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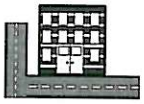
BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

TIME: 6:00pm to 8:00pm



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AGENDA

6:00pm - **Call to Order and Introductions – Putz**

Approval of Minutes and Agenda - ALL
ACTION
Minutes from September 27, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT -
This item is for members of the public to comment and/or present information to the Regional Office. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. The Regional Office will also provide public comment, not to exceed a total of seven minutes, for public comment prior to action on each agenda item.

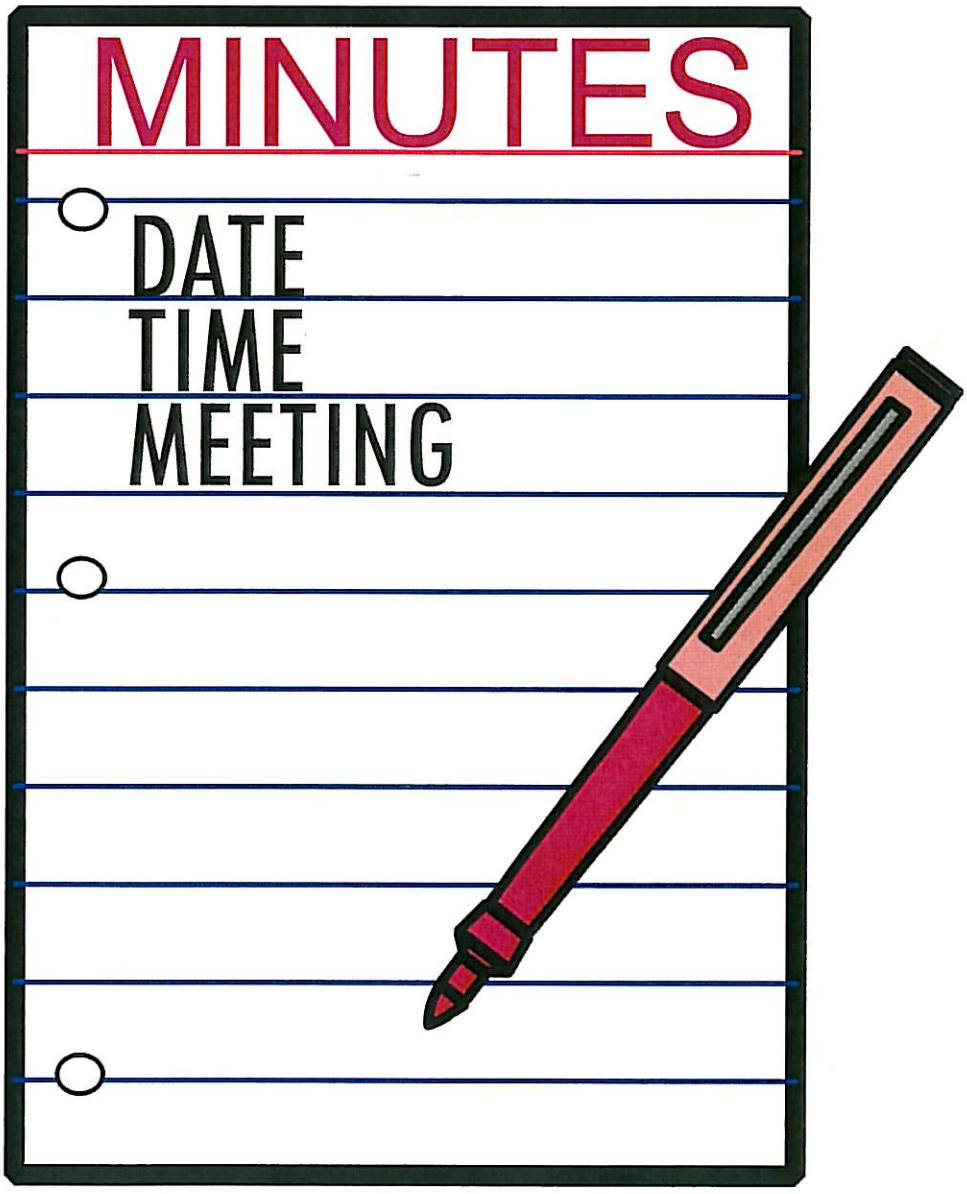
PRESENTATION – Erica Ervin & Kari Stump
Program Manager from Open Door Services in Modesto
INFORMATION

Nominations & Election for CHAIR & VICE CHAIR- ALL
ACTION

REPORTS –
INFORMATION

1) VMRC Report- Tony Anderson- Executive Director
2) SCDD Report- Kerstin Williams
3) Statewide Self-Advocacy Network(SSAN)
4) Staff Report- Hernandez/Fromm
   - Quality Assurance Project- update
   - E-Newsletter current and next edition
   - 2017 Meeting Schedule- next mtg location?
   - Announcements of upcoming events
5) Member Reports- ALL- ***Information***

8:00pm – **Adjourn**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State Council on Developmental Disabilities
North Valley Hills Office
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday September 27th 2016
Valley Mountain Regional Center
702 North Aurora Street
Stockton, CA 95202

RAC Members Present:
Karen Andersen
Jill Ames (SA)
Jaime Florez (SA)
Gary Del Nero (FA)
Virginia Sanchez (FA)
Amy Terra (FA)
Art Valdez (FA)
Paula Weihrouch
Kerstin Williams (SA) SCDD Rep.
Erika Yanez (SA)
Diana Powell (SA)

RAC Members Absent:
Dr. Kilolo Brodie (FA)
Brad Putz (SA)

Staff Present:
Dena Hernandez, Regional Manager
George Lewis; CPS II

Facilitators:
Angela Lewis

Guests:
Paul Billodeau- VMRC Executive Director.
Ann Cerimele (Former FRN ED)
Matt Cerimele
David Simerley (Facilitator)
Lisa (FRN)

