

SCDD Executive Committee

Executive Director Report

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Overview

- End of Legislative Session Update
- There Should Be a Law Contest
- Progress on 5-year State Plan
- ACL Asks
- Town Halls

End of Legislative Session Update

SCDD Sponsored Legislation

- SB 1052 (Gonzalez) Authorized Representation
 - Held in Senate Appropriations Committee
 - Not moving this year, “dead”

- AB 2360 (Arambula) Plain Language
 - Held in Senate Appropriations Committee
 - Not moving this year, “dead”

End of Legislative Session Update

Policy Made Through the Budget Process

- \$2.4 million to SCDD for the Statewide Special Education Parent Action Network
 - Provide SCDD funds and authority
 - Provide enough to administrative funds to support the work (not jeopardize the federal grant)
- Standardized Assessment Tool
 - Ensure any tool developed will be used to support services, not deny services
 - Protect the IPP as the person-centered process, not the tool driving needs or decisions
- Porterville Developmental Centers
 - Limit Civil Commitments to 24 months (like those with criminal charges)
 - Address public safety concerns

Progress on 5-Year Plan

Big moment: End of 2022-2026 5-Year Plan

- We have met or exceeded all objective measures
- Our progress across all objectives targeted measures ranges between 100% to 205%.
 - Includes Objective 3.3 (the disparity obj, which was the only one that we had not met yet.)
 - As of today we have reached 5,024 family/self-advocates out of the targeted goal of 5,000 in Obj. 3.2 (*In order to reduce the disparities in obtaining a free, appropriate public education, the Council will work with 5,000 Spanish-speaking family/self-advocates throughout the state to advocate for and increase the number and type/quality of special education services they receive through their own local education agencies.*)

Numbers only tell part of the story

Progress on 5-Year Plan

Big moment: Submitted 2027-2031 5-Year Plan

On time, met August 15 deadline

Will wait for review by Administration on Community Living (ACL)

Administration on Community Living Asks

From May through September of 2026, what efforts has the DD Council engaged with Tribal Nations?

- **Training**

- Hoopa Education Department Advocate Training
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training with Native communities to provide CIT training for Tribal law enforcement entities.

- **Tribal Outreach & Engagement**

- Coyote Valley Band - A Day of Caring
- Consolidated Tribal Health Project - Gathering of Care
- Redding Rancheria Tribal Health and Wellness Fair

Administration on Community Living Asks

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- **Ongoing Collaborative Efforts with Tribal Nations**
 - Mendocino County Behavioral Health Board
 - Tribal Community Intervention Task Force Committee
 - Las Plumas High Indian Education
 - Statewide Tribal Liaison

Administration on Community Living Asks

How your Council has supported individuals who experienced fraud?

- A self-advocate (SA) contacted a CA DD Council office to report a case of financial abuse and fraud when refinancing a home that resulted in its foreclosure and the loss of approximately \$25,000. Council staff provided the victim with information on where to begin the reporting process and referred them to the Housing Rights Center and the state's Department of Fair Employment and Housing for further assistance and reporting guidance.
- A family advocate (FA) contacted a CA DD Council office to report suspected fraud and financial abuse by service providers who provide independent living services (ILS) and supported living services (SLS) to their family member. The FA also sought information about opportunities to influence policies that would strengthen accountability for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), regional centers, and service providers to prevent future abuse. SCDD staff shared examples of current and past policy efforts and advocacy opportunities, including the California State Auditor's report, the Council's *There Should Be a Law* contest,

Administration on Community Living Asks

How your Council has supported individuals who experienced fraud?

- CA DD Council staff assisted a caller who was concerned about a case of potential financial fraud, in which a supported living services (SLS) staff member had allegedly been accepting cash gifts from family advocates, in addition to the funding provided by the regional center. Council staff provided reporting information and referred the complainant to legal services.
- CA DD Council staff was contacted by the family of a young man with Down Syndrome who had been living in a regional center-vendored behavioral care home run by a large corporate entity. Although this 4-bed residential facility was paid approximately \$14,000 per month to provide behavioral oversight/intervention, residential care, personal supports, and close supervision, staff both neglected and over-medicated their son during an acute upper respiratory infection, sending him to school while ill, and failed to contact emergency medical response personnel in a timely manner, resulting in his death. SCDD staff provided the family with assistance and information about legal options and where to begin the reporting process. The care facility was ultimately investigated and, as a result, found to be at fault by state Community Care Licensing and fined, to the extent possible by law.

There Should Be a Law Contest

6th Annual There Should Be a Law Contest

If you ever had a problem and thought,
“there should be a law to fix this!”

Well, there is a solution—**YOU!**

Send the problem and your solution to
the California SCDD for a chance for
your idea to be selected and become
SCDD’s next legislative priority!

Q: What ideas can I submit for the contest?

A: The idea must benefit people
with intellectual and
developmental disabilities.

Q: Who can enter the contest?

A: Anyone can enter the contest.



184 Ideas Submitted

- 84 Human Services
- 30 Education
- 20 Civil Rights
- 18 Public Safety / Emergency Prep

Goal: Release no later than LPPC
Meeting September 10

Use:

- SCDD to identify bill it wants to sponsor
- Inform Legislature “Unfiltered Voice of the Community”
- Ideas for any to use

Town Halls



**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ARE COMING TO
COMMUNITIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA**

Town Halls

Bay Area

Date: August 27, 2026

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Location: Sobrato Center for Nonprofits

Sacramento

Date: September 11, 2026

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Location: Placer County Library

North Bay

Date: September 26, 2026

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Location: Napa Valley College

THANK YOU

Questions?

