

Ensure that Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.

# November 29, 2018 State Council Meeting Summary

#### SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

- Councilmembers elected a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the 2019 – 2020 term.
  - o Chair Sandra Smith
  - Vice Chair Charles Nutt
- Panel Presentation: Cycle 40 Grant Outcome: Easter Seals Field Testing Discovery and Validating the Discovery Scale
- Panel Presentation: CalFresh Benefits Expansion

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- Executive Director Aaron Carruthers shared recent accomplishments:
  - Hosted the Executive Director Leadership Summit (EDLS) in San Diego
    - Secured a \$15,000 sponsorship from the California Endowment for the EDLS
    - Welcomed newlyappointed AOD Commissioner Julie Hocker
  - Submitted a bid to DDS for the Disparities Program Grant for \$312,000
  - On October 1, 2018, DDS drew the names for the first 2,500 selfdetermination plan (SDP) participants
  - On December 18, 2018,
     California's own ABLE account will go live
  - Hired new BSG and CRA/VAS staff

## **STATE PLAN INFORMATION**

 August, September, and October 2018: reached 459,983 Californians

#### **SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**

- Council approved the Conflict of Interest Waiver requests for the following individuals:
  - Tracy Blair (CVRC)
  - Christine Soares (RCRC)
  - Steven Perez (RCRC)
- Council denied the Conflict of Interest Waiver request for:
  - Jenifer Foster (CVRC)
- Council tabled the Conflict of Interest Waiver request for:
  - Cynthia Swimm (RCRC)
- Council approved sponsorship request from Adaptive Learning Center for \$999.
- Council approved the 2019-2020 Legislative Platform.
- Council opposed the proposed Public Charge Rule.
- Council increased the amount for sponsoring community activities to \$1,500 per sponsorship.
- Council approved the Service Rotation Policy.
- Council delegated authority to the Executive Committee to review and approve the final version of the Councilmember Administrative Policies manual

## **FUTURE MEETING DATE**

 January 15, 2019 – Hilton, Sacramento 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.