Legend: (SA)=Self Advocate
(FA) =Family Advocate

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Gary Del Nero (FA) the Co-Chairperson and introductions were completed. A quorum was established. **Motion:** To approve minutes, Andersen/Sanchez(FA) second-PASSED, voting unanimous-yes ; to approve agenda Andersen/Sanchez(FA) second-PASSED, voting unanimous-yes;

Public Comment: None

Presentation: Recognition to Ann Cirimele- Retired Executive director of Family Resource Network (FRN) & Recognition to Paul Billodeau- VMRC Executive Director for his years of service and to departing RAC members - Jill Ames(SA), Paula Weihrouch and Erika Yanez (SA). Certificates were presented to Ann and Paul by Kerstin Williams (SA) SCDD Representative. Resolutions were presented to departing

RAC members. They we're all thanked for the years of service and dedication by Dena and the entire RAC.

Reports and information

VMRC Update: Paul Billodeau- reported on VMRC's goals and talked about the increases in employment for people with developmental disabilities. He said things are looking good in this area and mentioned a potential new employment contract with Tesla Car Company out of Lathrop CA. He talked about a recent audit to the Early Start program by DDS, VMRC scored 100%. Paul went on to talk about additional funding RC's have received for Salary increases and how these monies have had a huge impact on employee retention and new hiring. In addition VMRC will be able to create about 13 new Service coordinator positions and reduce caseloads for current SC's. Paul talked about how VMRC hopes to streamline the paper work for SC's into digital records. Using digital records will allow SC's to spend more time in the community working directly with consumers and building better relationships. He talked briefly about the hiring process for the next ED who will take his place. Paul is hopeful his replacement will be hired within weeks prior to his final work day so that he can spend some time supporting this person in their new role. Dena also spoke briefly about the VMRC case alerts opened & closed. Paul added that VMRC will also be hiring- two Quality Assurance SC's, to work on consumer alerts.

SCDD Report: Kerstin- Reported that she attended the SCDD meeting in Sacramento on September 21st & 22nd 2016. During the two day meeting they discussed the SCDD Executive Director elevation, and they met the new Self Advocacy (SSAN) coordinator. They also discussed various other activities and topics for future discussions. SCDD activities/agenda are also available in packet for RAC member review.

SSAN Report: Dena reported that Robert Balderama is our area representative who sits on the Statewide Self- Advocacy Network. SSAN continues to work on statewide issues. At the last SSAN meeting held September 7th & 8th. The group received training from the League of woman's voter's office. Robert along with another SSAN member is working on an Able Act PowerPoint that SSAN members will use to give presentations to other self-advocates. They gave a brief presentation on what they have done so far with the Able Act power point. Riana Hardin is the new SSAN coordinator.

Staff Report: George reported on the upcoming phase for the National Core Indicators (NCI/ Quality assessment project. The next cycle is another mailing. Approximately 6,000 surveys will be mailed to Adult consumers and family guardians, for Valley Mountain, Central Valley and Kern regional centers. In addition George will be covering a small number face to face interviews for the same 3 regional centers. Dena reported on SCDD Legislative & Pubic Policy and directed members to the report

included in their packets. Dena asked RAC members for input, and informed that they could provide input that would be shared with the SCCD board. She talked about recent legislation about the student left on the bus. She said that SCDD had an instrumental role in getting legislation put in place to ensure safety for students with developmental disabilities.

Announcements: Dena highlighted material in the RAC packet including Lanterman Act 50th Anniversary, Best Practices in Education of children with Down Syndrome, The Brighter side of Down Syndrome (Buddy Walk) Drail 5K Walk/Run and the Ability Resource Fair and Assistive Technology Expo. Dena also went over the 2017 RAC meeting schedule and noted that there would not be a November 2016 RAC meeting, but member's would receive an informational packet by mail.

Board Member Reports:

Karen Andersen: Karen spoke of attending meetings for assistive technology. She noted that the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is working on loan program to assist people in obtaining Durable Medical Equipment (DME). She noted how banks charge really high fees, where this loan program would be at about 6%. Karen provided information on the loan program to the RAC.

Crystal Enyeart (SA): Will be attending the 50th Anniversary Lanterman Act celebration & Supported Life 2016. She will report back on these activities at the January meeting.

Jaime Florez (SA): Reported that she is the new chairperson for the Choices institute conference planning committee. She noted that this will be Choices 30th year anniversary and the conference theme is 30 years of Choices. Jamie will also be participating in Hand Made parade. She will also be taking part in a new radio show in Tuolumne that will be run by and for people with disabilities. The show will start in late October.

Gary Del Nero (FA): Gary shared that he and his wife continues to support Special Olympics, by coaching Bowling, Soccer and Bocce ball to start soon.

Amy Terra (FA): Reported that she is newly elected to the RAC and excited to be part of it. She will give a full report at the next RAC meeting.

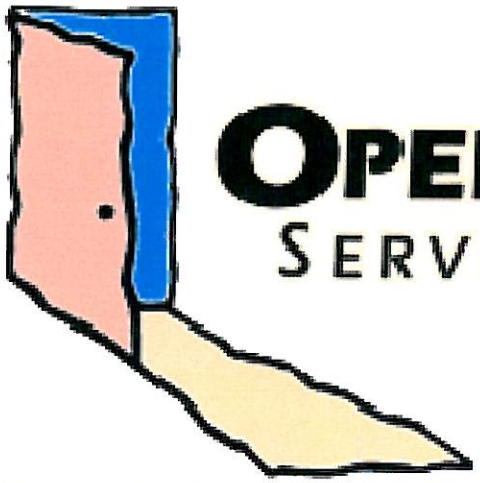
Kerstin Williams (SA): Will be attending the statewide conference, CA memorial project remembrance event and Lanterman 50th celebration.

