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# 2026 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT (PPR)

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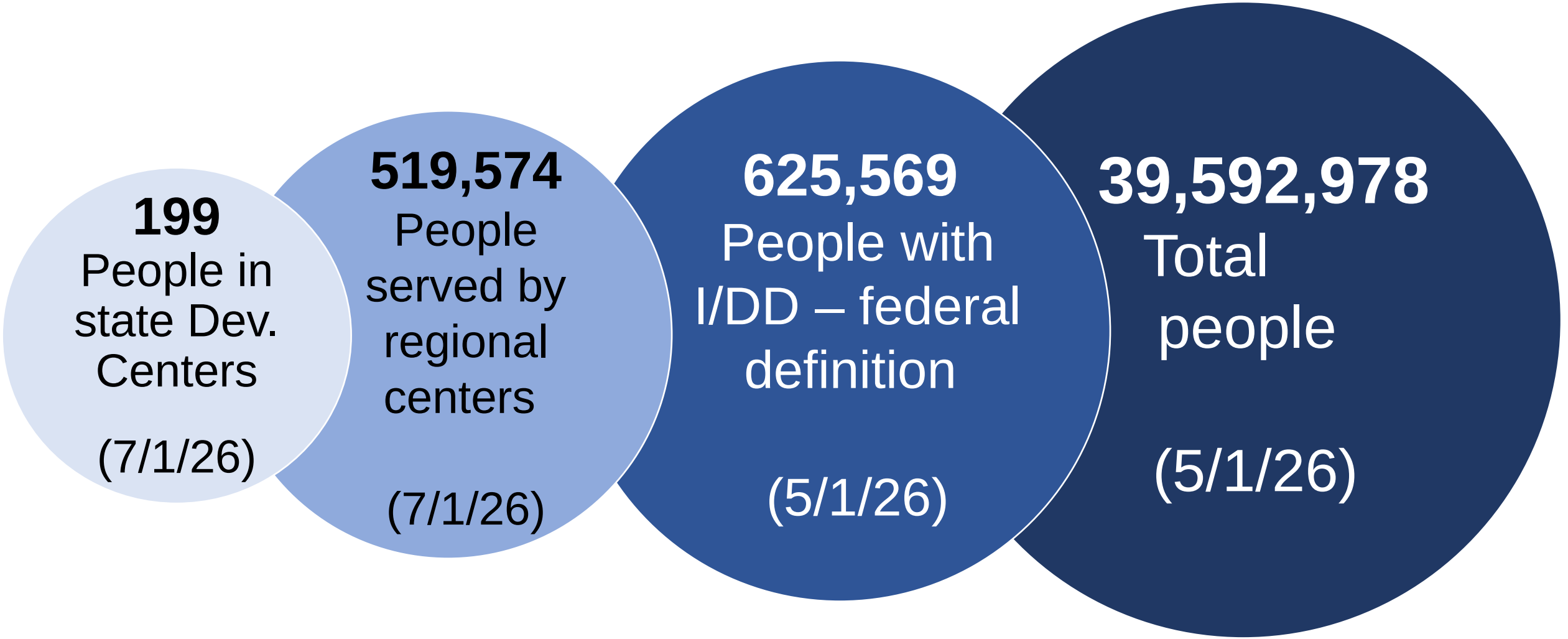
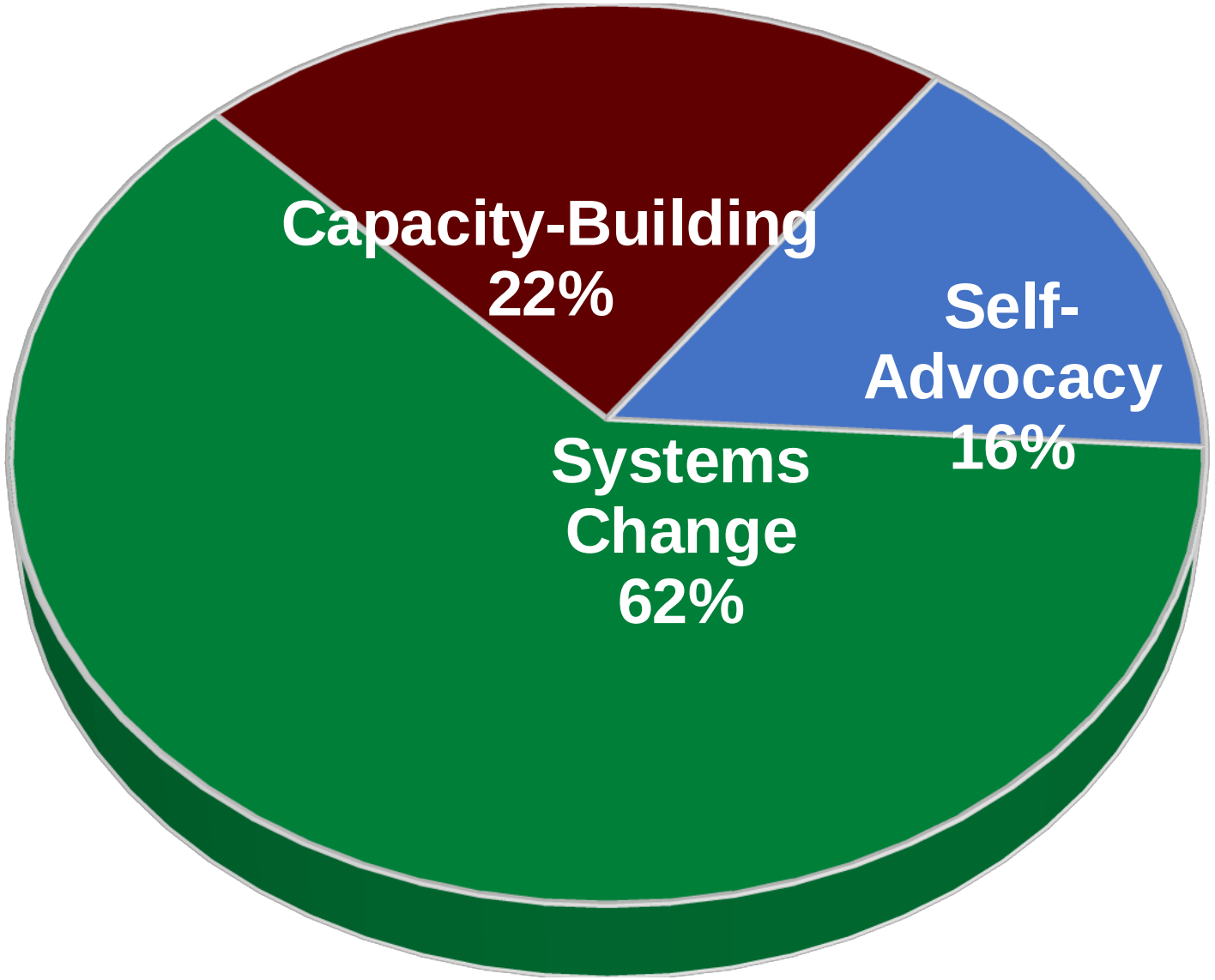


