



CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Working to make California the best place for individuals with disabilities and their families

Our Story

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is an **independent state agency**, established by both federal and California law, dedicated to ensuring that people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families receive the services, supports, and opportunities they need to live, work, and thrive in their own communities.

More than 60% of the Council's members are **leaders with I/DD or their family members**. Their lived experiences drive every policy position, priority, and decision made by SCDD.

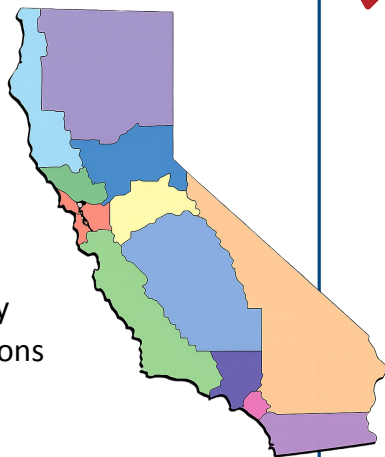
Through **advocacy, capacity-building, and systemic change**, SCDD challenges barriers, improves state policy, and creates opportunity for Californians with I/DD.

Established in 1969

Serving Californians for 55+ years

Serving All 58 Counties

With headquarters in Sacramento and 12 regional offices, SCDD connects people to services and supports where they live -- providing local solutions to local problems.



Our Impact

2025: By the numbers

3 million

Californians
impacted

34,000

people
trained

11,800
people advised
1:1 on
navigating
systems

5,600+

professionals
trained

950+

partner
agencies

15
languages
(training &
resources)

Beyond the numbers

- ✓ **SCDD's Family and Self-Advocacy Leadership Academies** are graduating strong advocates who support their peers, influence state policy, and are becoming leaders in communities throughout California.
- ✓ As a result of SCDD's work during the state's fire disasters, the **CARE Registry** was developed to safely evacuate and save lives of people with I/DD, their families, and others in southern California.
- ✓ Thousands now advance independence, choice, and control through the **Self-Determination** and **Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance** programs.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO EVERY LEGISLATOR

Over 625,680* Californians live with I/DD. Every community in your district includes those who depend on a well-resourced service system - and an independent Council to hold it accountable and drive improvement.

* based on the federal prevalence rate of 1.58%



Our Projects

Federally Funded

5-Year State Plan (2022-2026)

A federally mandated and funded, community-based State Plan informs all of the Council's statewide work. This plan is developed with significant input from Californians and is updated annually to reflect evolving needs and resources. The next 5-year State Plan cycle is currently in development and will be in effect from 2027-2031

scdd.ca.gov/stateplandevlopment/

State-Funded

Quality Assessment Project (QAP)

SCDD conducts annual quality assessment surveys to identify service outcomes for people with I/DD and their families. These federal surveys track employment, civil/service rights, community inclusion, choice, health and safety outcomes and identify satisfaction rates. scdd.ca.gov/qap/

Rights and Advocacy Project (RAP)

This project protects the rights of people with I/DD who live in the California Department of Developmental Services' facilities. The RAP helps people to plan for more independent lives, address care and treatment concerns, and ensure that their rights, dignity, and choices are fully considered and respected. scdd.ca.gov/rap/

From Policy to Action

Self-Determination Program (SDP)

This program provides individuals with I/DD and their families with more freedom, control, and responsibility in choosing services and support. SCDD works with the Department of Developmental Services to offer statewide orientations for people interested in the Self-Determination Program. The Council also supports the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) and 21 local Advisory Committees. scdd.ca.gov/sdp-home/

Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP)

In California law, Supported Decision-Making allows individuals with I/DD to choose their own team of supporters who will then have a legal right to be part of that person's decision-making process. These may include family members, friends, and/or other community members chosen to be trusted supporters. scdd.ca.gov/sdm-tap/

CONNECT WITH SCDD

We can answer your questions about people and systems. We welcome the opportunity to brief legislative staff, connect constituents with services, co-sponsor community events, and partner on I/DD policy solutions that work for all Californians.

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