



Easterseals Southern California (Proposal SCDC4004)

Easterseals Southern California (ESSC) is an independent 501(c)(3), established in 1988, affiliated with the national Easterseals organization founded nearly a century ago. ESSC is an inclusive organization offering services for people with disabilities, from all backgrounds and ethnicities, from infancy throughout their lifetime. With 61 service sites covering a nine - county region (Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura , Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo), last year ESSC through its 2,300 plus employees served more than 10,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities, autism, and other special needs.

The ESSC WorkFirst (WF) team provides evidence-based employment services assisting adults with disabilities, transition-aged youth and veterans to secure and maintain jobs and/or start their own businesses. ESSC WF provides direct placement, and customized and supported employment services funded by the Department of Rehabilitation, the Department of Developmental Services through regional centers, and donations. ESSC WF has invested in developing staff capacity in order to provide quality customized employment services for well over a decade. Over the past three years, 50+ people with developmental disabilities have secured competitive integrated employment averaging, 20-40 hours/week, from minimum wage to \$15/hour in a range of positions.

Lanterman Housing Alliance (LHA) (Proposal SCDC4007)

Lanterman Housing Alliance (LHA), founded in 2014, is a state-wide collaborative of eleven not-for-profit organizations, three for-profit partners and two affiliates. Its mission is to foster innovative public policies and public-private partnerships that result in sustainable investment in affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities. Its values are:

- Affordable housing is not a disability issue; it is a community issue.
- A broad range of housing options must be created in order to meet the diverse needs of this population.
- Housing should not segregate people.
- Housing must be affordable for people with developmental disabilities.
- Support services should not be tied to housing.
- Separate the ownership of housing from the provision of services.
- The principles of Universal Design and “green” building practices should be embraced.

LHA’s values align with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Rules by focusing on the person’s experience in the setting. LHA members operate, and continue to develop and secure, independent-living homes where every resident has keys to their front door and possess tenants’ rights under law. Our members’ homes are integrated within their buildings and communities, offering maximum choice in relation to their daily lives.

LHA’s members and affiliates represent every region of the state. Collectively, they represent 214 years of experience in developing over 350 projects valued at more than \$250 million, housing over 1,500 individuals with developmental disabilities. They are highly knowledgeable about supportive housing and the DD community and have found innovative ways to create community-based housing in a variety of models. LHA, organizationally, and through its members, participates in supportive and affordable housing public policy by commenting on proposed legislation and funding levels, as well as providing feedback on State documents, such as Housing Elements, proposed budgets or issue reports.

Alliance Members

- Access Home
- Bay Area Housing Corp.
- Brilliant Corners
- California Housing Foundation
- CHANCE, Inc.
- HOME
- HOPE
- Housing Choices Coalition
- HCEB
- Housing Now
- Key Community Housing
- North Bay Housing Coalition
- Southern California Housing Collaborative
- Tri-Counties Community Housing Corporation
- United Cerebral Palsy