# 2026 Activities by Goal Area
(not including TA)



# GOAL 1
# SELF-ADVOCACY

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# Council's Self-Advocacy Efforts



**6** Statewide &
**8** Regional
Self-Advocacy Chats



**1** Statewide &
**8** Regional
Self-Advocacy Groups



**65** Trainings &
**486** Peer Leaders
Prepped



**10** Self-Advocacy Projects
**13** Events

# Leaders Empowering Self-Advocates (LESA)



LESA members who received SCDD TA/peer prep:

- Gave a 2-part training on Boardsmanship and Leadership
- Presented mental health training at the statewide People First conference

# SABLAC Support

Council staff provided the incoming SABLAC President with TA and support to take on the responsibilities of a new role.



SCDD supported SABLAC's subcommittee members with TA to increase skills for independently developing the new website.

# Self-Advocacy: Success Story

Last year, a WorkAbility student gained experience doing hands-on work at the Council's North Valley Hills office.

By the end of her WorkAbility project, she had decided to find competitive, integrated employment.

As a result of the resources and support provided by the Council, she found meaningful employment this year and is continuing her education.

# Self-Advocacy: Anecdote

As a result of application assistance provided by SCDD, a SAC6 member is now a voting member of the VMRC Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Advisory Committee.

This is the first time that a regional center client has served on this committee and their lived experience will be valuable to inform its work.

# GOAL 2
# SYSTEMS CHANGE & ADVOCACY



# Council's Systems Change Efforts



**Monitored 100 Systems/Entities**



**1,781 Meetings**



**267 Trainings & 3,390 Professionals trained**



**3 Statewide Projects**
**9 Regional Projects**

# Regional Center Systems Change Efforts

## Service Coordinator Training

- A regional center is now partnering with SCDD to onboard new service coordinators

## Service Code Directory

- SCDD launched a publicly accessible, online *Service Code Directory*
- The *Service Code Directory* is one of the Council's most visited resources

# Tribal Community Systems Change

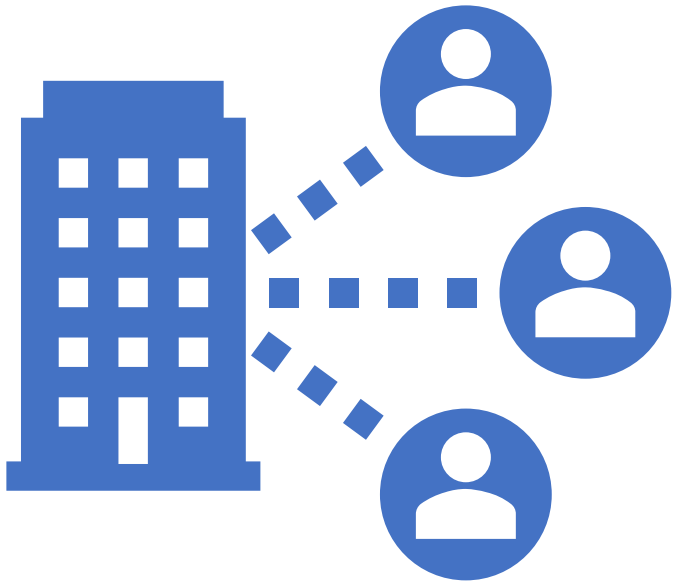
## Tribal Community Intervention Task Force Committees

- SCDD is working with Tribal Nations, health professionals, and education agencies to provide training, resources and culturally competent services for Tribal people with I/DD and their families

## Hoopa Education Department – Professional Advocate Training

- The Council is working with the Hoopa Education Department and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) to train trusted Tribal members as paid, professional, special education advocates

# SCDD Business Roundtable



Regional staff brought together business, government, and workforce partners to expand employment opportunities for people with I/DD across the Inland Empire.

Two employers have committed to creating paid internship opportunities, with support from Inland Regional Center and a service provider.

# Anecdote or Outcome:

Through SCDD's ALAS training, the mother of child with I/DD in the Self-Determination Program (SDP) has now developed an independent facilitation business, which reached capacity over the last two years and has a waiting list of families seeking support.

She thanked the Council for strengthening her advocacy skills and its ongoing support through ALAS en Acción as she expands her leadership, serving families.

# Anecdote:

A regional advisory committee member in their 40’s on the autism spectrum, has been a strong advocate for CIE, helping to launch the Business Roundtable.

After their employer relocated out of state, they were unable to find work, despite months of job-searching with his IRC service coordinator and DOR counselor. He reached out to SCDD for help.

The Council connected them with American Medical Response (AMR), a participating Business Roundtable employer with a vacant position matching his skills and experience.

# Systems Change: Success Story

## PG&E People with Disabilities Advisory Council

Through advocacy efforts with PG&E, SCDD has secured more accessible resources for people with I/DD and their families.

The Council's recommendations resulted in significant improvements to PG&E's website, with clearer access to ADA support services and greater engagement between PG&E and organizations that serve rural communities.