Art Valdez (FA): Art noted sensory friendly trampoline fun, available on Fridays and Sundays at Sky Zone in Stockton. He spoke of Special needs gymnastics available at Champion Gymnastics also located in Stockton. He also talked about his wife's work and facilitation of parent networking groups held at Midgleys in Stockton. He mentioned opportunities for free horseback riding in Lodi and the new cost for Del Oso farms pumpkin patch in Lathrop.

Erika Yanez (SA): Harvest Carnival coming up soon with ARC San Andreas. Erika is part of the planning team.

Adjourn:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.
Minutes: George Lewis

PRESENTATION



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SERVICES, INC.

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Information

By Erica Ervin- Program Manager

And Kari Stump

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Let US help You...
get Answers
find Support
find a Job
and Start your Life NOW!

Executive Director

I believe every person has the potential to do great things regardless of a disability; everyone deserves the right to attempt anything they would like to accomplish.

Stacie Rodriguez-Lyons

OpenDoor Services originated in January of 2002 and began with over forty-five years of collaborative experience in working with the Developmentally Disabled population.

Our Mission

It is the mission of ODS to see all individuals with developmental disabilities strive and achieve realistic goals during their lifetimes. Helping them to be successful and develop as individuals is an important part of becoming an independent, contributing member of our community. ODS encourages each of our clients to reach that goal.

Programs

- Employment Training
- Behavior Management
- Community Integration
- Life Skills

Interested in referring a client to ODS?

Click Here --> Valley Mountain Regional Center *to Speak with a Service Coordinator TODAY!*

Learn more about our Employment Training Academy <-- Click Here

Upcoming Events

Special Olympics

Bowling

Event Date: 11/8/2016

Location: West Lane Bowl in Stockton, California

In-house Events

Halloween Party
Event Date: 10/28/2016

Perfect Attendance Awards

Event Dates: Quarterly. Official dates to be announced

Special Events

4th Annual Crabfeed

Event Date: Feb. 4, 2017

For more information please contact us @ (209) 475-1529 or email mflores@odsinc.org

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NOMINATIONS & ELECTION of CHAIR & VICE CHAIR of the North Valley Hills Regional Advisory Committee

Process in accordance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

- Nominate a member or yourself for a position; a second needs to be given- either accept or decline the nomination.
- If accepted- tell the group why you want the position.
- Voting- all members must vote by raising a hand or speaking (no secret or written down ballots allowed.)

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NORTH VALLEY HILLS

ROLE of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) CHAIR PERSON

- Discuss meeting agenda times with the regional manager
- Call to order and preside over the 5 Regional Advisory Committee meetings
- Represent the Regional Advisory Committee at community and state meetings as necessary or requested.

TERM: 3 years

ROLE of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) VICE CHAIR PERSON

- Assist the Chairperson and, in his or her absence serve as Chairperson
- Serve as a representative of the Chairperson and the Regional Advisory Committee at community and state meetings as necessary or requested.

TERM: 3 years

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VALLEY
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Board Meeting Information

- December 12, 2016 Meeting
- January 9, 2017 Meeting

VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER

Valley Mountain Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
VMRC, 702 N. Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202
(Enter through rear of building)

Monday, January 9, 2017 - 6:00PM

MEETING AGENDA

The mission of Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is to support people with developmental disabilities as they enrich their lives through choices and inclusion. VMRC is committed to securing quality, individualized services in collaboration with families and the community.

A. **Call to Order, Introductions, Reading of Mission Statement**

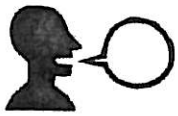
B. **Review and Approval of Agenda**

C. **Adoption of Consent Calendar**

- Minutes of December 12, 2016 Board Meeting 1

D. **Vote to Accept the Following:**

- Acceptance of Contract Status Report 13
- Acceptance of Restricted Donations 17
- Acceptance of B-3 Contract Amendment 19
- Contracts Over $250,000 ..... see page 31



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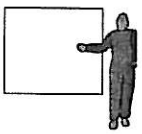

F. **Presentation:** Introduction to Tony Anderson, VMRC's new Executive Director

G. Board Member Program Visits (Maximum 3 minute report per person)

H. Executive Director's Report

I. Committee Reports

i. Consumer Services
(Claire Lazaro, Chair)

- Minutes of December 12, 2016 meeting (meeting handout)
- Report from January 9, 2017 meeting
- Next meeting February 6, 2017

ii. VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee
(Dena Pfeifer, SAC6 Rep.)

iii. Finance and Personnel Committee
(Tom Bowe, Treasurer)

- Minutes of December 7, 2016 meeting 25
- Summary of January 4, 2017 meeting
- Human Resources Report – January 2017) handout
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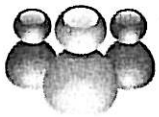
- Next meeting – February 1, 2017



iv. Executive Committee
(Melinda Gonser, President)

- Summary of January 4, 2017
- Next meeting – February 1, 2017

v. Strategic Planning Committee
(Melinda Gonser, Chair)

vi. Nominating Committee
(Nancy Meier, Chair)

vii. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee (CLASP)
(Candice Bright, CLASP Representative)

ix. Association of Regional Center Agencies Report
(Melinda Gonser, ARCA Representative)

- Next Meeting, January 19/20, Sacramento

I. Other Matters

J. Executive Session

K. Next Meeting

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017
Time: 6:00PM
Location: VMRC, 702 N. Aurora St. Stockton, CA 95202

L. Adjournment

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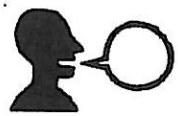

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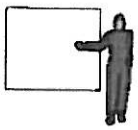

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- Minutes of November 14, 2016 meeting (handout at meeting) 23
- Report from December 12, 2016 meeting
- RFP for Facilitation Services 27
- Service Standard: Early Intensive Behavioral ..... 31 Treatment (informational item) – Action Item
- Next meeting January 9, 2017

