

The State Council is pleased to announce the posting of additional resources on our webpage. The following resources by subject area are just a few that have been recently updated and posted for your use.

### **Crisis and Emergency Housing**

[Homeless Shelters and Homeless Service Organizations](#) – The Homeless Shelter Directory provides Homeless Shelters and Homeless Service Organizations. This includes all resources necessary to help the needy. Due to the current foreclosure rate and US recession, many shelters have waiting lists. Please call before going to the shelter.

[US Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) – Shelters and Emergency Housing: California. Here you will find listings of shelters, transitional housing, residential treatment centers and women’s residential services.

[Shelter Listings is dedicated to serving the homeless and low-income](#). Our shelter list consists of over 3,000 listings and includes emergency shelters, homeless shelters, day shelters, transitional housing, residential drug/alcohol rehabilitation programs, supportive housing and permanent affordable housing.

[Rebecca’s Community was founded in 2002 by two friends and provides connections for those that are homeless.](#)

[California Department of Developmental Services “Crisis Intervention for Persons with Developmental Disabilities” \(May 2014\)](#). For regional center eligible self and family advocates. Outlines the status of the memoranda of understanding developed jointly by each regional center and the county mental health agency and identifies any barriers to meeting the outcomes. The report also identifies the availability of mobile crisis intervention services, including generic services, by regional center catchment area, including the names of vendors and rates paid. Finally, the report provides a description of each regional center’s funded emergency housing options, including the names and types of vendors, the number of beds and rates, including, but not limited to, crisis emergency group homes, crisis beds in a regular group home, crisis foster homes, motel or hotel or psychiatric facility beds, and whether each emergency housing option serves minors or adults and whether it is physically accessible.

[DDS Chart Plan for Crisis and Other Safety Net Services for regional center eligible self and family advocates](#). Provides a table of proposed “safety net” services to be developed for community based crisis intervention and emergency housing as part of the Disability Services (DS) Task Force recommendations presented in 2017.

### **Early Start Resources**

[The Family Resource Centers Network of California \(FRCNCA\)](#) is a coalition of California’s 47 Family Resource Centers. The 47 Early Start Family Resource Centers are funded through the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – Infants and Toddlers Part C. Their mission is to support families of children with disabilities, special healthcare needs, and those at risk by

ensuring the continuance, expansion, promotion and quality of family-centered, parent-directed, family resource centers.

[Family Resource Centers \(Early Start\)](#) – Families of infants and toddlers can receive parent-to-parent support from Early Start Family Resource Centers who actively work in partnership with local regional centers and education agencies and help many parents, families and children get information about early intervention services and how to navigate the Early Start system. The Family Resource Centers are staffed by parents who have children with special needs.

[First 5 California](#) was created by voters under Proposition 10 to recognize that children’s health and education are a top priority, especially in the early years of development. [Local First 5 County Commissions](#) serve California’s diverse populations working with statewide partners to ensure that programs are designed to support healthy children who can reach their full potential in school and in life.

### **Education**

[SCDDs Special Education Basics Sheet](#)

[SCDDs Individual Education Plan \(IEP\) Basics \(English\)](#)

[SCDDs Individual Education Plan \(IEP\) Basics \(Spanish\)](#)

[SCDDs Transition Basics for school-aged 16 years and older \(English\)](#)

[SCDDs Transition Basics for school-aged 16 years and older \(Spanish\)](#)

[Human Development Institute, The Student-Directed IEP](#)

[Student Led IEP – read only version – no spoken narrative](#)

### **Employment**

SCDDs The State of Employment for Californians with Developmental Disabilities (2016) “Employment First Report” - It is now the state’s highest priority to make Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) a real choice for people with developmental disabilities. CIE is a job at a workplace among individuals with and without disabilities. It will be a full or part-time position at or above minimum wage. Self-employment is another option. The SCDD Employment First Committee (EFC) annually reports on employment for people with I/DD while identifying best practices and recommending legislative, regulatory, and policy changes for increasing the number of individuals with I/DD in CIE, self-employment, and microenterprises. [Click here for the full report to the Legislature.](#)

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the California Department of Education (CDE), and the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has entered into a new agreement consistent with California’s “Employment First” policy and other laws to make employment in an integrated setting, at a competitive wage, for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities its highest priority. The purpose of the Blueprint is to increase opportunities for Californians with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to prepare for an participate in Competitive Integrated Employment.

- [California Competitive Integrated Employment \(CIE\) Blueprint for Change](#) (available in English, Spanish, Chinese (Traditional), Armenian, Russian, Vietnamese, and Tagalog)
- Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint – User Friendly Overview (available in English, Spanish, Chinese (Traditional), Armenian, Russian, Vietnamese, and Tagalog)

### **Quality Assessment and National Core Indicators Survey (NCI)**

In 2010, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4571, the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) implemented a nation-wide quality assessment survey called the National Core Indicators (NCI). NCI is one tool used to monitor the performance of the developmental disabilities service system as well as the performance of the twenty-one regional centers in providing services and supports for adults and children with developmental disabilities in California. [The results of those mail-in and face-to-face surveys are available in both English and in Spanish on the California Department of Developmental Services \(DDS\) website.](#)