# GOAL 3
# CAPACITY BUILDING & ADVOCACY

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# Council's Capacity-Building Efforts



**315 Collaborative Meetings**



**Provided TA to 8,151 People**



**229 Trainings & 59 Peer Leaders Prepped**



**28 Capacity-Building Projects & 173 Events**

# Technical Assistance Clinics - 2026

**Regional center (RC) TA clinics:**

- Provided guidance on accessing RC services, developing Individual Program Plans (IPPs), navigating SDP, and due process.

**Special education TA clinics**:

- Following a 3-part virtual, statewide, special education training series (in Spanish), SCDD followed up with TA clinics to further support Spanish-speaking families of children with I/DD and other disabilities.

# Statewide Training: Housing Options

The Council partnered with Parents Helping Parents to provide a statewide training on housing options for adults with I/DD. Council staff provided curriculum and resources, including:

- Housing options
- Community Supports
- Developing meaningful housing-related IPP goals

This training - in both English and Spanish - reached over 200 people across the state.

# Statewide Trainings: Back-to-School

- The Council held 4 statewide *Back-to-School* workshops (2 in English and 2 in Spanish) for children and families entering the special education system
- Workshops provided information about special education rights, processes, and strategies for meaningful inclusion of students with disabilities

# Anecdote: Special Education Trainings

Participants in statewide special education trainings were actively engaged, raising questions about special education rights, transition and regional center coordination, and the potential impacts of federal IDEA changes. Feedback shared verbally and through the chat was positive.

These trainings resulted in several requests for TA and more SpEd-related trainings in Korean and Vietnamese

# Anecdote: Housing Training

SCDD staff received positive feedback from collaborative partner Parents Helping Parents following the statewide housing training. PHP described the curriculum presented by Council staff as comprehensive and resource-rich. There is now interest in continuing to partner on additional advanced and specialized housing training.

Participant survey results and engagement demonstrated that the Council's training increased awareness of housing options, navigation strategies, and available supports. It also highlighted ongoing need for training about affordable housing, future planning, and individualized community living options.

# Thank you!

After attending an SCDD Spanish-language special education clinic, a parent reached out to Council staff for more help. She said school staff brushed off her concerns and pressured her to sign her son's individualized education program (IEP). She felt intimidated and unsure about speaking up.

The clinics helped her feel less alone and start to regain her confidence. She now wants to learn more about the IEP process and find new ways to speak up for the services and support her son needs.

# 2026 OVERVIEW

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# All State Plan measures across all Goals and Objectives have been met or exceeded!





# Disparity Outreach

## Activities Serving Diverse Populations

- **61 Mental illness**
- **74 African-American**
- **35 Asian**
- **158 Cross-disabilities**
- **41 Elders**
- **43 Native/Tribal/Alaskan Native**
- **4 Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander**
- **339 Hispanic/Spanish-speaking**
- **28 Homeless/Unhoused**
- **152 Rural/Frontier**
- **19 LGBTQIA+**
- **7 Veterans**
- **14 Refugee**
- **101 Other**

# Disparity Outreach

## Activities Inclusive of non-English Languages

- 1 Arabic
- 1 Armenian
- 21 Chinese
- 1 Farsi
- 4 Hmong
- 1 Indigenous Languages
- 5 Japanese
- 42 Korean
- 2 Russian
- 66 Sign Language
- 350 Spanish
- 2 Tagalog
- 59 Vietnamese