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- Next meeting – January 4, 2017

iv. Executive Committee
(Melinda Gonser, President)

- Summary of December 7, 2016
- Request for ABX2-1 Funding - Action Item 39
- Next meeting – January 4, 2017

v. Executive Director Search Committee
(Melinda Gonser, Chair)

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Valley Mountain Regional Center

Human Resources Report

January 2017

Report covers December 1 – December 31

Fiscal Year	Turnover
15 - 16	9.95%
14 - 15	9.44%
13-14	15.69%
12 -13	12.67%
11 -12	12.80%
10 - 11	8.50%
09 - 10	7.30%
08 - 09	8.21%
07 -08	16.51%

Personnel Activity

December New Hires: No new hires in December

December Separations: 1 Executive Director

Total VMRC Employees

Regular Employees: 287

Temporary Employees: 14

Employees by location including temporary employees: 301

- Stockton: 202
- Modesto: 80
- San Andreas: 19

Total Number of Vacancies: 19

- Clinical Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (4) + 13 Expansion Positions
- Clinical Manager of Nursing

December 2016 Turnover: 0.33%

December 2015 Turnover: 0.70%

Current Fiscal Year to Date Turnover: 3.03%

Fiscal Year to Date Turnover as of December 2015: 6.47%

Date	Monthly Turnover
Dec - 16	0.33%
Nov - 16	0.00%
Oct - 16	0.34%
Sept - 16	0.67%
Aug - 16	0.67%
July - 16	1.01%
June-16	0.34%
May -16	0.00%
April -16	1.75%
Mar - 16	0.35%
Feb - 16	0.70%
Jan - 16	0.35%
Dec - 15	0.70%

Caseload Averages - January 2017

STOCKTON	
Early Start (0-3)- Gillespie	73
Early Start (0-3)- Simmons	70
Children (3-16)-Farinelli-Mikita	83
Children (3-16)- De Diego	83
Children (3-16) - Jimenez	75
Transition (16-23) - Vodden	84
Adult (23 and up)- Goudreau	79
Adult (23 and up)- Weiss	78
Adult (23 and up)- Jensen	89
Adult (23 and up)- Gonzalez	99
Deflection (18 and up)- Weiss*	43
Stockton Office Average:	**81**

* Deflection not included in avg.

MODESTO	
Early Start (0-3) - Barr	75
Children (3-16) - Diaz	85
Children (3-16)- Kidroske	88
Transition (16-24) - Dickinson	79
Adult (24 and up)- Groves	77
Adult (24 and up) - Margarite	86
Modesto Office Average:	**82**

SAN ANDREAS	
Early Start (0-3) - Simmons	80
Children/Transition (3-24)-Green	79
Adult (24 and up)- Green	76
San Andreas Office Average:	**78**

Caseloads Ranked Highest to Lowest	
Adult (23 and up)- Gonzalez	99
Adult (23 and up)- Jensen	89
Children (3-16)- Kidroske	88
Adult (24 and up) - Margarite	86
Children (3-16) - Diaz	85
Transition (16-23) - Vodden	84
Children (3-16)- De Diego	83
Children (3-16)-Farinelli-Mikita	83
Early Start (0-3) - Simmons	80
Children/Transition (3-24)-Green	79
Transition (16-24) - Dickinson	79
Adult (23 and up)- Goudreau	79
Adult (23 and up)- Weiss	78
Adult (24 and up)- Groves	77
Adult (24 and up)- Green	76
Early Start (0-3) - Barr	75
Children (3-16) - Jimenez	75
Early Start (0-3)- Gillespie	73
Early Start (0-3)- Simmons	70
Deflection (18 and up)- Weiss*	43

Agency Caseload Average	81

Historical Caseload Average

January-17	81
December-16	80
November-16	79
October-16	81
September-16	78
August-16	78
July-16	80
June-16	85
May-16	84
April-16	83
March-16	83
February-16	83
January-16	83

Alerts Opened 9/6/16 - 12/6/16

In Chronological Order

Ctrl #	Alert Date	Closed Date	Presenting Issue	Finding	Action	# Days Open
Status Closed						
2016-11-18.0	11/22/2016	12/2/2016	Environment	Substantiated	Technical Assistance	10
2016-11-18.1	11/22/2016	12/2/2016	Food Service	Inconclusive	Technical Assistance	10
2016-11-25.0	11/29/2016	12/2/2016	Environment	Substantiated	Technical Assistance	3
2016-11-25.1	11/29/2016	12/2/2016	Staff Qualifications	Unfounded	Technical Assistance	3
2016-12-07.0	12/7/2016	12/12/2016	Recordkeeping	Substantiated	Technical Assistance	5
2016-12-14.0	12/15/2016	12/16/2016	Delivery of Care	Unfounded	Technical Assistance	1
2016-12-14.1	12/15/2016	12/16/2016	Other	Unfounded	Technical Assistance	1
2016-12-16.0	12/16/2016	12/16/2016	Recordkeeping	Substantiated	Technical Assistance	0
2016-12-17.0	12/19/2016	12/29/2016	Delivery of Care	Inconclusive	Technical Assistance	10
2016-12-26.0	12/28/2016	1/4/2017	IPP Implementation	Unfounded	N/A	7
2017-01-01.0	1/3/2017	1/4/2017	Recordkeeping	Unfounded	N/A	1
Status Closed 11						
Status Open						
2016-11-13.0	11/10/2016		Delivery of Care			60
2016-11-13.1	11/10/2016		Recordkeeping			60
2016-11-14.0	11/14/2016		Recordkeeping			56
2016-11-17.0	11/21/2016		Other			49
2016-11-19.0	11/23/2016		Delivery of Care			47
2016-11-19.1	11/23/2016		IPP Implementation			47
2016-11-20.0	11/23/2016		Recordkeeping			47
2016-11-21.0	11/23/2016		Recordkeeping			47
2016-11-22.0	11/23/2016		Other			47
2016-11-23.0	11/23/2016		Other			47
2016-11-23.1	11/23/2016		Medical Emergency			47
2016-11-24.0	11/28/2016		Environment			42
2016-11-24.1	11/28/2016		Violation of Rights			42
2016-11-26.0	11/29/2016		IPP Implementation			41
2016-11-26.1	11/29/2016		Recordkeeping			41

