5)–This bill ends the suspension of of:
 - a. Camping services and associated travel expenses;
 - b. Social recreation activities;
 - c. Education services for children 3-17 years of age; and,
 - d. Nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music.
7. Regional center reporting requirements (WIC §4640.6)– This bill would require public meeting and other reporting requirements on behalf of the regional center when additional funding has been received to support increased service coordination and caseload ratios.
8. GHCSHNs Requirement (WIC §4684.50)– Authorizes a health care plan before individuals can be placed in homes.
9. Rate Increase (WIC §4519.10) – Requires DDS to implement rate increases from April 1, 2022 through July 1, 2025 for service providers. TBL also requires quality measures and an incentive program for regional centers and service providers to be developed by DDS with input from stakeholders.
10. GHCSHNs (WIC §4474.15)– Requires DDS to report to legislature on a quarterly basis the status of development for GHCSHNs.
11. Out of State Services (WIC §4519)– This bill will allow for longer DDS approvals for those living out of state.
12. Equity Independent Contractor (WIC §4519.5)– Requires DDS to contract with entity to perform a study related to equity and disparity projects.
13. DSP Training (WIC §4511.5)– Requires training on person centered, cultural and linguistic competency for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in exchange for pay differentials.

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14. Provisional Eligibility (3–4-year-old) (WIC §4512)– Allows for regional center services on a provisional basis for children ages 3-4 without a formal diagnosis of a developmental disability.
15. Standard performance indicators (WIC §4620.5)– Requires the Department to meet with stakeholders to develop indicators for an incentive program for regional centers.
16. Bilingual Differential (WIC §4641.1) – Differential pay for DSPs providing services in other languages.
17. Self Determination Program (WIC §4685.9) – Requires DDS to offer the Self-Determination Program to all regional center service recipients as of July 1, 2021. Requires the establishment of an Ombudsperson by DDS for the program.
18. Rate suspensions lifted (WIC §4691.12)– Rate suspension lifted for supported employment services, vouchered community-based services, independent living programs, infant development programs, and early start specialized therapeutic services.
19. Prohibition Holiday Services (WIC §4692) – Allows for regional centers to provide service delivery funding on holidays for certain vendors.
20. Competitive Integrated Employment (WIC §4870)– Authorizes additional funding for service providers establishing paid internship program placements and also requires the establishment of community integrated employment incentive payments for service providers.
21. Acute Crisis Homes (WIC §4418.7) – Modifies the definition of acute crisis homes operated by DDS to indicate that these are real properties used to provide Stabilization, Training, Assistance and Reintegration (STAR) services.
22. Acute Crisis Commitments (WIC §6502)– Authorizes the petition for commitment of person with a developmental disability to be filed with the Superior Court.
23. Canyon Springs Community Facility (WIC §7505)– Allows for placements in the Canyon Springs Community Facility through June 30, 2022.
24. DDS exempt from DGS Approval (WIC §4418.7)– Authorizes DDS to engage in lease activity for STAR homes without receiving the approval of the Department of General Services.
25. Uniform Fiscal System – Authorizes \$6,000,000 for planning for the replacement of the Uniform Fiscal System and a consumer management system.
26. State Reimbursement– Indicates no reimbursement from state to local agencies and school districts for certain mandates.
27. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

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August 24, 2021

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO THE PAID
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JULY 2021

A. PURPOSE

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4870 (Enclosure A) was amended as of July 16, 2021, pursuant to Assembly Bill 136. W&I Code section 4870(d) authorizes funding to the Department of Developmental Services (Department) for a paid internship program (PIP). The purpose of the program is to increase the vocational skills and abilities of consumers who choose, through the Individual Program Plan (IPP) process, to participate in a paid internship. Goals of this program include the acquisition of experience and skills for future paid employment, or for the internship itself to lead to full- or part-time paid employment in the same job. The purpose of this correspondence is to delineate changes to W&I Code section 4870 and the subsequent changes to the "Guidelines for Implementation of the Paid Internship Program" issued by the Department on July 28, 2016 (Enclosure B).

B. IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING

Internship Funding

Internships are predicated on the person-centered planning process. Regional centers are responsible for informing consumers and the community about changes to the PIP. A consumer may participate in more than one paid internship, as determined through the IPP process.