# 2026 Collaborative Partners

## Federal Partners

DRC

UCD Mind Institute

UCLA Tarjan Center

USC Children's Hospital

## State Agencies/Depts.

Cal Able

Cal OES

Caltrans

CDA

CDE

CDPH

CHHS

DDS

DOJ

DOR

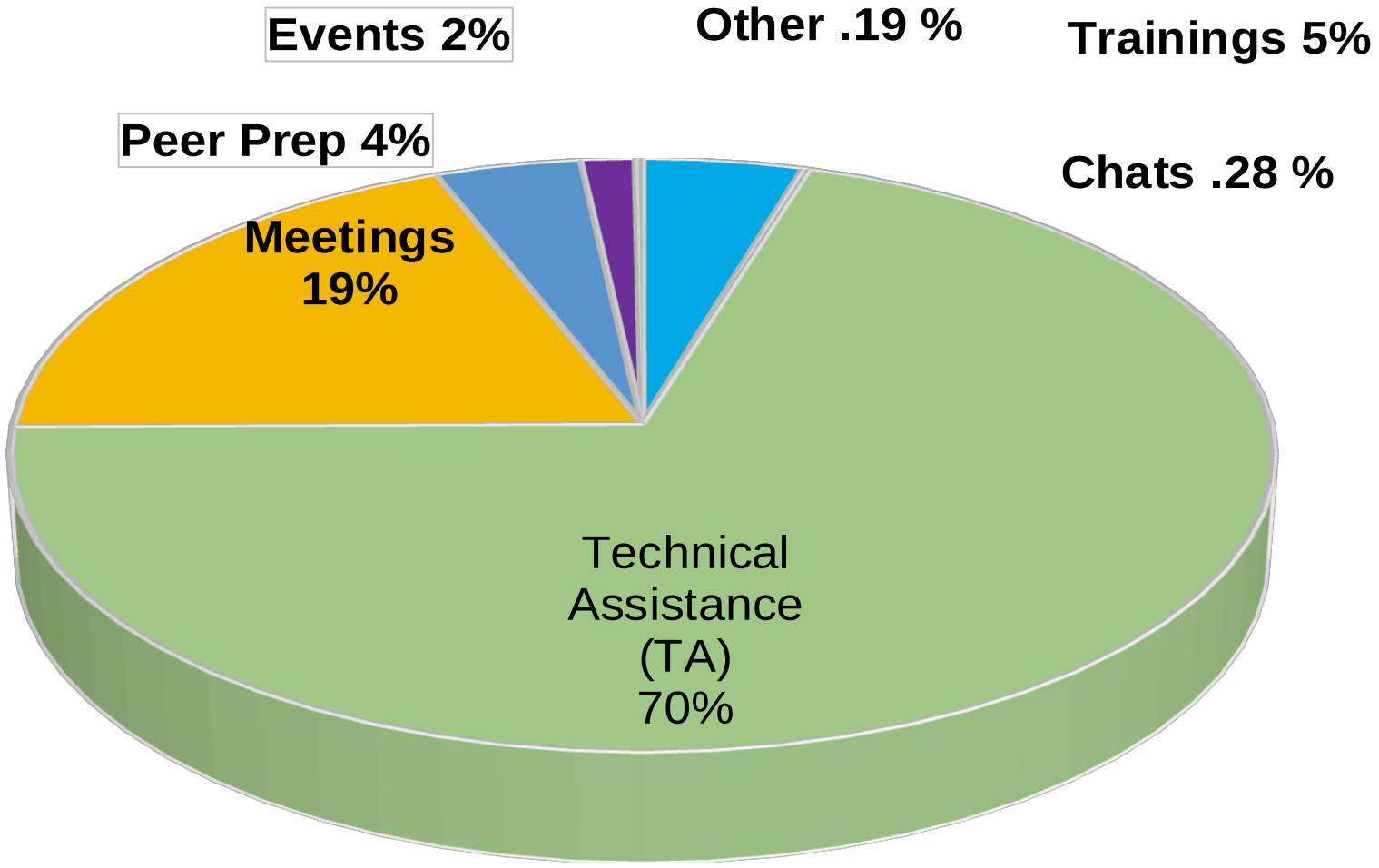
## Other State & Local Collaborative Partners

