

# DECEMBER NEWS



The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to insure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.



SCDD offices will be closed on December 25, 2024.

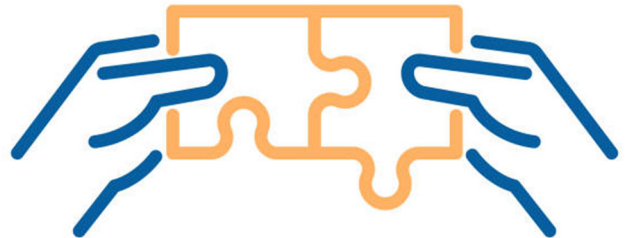
## Council Elections

State Council on Developmental Disabilities elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the November meeting.

Congratulations to **Julie Gaona** on her appointment as Chair of SCDD.

Congratulations to **Harold Ashe** on his appointment as Vice-Chair of SCDD.

## Resource Connection:



### Life Planning and Navigation:

If you or your loved one are in search of resources for **Long-Term Support Services** and planning, please visit Far Northern Regional Center's Resource page, [here](#).

### Self-Advocacy Resources & Beyond:

**Disability Rights California** (DRC) is the agency designated under federal law to protect and advocate for the rights of Californians with disabilities. Visit DRC Resources, [here](#).

### Barrier Elimination Resources:

**Disability Action Center** (DAC) provides free support to help community members with disabilities achieve and/or maintain their optimal level of self-reliance and independence. Visit DAC, [here](#).

Family Empowerment Centers-North State: We have two!

**Plumas Rural Services**, [here](#).

**Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California**, [here](#).

### Covered CA Open Enrollment:

The open enrollment period for Covered California in 2024–2025 is November 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. This is the time when anyone can apply for health insurance through Covered California for the upcoming year. Visit Covered CA, [here](#).