

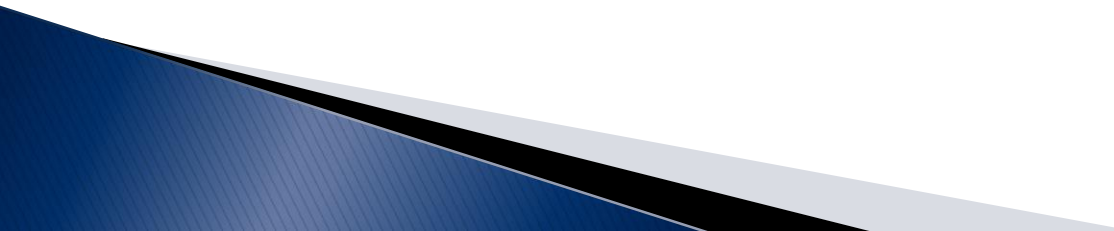
# **Executive Committee Meeting Executive Director Report March 21, 2023**

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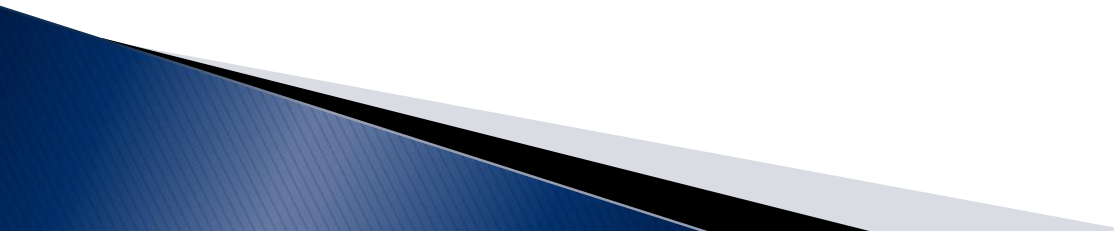
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State Council on Developmental Disabilities



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# Advocacy on Plan to Phase Out Subminimum Wage

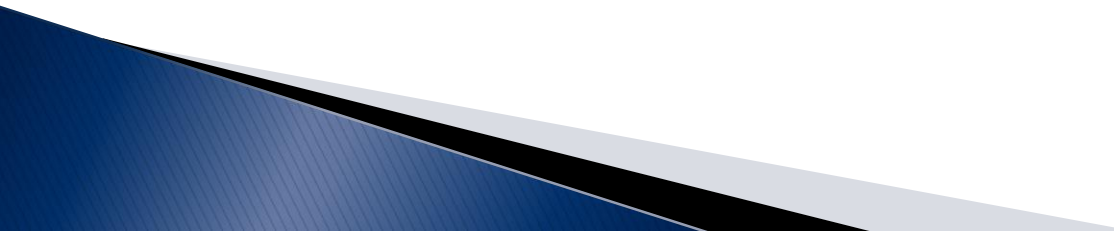
- ▶ Jan 2022, SB 639 (Durazo) goes into effect, phase out subminimum wage by January 2025
  - ▶ Jan 2023, SCDD releases transition plan to phase out subminimum wage
  - ▶ Feb and March 2023 testify in Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees on SB 639, transition plan, and benchmarks
  - ▶ Thank you to Councilmember Maria Marquez for testifying!
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# Advocacy on Plan to Phase Out Subminimum Wage

- ▶ Transition Plan has:
  - Benchmarks and timelines
    - January 2023: 6,000 people in subminimum wage
    - January 2024: 3,000 people in subminimum wage
    - January 2025: 0 people in subminimum wage
  - 13 priorities
    - Top priority: Establish Employment First Office in Health and Human Services Agency
- ▶ Big announcement: Senator Durazo will submit a budget request to establish the Employment First Office!

