

## AREA BOARD MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with the Lanterman Act, the Area Board 2 consists of one member appointed by each County Board of Supervisors, and five members appointed by the Governor, making a total of fourteen members.

Of the County Supervisors' appointments, 50% shall be persons with developmental disabilities, the parents of, or legal guardians of such persons, and 50% shall represent the general public. The Governor and the Boards of Supervisors shall appoint persons who have demonstrated interest and leadership in human services. In order to prevent potential conflicts of interest, no member of the Board shall be employed as providers of service to persons with developmental disabilities, or be members of the governing board of any entity providing such service, when such service is funded in whole, or in part, by State funds. Members serve three-year terms. All Board members serve without compensation.

## BOARD MEMBERS

The Area Board 2 meets a minimum of four times a year. The public is welcome to attend meetings that are rotated throughout AB2's region.

## AREA BOARD 2 MEMBERS

- ~ BUTTE COUNTY ~  
Steven Sharpe
- ~ GLENN COUNTY ~  
Jean Phillips
- ~ LASSEN COUNTY ~  
Michael A. Green
- ~ MODOC COUNTY ~  
Jan Ross
- ~ PLUMAS COUNTY ~  
Cindy Harrell
- ~ SHASTA COUNTY ~  
Marie Blair
- ~ SISKIYOU COUNTY ~  
Stephen Concklin
- ~ TEHAMA COUNTY ~  
Karen Kinner
- ~ TRINITY COUNTY ~  
Linda Deasey

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# STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL Disabilities AREA BOARD 2



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## WHO WE ARE

Area Boards on Developmental Disabilities were created by state law in 1969 to plan and advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The mission of the area boards is to protect and advocate for the civil, legal, and service rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and to ensure their services and supports are of the highest possible quality and designed to increase the independence, inclusion, productivity and self-determination of each individual throughout their lifetime.

Area boards are federally funded affiliated offices of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Because of the vast size, complexity, and diversity of the State of California, the Legislature finds that the legal, civil, and service rights of persons with developmental disabilities will not be adequately guaranteed throughout the state unless monitoring responsibility is established on a regional basis through area boards on developmental disabilities. (Welfare and Institutions Code, section 4543 et. seq.)

## WHAT WE DO

**Area Boards are mandated to:**

*Help connect people to needed services and supports by:*

- ✦ Providing information about available services and supports
- ✦ Informing people about their rights and how to be their own advocate
- ✦ Advising people on their appeal rights if a service they need is denied

*Strive to improve services and supports by:*

- ✦ Reviewing policies and practices of publicly funded agencies
- ✦ Identifying the types of services and supports that are needed but not available
- ✦ Monitoring legislation significant to individuals with intellectual disabilities

*Help people become part of their communities by:*

- ✦ Encouraging and assisting citizen advocacy organizations
- ✦ Educate the public about disabilities and the importance of full inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the community

*Assist the Council by:*

- ✦ Input on the State Plan
- ✦ Participating in the development and implementation of the Council's goals and objectives

## WHAT IS THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES?

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) is established by state (Lanterman Act at Welfare and Institutions Code, section 4520 et. seq.) and federal law (Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act) to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the planning, design and receipt of the services and supports they need which promote increased independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination.

## WHAT IS AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY?

In California, State law describes a developmental disability as a diagnosis of one or more of the following:

- Intellectual Disability
- Epilepsy
- Cerebral Palsy
- Autism
- Other handicapping conditions closely related to mental retardation or requiring similar treatment
- Originates before age 18