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Status Open						
2016-12-02.0	12/1/2016		Delivery of Care			39
2016-12-02.1	12/1/2016		Violation of Rights			39
2016-12-04.0	12/1/2016		Other			39
2016-12-05.0	12/1/2016		Other			39
2016-12-06.0	12/7/2016		Food Service			33
2016-12-06.1	12/7/2016		Property Damage			33
2016-12-08.0	12/8/2016		Other			32
2016-12-08.1	12/8/2016		Response to Health-Related Concerns			32
2016-12-08.2	12/8/2016		Staff Qualifications			32
2016-12-09.0	12/9/2016		Environment			31
2016-12-09.1	12/9/2016		Staff Qualifications			31
2016-12-11.0	12/12/2016		Other			28
2016-12-12.0	12/13/2016		Delivery of Care			27
2016-12-12.1	12/13/2016		Environment			27
2016-12-13.0	12/13/2016		Recordkeeping			27
2016-12-13.1	12/13/2016		Staff Qualifications			27
2016-12-15.0	12/15/2016		Delivery of Care			25
2016-12-18.0	12/19/2016		Other			21
2016-12-18.1	12/19/2016		Patch Not Provided			21
2016-12-19.0	12/20/2016		Other			20
2016-12-19.1	12/20/2016		Patch Not Provided			20
2016-12-20.0	12/20/2016		Other			20
2016-12-20.1	12/20/2016		Recordkeeping			20
2016-12-21.0	12/20/2016		Other			20
2016-12-22.0	12/20/2016		Violation of Rights			20
2016-12-23.0	12/21/2016		Delivery of Care			19
2016-12-23.1	12/21/2016		Recordkeeping			19
2016-12-24.0	12/21/2016		Other			19
2017-01-05.0	1/6/2017		Delivery of Care			3
2017-01-06.0	1/9/2017		Other			0
2017-01-06.1	1/9/2017		Recordkeeping			0

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Status Open

Status	Open	46

Grand Total Opened	57	Grand Total Closed	11

VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER

VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER
Helping People with Developmental Disabilities Reach Their Maximum Potential

INTRODUCING THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is developing a new program called "Self-Determination" that will let participants have more control over selecting their services and supports in the community.

HELP MAKE THE CHOICES THAT AFFECT YOUR LIFE

1. Participate in the development of your Individual Program Plan (IPP) through a Person-Centered planning process.
2. Accept greater control and responsibility regarding the services and supports you need to achieve your goals.
3. You will still have a Service Coordinator to assist you. In addition, you may choose to use an Independent Facilitator (IF) to help plan and get services and supports.

my future my choice

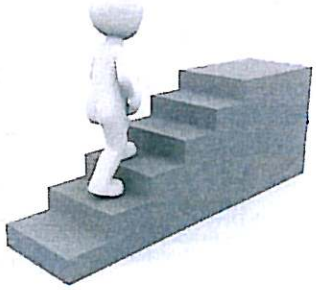
YOUR INDIVIDUAL BUDGET

1. You will be given a specific budget to purchase the services and supports that you need to achieve your plan.
2. You must use a Financial Management Service (FMS) vendored by Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) to pay for your services.
3. You will be able to pick which providers or individuals deliver your services. They will require a background check but will not have to be vendored.

SELF DETERMINATION

STEPS TO THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM

HOW TO GET INFORMATION



- ☆ Learn more at www.dds.ca.gov or www.scdd.ca.gov or www.vmrc.net
- ☆ Attend an informal session on Self Determination
- ☆ Ask your Service Coordinator at Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) to put your name on the informal "I am Interested List" so VMRC is aware of your interest.

AFTER you get on the "I AM INTERESTED LIST"...What's next?

1. You will be contacted to attend a Self Determination Informational Meeting. The meetings will be organized by the VMRC's Self Determination Advisory Committee as the information becomes available.
2. After you have participated in an Informational Meeting, and you feel it is a good program for you or your family member, let your VMRC Service Coordinator know you want to stay on the " I am Interested List". (**IMPORTANT-** Being on this list does **NOT** mean **YOU** are **SELECTED** in the Self Determination Program.)

HOW TO BE SELECTED

1. VMRC will send the "I am interested list" to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).
2. DDS will then select 2,500 people from individuals from across the state who has attended a Self Determination Informational Meeting.
3. DDS's selection of enrollees will consider facts of the regional center, ethnicity, age, gender, disability and diagnosis to ensure those selected reflect the diversity of the statewide regional center population.

4. Individuals who are selected will be contacted to enroll in the Self Determination trainings in order to participate in the program for the first 3 years. After the 3 years, anyone can choose this program.

12/1/16

CALIFORNIA SCDD
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)**
By: Kerstin Williams

**Info will be brought to the meeting because SCDD meets on January 24, 2017 so the info was not available in time to get into this packet.

CALIFORNIA SCDD
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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December 16, 2016

Dear CIE Blueprint Interagency Workgroup:

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is an independent state agency established by federal and state law that advocates, promotes, and implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

As a primary proponent of California's Employment First Policy, SCDD is committed to increasing competitive integrated employment (CIE) opportunities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the state. Increasing CIE is a key component of SCDD's State Plan and a primary goal of our Employment First Committee. We applaud the extraordinary work of the CIE Blueprint Interagency Workgroup, and we very much appreciate the Workgroup's participation in our State Council meetings on May 26 and November 29, 2016.