- Over 1,000 entities throughout the state

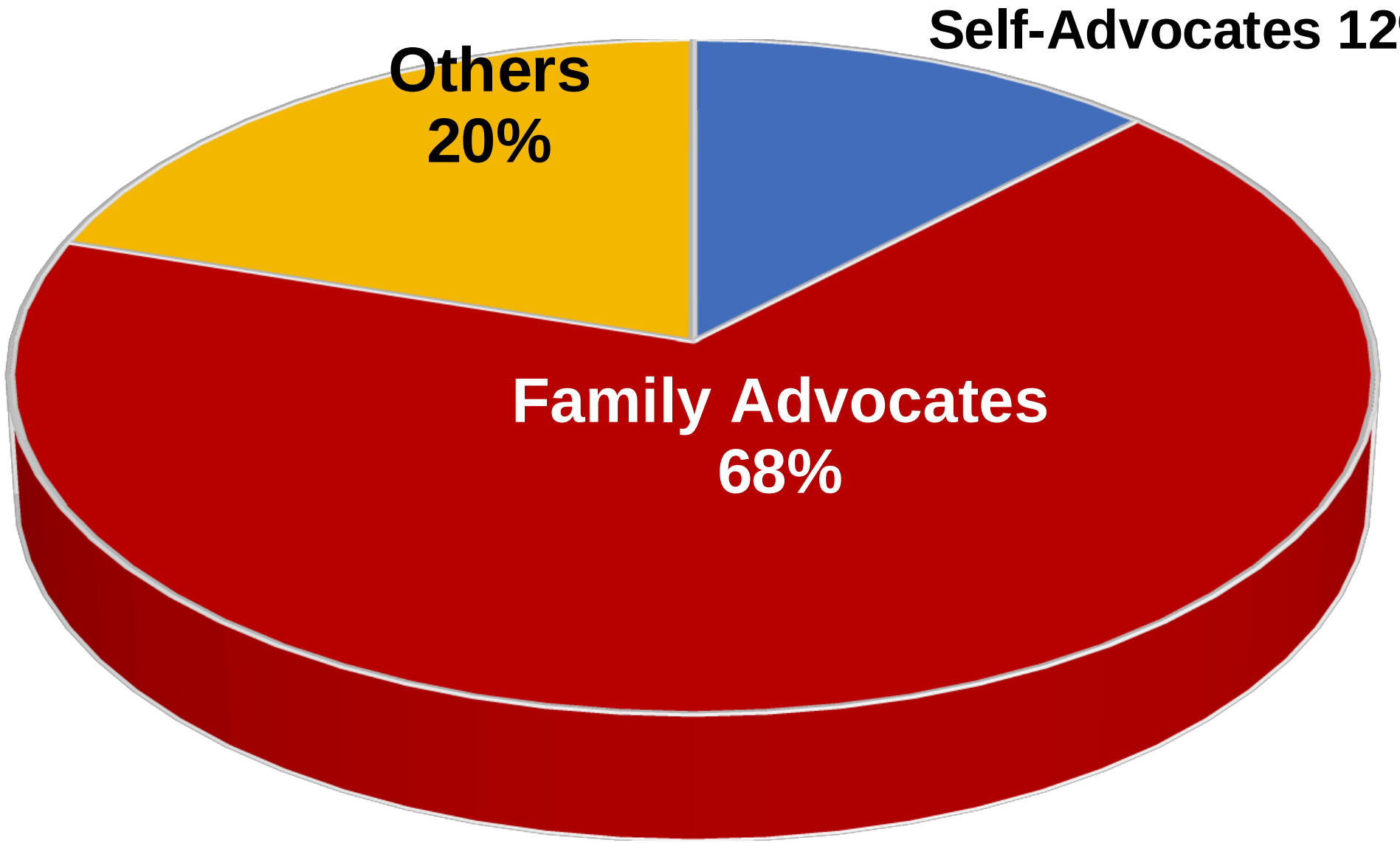
(e.g. regional centers, school districts, community-based organizations, etc.)