As of July 16, 2021, the revised funding guidelines for the PIP are as follows [W&I Code sections 4870(a)(1) to (3)]:

- (1) Internships shall not exceed 1,040 hours per year for each individual placed in an internship.
- (2) Payments for internship hours under this program shall include all required employer-related costs.
- (3) Individuals participating in an internship shall be paid at or above minimum wage and equal to the customary wage paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals who do not have disabilities.
- (4) The sub-code "PIPW" should be added to existing service codes to indicate payment of wages and employer-related costs. This new sub-code is available for use now.

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Current paid internships that began prior to July 16, 2021, should be converted to the maximum number of hours (1,040), including the number of hours already completed.

Placement Incentive Funding

W&I Code sections 4870(a)(4) and (5) authorize payments to regional center service providers for placement of an individual in a paid internship.

- (1) A payment of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) shall be made to the regional center service provider if both of the following apply:
 - The regional center provider places an individual in a paid internship opportunity on or after July 1, 2021.
 - That individual remains in the paid internship after 30 consecutive days.
- (2) An additional payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be made to the regional center provider for an individual described in paragraph (1) who remains in the paid internship for 60 consecutive days from the date of placement.
- (3) The sub-code "PIP30" should be added to existing service codes to indicate achievement of the 30-day milestone. The sub-code "PIP60" should be added to existing service codes to indicate achievement of the 60-day milestone. These new sub-codes are available for use now.

If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact Michael Luna at (916) 654-2208, or email at Michael.Luna@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO
COMPETITIVE INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS
EFFECTIVE JULY 2021

A. PURPOSE

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4870 (Enclosure A) was amended as of July 16, 2021, pursuant to Assembly Bill 136. Competitive integrated employment (CIE) is full or part-time work for which an individual is paid minimum wage or greater in a setting with others who do not have disabilities. Section 4870(d) authorizes funding to the Department of Developmental Services (Department) for incentive payments to providers for placement and retention of regional center consumers, consistent with a consumer's Individual Program Plan (IPP). The purpose of this correspondence is to delineate changes to W&I Code section 4870 and the subsequent changes to the "Guidelines for Implementation of Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Payments" issued by the Department on August 5, 2016 (Enclosure B).

B. FUNDING

Incentive payments shall be made to the service provider who, on or after July 1, 2016, places an individual into CIE as described in W&I Code sections 4851(o) and 4868(d) and the individual is still competitively employed for the specified milestones of 30 consecutive days, six consecutive months, and 12 consecutive months.

Effective July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2025, the CIE incentive payments for each milestone reached during this time period is as follows:

- (1) A payment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) if the individual is still engaged in CIE after 30 consecutive days, as described in W&I Code sections 4851(o) and 4868(d).
- (2) An additional payment of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), if the individual in paragraph (1) remains in CIE for six consecutive months.
- (3) An additional payment of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), if the individual in paragraph (2) remains in CIE for 12 consecutive months.

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These increased milestone payments will only apply to milestones reached within the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. The CIE placement and earlier milestone payments may have occurred prior to July 1, 2021.

Regional centers shall verify the required duration in the job placement for each incentive payment before funds are provided to the service provider. Payments made pursuant to the incentive program shall not be made in addition to the placement payments pursuant to W&I Code section 4860(d).

A service provider supporting an individual in a paid internship program is not eligible for the above incentives until the individual transitions to CIE [W&I Code section 4870(g)].

C. IMPLEMENTATION

Guidelines for the incentive program are as follows:

- (1) Regional centers shall make information available to service providers regarding incentive payments and changes effective July 1, 2021.
- (2) For CIE incentive payment milestones that are reached from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2025, the following sub-codes should be utilized:
 - "EMPP" for placement incentive after 30 consecutive days;
 - "EMP6" for six consecutive months' incentive; and
 - "EMP12" for 12 consecutive months' incentive.

These new sub-codes are available for use now.

- (3) For CIE incentive payment milestones achieved prior to July 1, 2021, the following sub-codes and payment amounts should continue to be utilized:
 - "CIEP" for placement incentive after 30 consecutive days (\$1,000);
 - "CIE6" for six consecutive months' incentive (\$1,250); and
 - "CIE12" for 12 consecutive months' incentive (\$1,500).

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