SCDD shares the Blueprint's commitment to "Real Work for Real Pay in the Real World," as demonstrated by the Employment First Committee's recognition that "Employment-First is about focusing on real jobs, real wages and real business settings." SCDD has played a lead role in advocating for the elimination of sub-minimum wage, and we are actively working to promote the integration mandates within the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rules.

Here is a summary of the feedback that the State Council provided to the Workgroup during our November 29, 2016 meeting:

1) Please ensure that the Blueprint addresses the individualized needs of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those with the most significant needs, and preserves choice by empowering people to make informed decisions.

2) We underscore the importance of the Blueprint's one clear definition of CIE. It is important that everyone (DDS, DOR, DOE and all community stakeholders) is clear on the overarching goal. Additionally, it is important to be clear and transparent about the metrics used to measure success.

3) Please make sure that the Blueprint is available in plain language, and all identified threshold languages, so that it can be understood clearly by all members of our community.

4) Many individuals and family members currently have a difficult time navigating the different planning processes, rules, and requirements for different departments (DDS, DOR, DOE, etc.). Please consider the creation of a single CIE plan for each individual to facilitate collaboration across departments and a CIE point person at the local level to facilitate efficient and effective implementation.

5) It is important to identify qualified CIE "trainers" in local areas, in order to ensure that technical assistance and consultation are available and to facilitate two-way communication. Additionally, clear metrics need to be in place so that we can effectively measure the impact of CIE trainings.

6) The Blueprint should address individuals who are already in sub-minimum wage settings and include a plan to transition them to CIE.

7) Given the importance of addressing CIE through the Individual Program Plan (IPP) and Person-Centered Planning processes, SCDD appreciates the Blueprint's emphasis on training for Regional Center staff.

8) Please ensure that self-employment is promoted as an important option during the Blueprint's implementation process. Traditional "9 to 5" employment is not a good fit for all people.

Again, we commend the Workgroup for your efforts in developing the CIE Blueprint, and we look forward to actively collaborating with you throughout its implementation. For example, as we have discussed, SCDD is prepared to host relevant CIE data on our website, and we stand ready to assist with training and outreach through our Councilmembers and 12 regional offices.

SCDD understands that the Blueprint is a 5-year plan and that adjustments will be necessary going forward. We look forward to receiving regular updates, and engaging in on-going collaboration through SCDD's Employment-First Committee.

Feel free to contact either myself or Executive Director Aaron Carruthers at 916-322-8481, if SCDD can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. April Lopez, Chair
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

REPORT

- **Robert Balderama from our region was elected the CHAIR of the SSAN at their December 2016 meeting.**
- **The SSAN Newsletter will be put into your meeting folder.**

Staff Report
North Valley Hills
By:
Dena Hernandez
Neil Fromm
George Lewis

National Core Indicator (NCI)/Quality Assessment Project

Highlights for Fiscal Year (FY) 16/17

The third California NCI Adult Family and Family Guardian Survey are being mailed to families of adults 18 and older who live in the community.

The survey questions ask families about these areas of life: Life at home, Involvement in the community, Access and delivery of services and supports, Satisfaction of services, Choices, decision making and control.

The seventh adult consumer survey of individuals who have moved from developmental centers to the community (movers) will begin in Spring of 2017. A sample of individuals who have moved to the community in the last 5 years and all individuals who moved from Lanterman and Sonoma Developmental Centers will be surveyed.

In addition, DDS is conducting a longitudinal study to better understand the experiences among people moving to the community. Expanded with Senate Bill 982, the Mover Longitudinal Study (MLS) began in January 2016 and will continue throughout the closure of Sonoma, Fairview and the general treatment area of Porterville Developmental Centers. DDS will survey a total of 250 people who consent to participate in the survey

Participating in the MLS is an opportunity for you and your family member to offer valuable feedback to DDS and help us develop positive outcomes for all individuals moving out of Developmental Centers to the community.

George Lewis continues to coordinate the QA project for Valley Mountain and Central Valley Regional Centers with the latest addition of Kern Regional Center.

For more information: Visit the DDS Quality Assessment webpage at

http://www.dds.ca.gov/QA/

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CALIFORNIA SCDD
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

North Valley Hills Office

2017 Meeting DATES*

*(Locations to be determined- all subject to change)

JANUARY ~~24~~ 31, 2017- in Stanislaus County

MARCH 28, 2017- in Amador County

MAY 23, 2017- in Calaveras County

JULY ~~25~~ 18, 2017- in Tuolumne County

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017- in San Joaquin County

November 2017 – NO meeting but members will receive an information only packet.

Announcements

Self Advocacy Council

Please JOIN US!

for the ANNUAL Self Advocacy Council 6 Area Meeting of Self Advocates!!!

WHEN: Friday, February 3, 2017
TIME: 10:00am-2:00pm
WHERE: SJ Fairgrounds Building 1 Stockton, CA 95351

MUST RSVP with choice of lunch by January 20, 2017!

$5.00 ENTRY FEE includes a super burrito, chips, salsa and bottle water
Choose one

☐ **Chicken or**

☐ **Vegetarian***

***includes onions, bell peppers, beans & rice**

Call SAC6 to RSVP
209-594-1476
Or
1-888-960-2416

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Music by PCS DJs

SAC6 is planning an AWESOME ANNUAL February Area Meeting!

Victims of Crime Resource Center will be coming to talk about bullying and internet safety!!

CHOICES T-shirt Contest Winners announced!