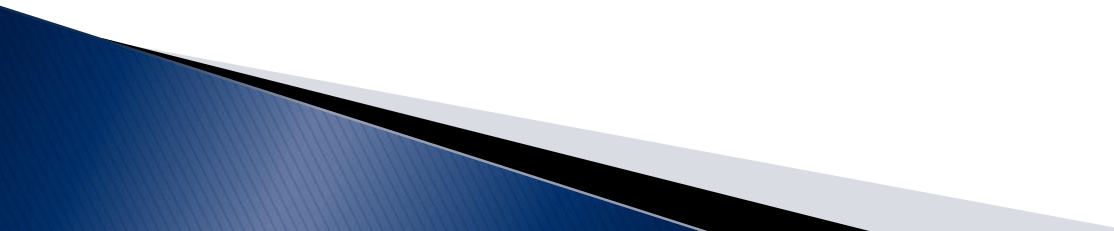
# Showcase Cycle 44 Grants:

## Chime Institute

- ▶ Focus: Inclusive Education
  - ▶ Title: “Inclusive Model for Self-Determined Living
  - ▶ Refined inclusive education practices self-determination and person-centered planning practices into IEPs
  - ▶ Reached: 160 students, 145 families, 140 educators, 70 para-educators
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# Showcase Cycle 44 Grants:

## Down Syndrome Connection of the East Bay

- ▶ Focus: Mental Health
  - ▶ Title: “Mental Health & Wellness Alliance”
  - ▶ Collaboration serving the mental health community and providing people with IDD with training, tools, communication and support access
  - ▶ Reached: 24 people with IDD, 40 family, 12 clinicians trained, 105 families given resources
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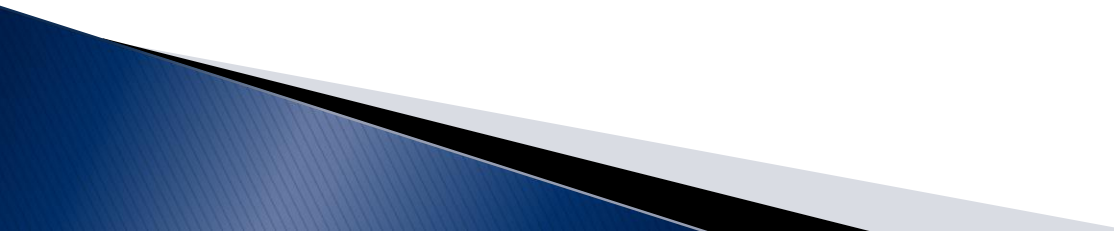
# Showcase Cycle 44 Grants:

## Parents Helping Parents

- ▶ Focus: Mental Health
  - ▶ Title: “Building Strong Families”
  - ▶ Support Spanish-speaking families to address mental health needs in people with IDD and their families during transition from school to adulthood
  - ▶ Reached: 4,000 with information, produced 5 videos, engaged 117 parents in a café support group
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# Showcase Cycle 44 Grants:

## Path Point

- ▶ Focus: Mental Health
  - ▶ Title: “Upstream Mental Health Support for People with IDD”
  - ▶ Use “Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills” and “Mental Health First Aid” to teach “upstream” skills
  - ▶ Reached: trained 96 self-advocates and 31 trained
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# Strategic Grants and Partnerships

## ► Employment

- NEON (National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network)
  - US Dpt Labor
  - Provides 200 hours subject matter technical assistance for CIE
- SWITCHE
  - US Dpt of Education \$15M grant to CA Dpt or Rehabilitation
  - To phase out sub-minimum wage for CIE
- Thank you to DD Tania Morawiec

# Strategic Grants and Partnerships

## ► Aging

- Bridging Aging and Disability Community of Practice
  - Partnership with DDS, CDA, DOR, Alzheimer's Assn, Area Agencies on Aging, CFILC, DRC, Chinese Parents, USC
  - Advance CA's Master Plan on Aging
  - Thank you to CDD Ken DaRosa

# Strategic Grants and Partnerships

## ▶ Public Health Consortium

- DDS Service Access and Equity Grant
  - USC UCEDD
  - Create a public health consortium that builds on COVID pandemic work for other areas of health including Mpox and HIV, create curriculum for Masters program for health needs of people with IDD

# Strategic Grants and Partnerships

- ▶ Additional applications
  - Training from national self-advocates on Plain Language
  - Community of Practice to promote Supported Decision Making for youth
  - Request from the CA Office of Data Innovation to improve data analytics for Qualtrics information