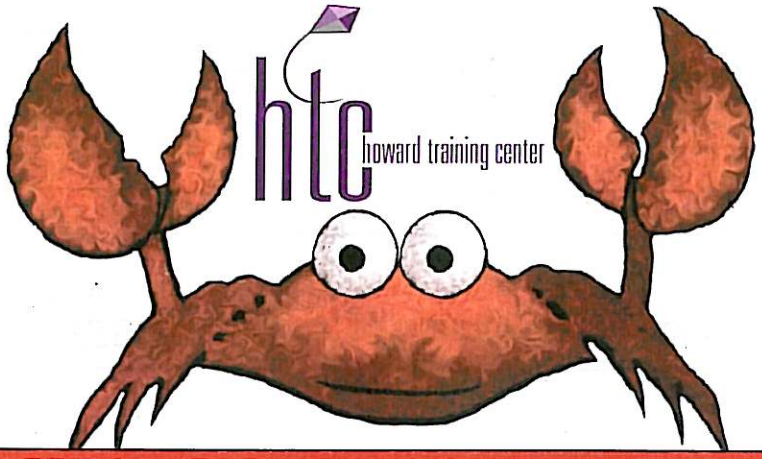
And information tables by:

DDS SafetyNet

CALIFORNIA SCDD State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Disability Rights California

Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA)



Howard Training Center's
23rd Annual

Crab Fest 2017

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4,2017 All Seats Are Reserved

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM ♦ DINNER 7:00 PM

♦LIVE MUSIC PERFORMED BY REMEDY- STARTING AT 9:00 PM ♦

♦ DOOR & RAFFLE PRIZES ♦ NO HOST BAR

Contact Us for Details on The New "Majestic" Sponsor Package for Event

Imperial

Reserved Table for 8 *with*

- 4 Bottles of Wine
- 3x5 banner at the event
- Post-event advertising
- Name on HTC Website Donor Page

□ 1 dozen cookies at event

$5,000

Emperor

6 Crab Fest Tickets *with*

- 3 Bottles of Wine
- 3x5 banner at the event
- Post-event Advertising
- Name on HTC Website Donor Page

□ 1 dozen cookies at event

$2,500

King

4 Crab Fest Tickets *with*

- 2 Bottles of Wine
- 2x4 banner at the event
- Recognition in ads
- Name on HTC Website Donor Page

□ 1 dozen cookies at event

$1000

Queen

2 Crab Fest Tickets *with*

- 1 Bottle of Wine
- 2x4 Banner at the event
- Recognition in ads
- Name on HTC Website Donor Page

□ 1 dozen cookies at event

$500

Royale

2x2 banner at the event

$300

Jester

1 Business card size ad on Placemat

$100

OUR FAMOUS HTC COOKIES
&
CRABBIE COOKIES
WILL BE ON SALE!

To Sponsor: **Call 209 593-5618 or** Email us at glewis@howardtrainingcenter.com
Please see reverse side for order forms and information.

23rd Annual Crab Fest Fundraiser

Become A Crab Fest Sponsor–Showcase Your Organization to hundreds on two nights!

Crab Fest Sponsor Information Form

Sponsor Level	Includes	We are attending:	# Tickets	Total
Imperial $5000	8 tickets	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
Emperor $2500	6 tickets	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
King $1000	4 tickets	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
Queen $500	2 tickets	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
Royale $300	—	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
Jester $100	—	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
Tickets only	—	Fri Sat	_____@ $50 =	_____
Total			_____	_____

Name_____ Company Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Business Phone_____

Email_____ Fax_____

Credit Card #_____ sec code_____ exp date_____

Signature_____ Date_____

YES! I would like to donate an item or service to the Crab Fest Raffle :

Description:

_____

_____

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For Delivery:_____ **Value:**_____

Please Include Your Contact Information in the form above.

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

Final Rule

Department of Developmental Services

FOR CONSUMERS AND FAMILIES:

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are provided many services because of the Lanterman Act. Many services people receive are paid for with state and federal money from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Therefore, California must comply with what is called the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule. This rule sets requirements for HCBS settings, which are places where people live or receive services. Each state has until March 2019 to help providers comply with the HCBS Final Rule.

The HCBS Final Rule Applies to:

- Residential and non-residential settings; including certified and licensed homes
- Day programs, and other day-type services
- Employment options and work programs

The HCBS Final Rule Does NOT Apply to:

- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)
- Institutions for mental diseases (IMD)

What is the Goal of the HCBS Final Rule?

To enhance the quality of services provided by:

- Maximizing opportunities and choices for individuals
- Promoting community integration by making sure individuals have full access to the community
- Making sure individuals have the opportunity to work and spend time with other people in their community who do not have disabilities
- Ensuring individual preferences are supported and rights are protected
- Establishing person-centered service planning requirements, which includes a process driven and directed by the individual to identify needed services and supports

All Settings

The Final Rule requires that you can:

- Spend time in, and being a part of, your community
- Work alongside people who do not have disabilities
- Have choices regarding services and supports, and who provides them
- Have control of your schedule and activities

Residential Settings

Provider Owned or Controlled

In addition to the requirements applicable to all settings, the Final Rule requires that you have:

- Choice about your roommates
- Privacy in your room, including a lock on your door
- Control of your schedule and activities
- The ability to have visitors of your choosing, at any time
- Freedom to furnish and decorate your room
- A lease or other legal agreement, protecting you from eviction

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

Final Rule

Department of Developmental Services

FOR PROVIDERS:

How will your service as a provider change?

If you are a service provider who provides services to multiple consumers in the same location, we have to make sure these services do not isolate individuals from the community. The Final Rule says that settings must be integrated and support full access to the community. As a provider, you may need to modify where and how your service is delivered to meet the HCBS Final Rule. Policies and program designs may need to be changed and training to your staff may be necessary to assure their understanding of the new expectations.

Assessing Provider Settings

All providers will soon be required to complete a self-assessment survey that will help determine whether or not a setting complies with the HCBS Final Rule or if modifications are needed. For settings that require changes, there will be time to develop transition plans. Training will be provided on the self-assessment process and expectations, and additional information will be posted on the DDS webpage.