# Vaccine Work Continues

- ▶ During Pandemic: over 116,000,000 PPE
- ▶ Vaccine work began February 2021 and continues
  - Initially for first-time vaccinations, now largely for boosters
- ▶ 66,230 SA & 308,308 FA/others reached through education/outreach activities
- ▶ 26,161 people vaccinated
- ▶ Collaborated with 81 entities
- ▶ Expanding to broader public health work

# Administration Update: Communications

## Black History Month (February)

- ▶ Thank you to Public Information Officer Michelle Cave for the focus on the contributions of Black Americans with disabilities
- ▶ Theme “Black Resistance”
  - Contributions of Black Americans past and present who have made significant contributions to the disability advocacy and disability rights movement through resistance

# Black History Month: Social Media



*Social Justice Pioneer, Disability Rights Activist*

**Johnnie Lacy**

1937 - 2010

After acquiring a disability, Johnnie Lacy became an advocate for disability rights and independence. Johnnie was a passionate advocate for people with disabilities to live in the community, leading her to the Center for Independent Living. Eventually, becoming the Director of Resources for Independent Living, she became a leading voice in the community in groundbreaking conversations primarily centered on multiple marginalized identities.



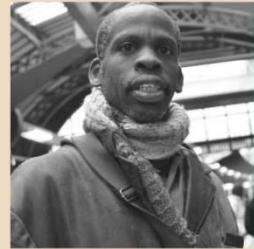
*Musical Prodigy, Pianist, Composer*

**Thomas Greene  
"Blind Tom" Wiggins**

1849 - 1908

Born blind, enslaved, and gifted with an incredible memory, "Blind Tom" was a musical prodigy who played piano by ear and composed music by age five, becoming one of the most famous artists of the 19th century. He could replicate music and repeat speeches mimicking the speaker, even in foreign languages.

Tom was the first Black performer to play at the White House (Pres. Buchanan) and toured the U.S. and Europe, earning up to \$100,000 a year, placing him among the best-paid performing artists of his time. But because of his enslaved status, he received very little money. Instead, his enslaver, Gen. James Neil Bethune, made a fortune from Tom even after emancipation when he became Tom's legal guardian. Although Tom passed before autism was commonly known, most historians believe he was on the autism spectrum. His music inspires people to this day.



*Activist, Journalist, Poet*

**Leroy F. Moore, Jr.**

Born 1967

As a contributor in the 1980s, Leroy Moore, Jr. was one of the first Black people who used social media to advocate for people with disabilities. He was a pioneer in using the internet and media to reclaim narrative and respect for people with disabilities.



*Inventor, Forensic Scientist*

**Bessie Blount**

1914 - 2009

Bessie Blount believed that it was important for people with disabilities to be able to feed themselves to have independence and increase their self-esteem. So, using her kitchen as a workshop, Blount invented a device that transported individual bites of food through a tube into a person's mouth. Blount's innovation was one of the earliest forms of assistive technology for people with disabilities.





# Administration Update: Grants

- ▶ Thank you to State Plan Manager Rihana Ahmad for creating a grant application portal: GrantVantage

The screenshot displays the GrantVantage application portal. At the top left is the SCDD logo (State Council on Developmental Disabilities) and a hamburger menu icon. The top right header reads "California State Council on Developmental Disabilities". The left sidebar, under the heading "Applicant" with a "Test" link, contains a list of navigation items: "Funding Announcement" (highlighted with a blue bar and an upward arrow icon), "My Submitted Application" (with an eye icon), "My Applicant Profile" (with an eye icon), "Users" (with a person icon and a right arrow), "Contacts" (with an eye icon), and "Documents" (with a document icon). The main content area features a search bar labeled "Announcement Name or Funding Announcement Number" with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, a card titled "Cycle 46 Program Development Grants (PDG)" displays the following information: "Fund Amount: \$260,000.00", "Funding Announcement Number (FOA) 23-24 Cycle 46", "Application Type Initial", and two dates with status icons: "02-16-2023, 12:00 AM PST" (green flag) and "05-22-2023, 11:59 PM PST" (red flag). A "View" button with an eye icon is located at the bottom right of the card.

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**Questions?**