Where can I find more information?

To ask a question, make a comment, or get more information about the HCBS Final Rule, email HCBSregs@dds.ca.gov.

For more detailed information on the HCBS Final Rule and California's Statewide Transition Plan, please visit:
http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/HCBSStatewideTransitionPlan.aspx

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/index.html

CMS' HCBS Final Rule Requirements

The setting:

1. 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.

2. Is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability-specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting.

3. Ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity and respect, as well as freedom from coercion and restraint.

4. Optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including but not limited to: daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.

5. Facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.

In provider-owned or controlled residential settings:

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities, and have access to food at any time.

9. Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.

10. The setting is physically accessible to the individual.

CalABLE
Providing People With Disabilities Greater Financial Security

State Treasurer John Chiang

About

CalABLE is a new program that allows people with disabilities to establish a tax-advantaged savings account and save up to $14,000 per year and up to $100,000 in total without losing vital public benefits, such as supplemental security income. Earnings in these accounts are not subject to federal income tax or California state income tax, so long as the earnings are spent on qualified expenses. CalABLE began operations July 1, 2016 and is anticipated to open for business in 2017.

Who is eligible to open an ABLE account?

An individual who has the onset of a disability before age 26 may qualify by meeting one of the following:

- Is eligible to receive benefits based on disability, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI);
- Has a disability certification, including a copy of the diagnosis signed by a physician.

What are the benefits of a CalABLE account?

The following features and benefits are being considered by the ABLE Board:

- Ability to contribute automatically through routine deductions from a bank account
- Ability to invite friends and family to contribute directly to an account
- Deposit online or by check
- Low fees
- Diverse investment options

DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT: **www.treasurer.ca.gov/able**

Timeline for the CalABLE Program

2013

Prior to 2013, a person with a disability receiving support from a public benefit program was not able to save for future needs without fear of losing vital government assistance, such as SSI. Also, any assets counted against them.

2014

President Barack Obama signs the Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act.

2015

The California State Legislature passed SB 324 (Fran Pavley) and AB 449 (Jacqui Irwin), supported by State Treasurer John Chiang, which implements the ABLE program in the state.

JULY 1, 2016

CalABLE began operations.

2017

CalABLE expects to be open for business.

How You Can Help

- ✔ Identification of public agencies and private and nonprofit organizations that work with people with disabilities and their families and can help with outreach and education.
- ✔ Identification of state laws, regulations and public benefit enrollment or eligibility processes that need to be changed and/or updated to ensure there are no conflicts.

Questions?

For more information on CalABLE, email calable@treasurer.ca.gov or call 916-653-1728.

Connect on Social Media:

Facebook.com/CalABLE

@CalABLE_Board

State Treasurer John Chiang

DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT: **www.treasurer.ca.gov/able**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Random Facts, Tidbits, and Information

TYPES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program - allows a family to move into a unit of their choice if the property owner chooses to participate in the HCV Program. It is commonly referred to as a Section 8 Voucher.

Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program - provides rental assistance at select apartment complexes within the city. The voucher is tied to the apartment complex, so the individual does not have to have a Section 8 voucher.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Properties - the LIHTC program gives State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies the authority to issue tax credits for the purchase, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households. The apartment complex receives the tax credit, which is passed onto the tenant in the form of subsidized rent.

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program - HUD provides funding to develop and subsidize rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities.

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program – provides very low-income elderly with options that allow them to live independently, but in an environment that provides support activities such as cleaning, cooking, transportation, etc. The program is similar to Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811).

HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN AMADOR, CALAVERAS, SAN JOAQUIN, STANISLAUS & TUOLUMNE COUNTIES

The following housing authorities offer rental subsidies for low-income families and adults through their Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and other project-based voucher programs. Each operates on a waiting list and it can take three to seven years, or longer, to receive a Section 8 Voucher. Project-based vouchers may operate on a shorter waiting list.

Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus
...also serving Alpine • Amador • Calaveras • Inyo • Mariposa • Mono • Tuolumne Counties

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http://www.hacsj.com

To find affordable housing in your area:
http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=CA%2CCalifornia

Or go to your city's Community Development Department webpage for information on their affordable housing development.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCOME AND VOUCHERS

Did You Know?

IHSS income is excludable for parent providers

If you are an IHSS parent provider and have a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, the Public Housing Authority excludes the IHSS income you receive for taking care of your child with a developmental disability at home for the purposes of calculating your rent.

(Housing Choice Voucher Program Guidebook (7420.10g) – Exhibit 5-2 – Income Inclusions & Exclusions)

Properties receiving Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to reduce rents is also subject to the same income exclusion.

The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program gives States and local housing agencies money to acquire, develop, or rehabilitate rental housing/apartments that in turn offer reduced rent to tenants. Low-income households do not need a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher to reside in one of the LIHTC properties, as the building itself receives the tax credit to make it affordable to the tenant. LIHTC properties also exclude IHSS income for parent providers when the child (or adult child) lives in the same home. Food stamps are also not included in income determination.

(California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC), Compliance Manual – Chapter 4, p.21)

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Other income exclusions for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher recipients

The Housing Authority also does not include the following as income when calculating your rent (aka total tenant payment):

- Income from employment of children under the age of 18 years;
- Payments received for the care of foster children or foster adults
- Lump-sum additions to family assets, such as inheritances, insurance payments;
- Income of a live-in aide (as defined in Section 5.403);
- Amounts received from a State or local employment training program

(24 CFR 5.609)

The Housing Authority will also deduct the following when determining your adjusted income for Section 8 and other public housing programs:

- Unreimbursed childcare expenses
- Unreimbursed medical expenses for persons with disabilities and elderly
- Unreimbursed disability expenses

(24 CFR 5.611)

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