# 2026 Major Activities

**Total # of Activities: 12,336**



# 2026: Total People Trained (All Goals)

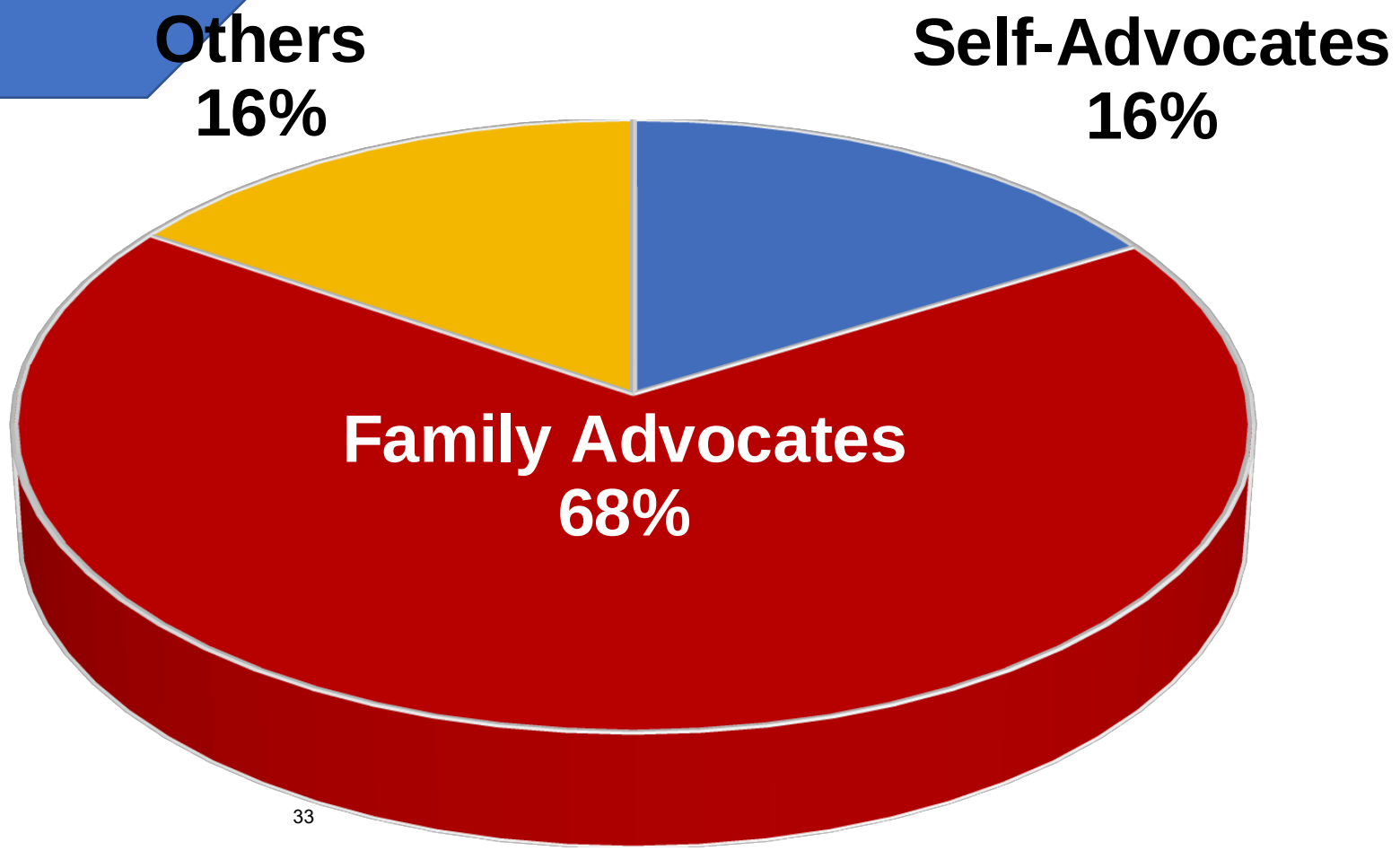



Total trainings: **561**

Total people trained: **27,913**

# 2026: Total Technical Assistance

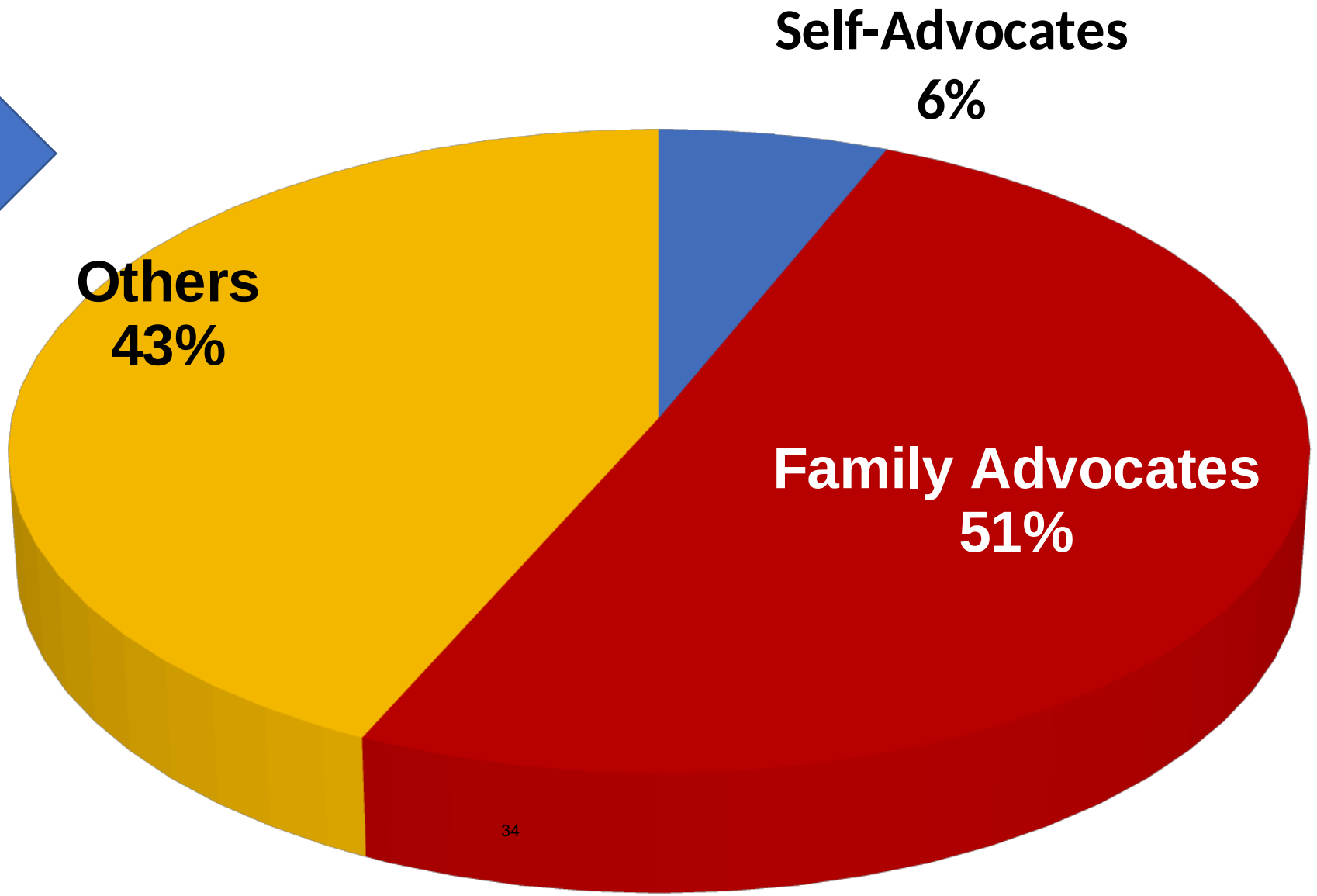
**Total People reached through TA: 8,607**



# 2026 Total People Reached

(through trainings, meetings, events & technical assistance)

92,652 people



# Federal Performance Measures

96% SA & FA increased advocacy as result of the Council's work

94% are better able to say what they want or what is important to them

98% satisfaction rate

# Key Takeaways



**Met or exceeded all State Plan measures**



**Increased Systems Change work due to federal climate and community request**



**Increased number of people trained with fewer total trainings**



**Beginning to see effects of agency-wide effort to shift towards more statewide work**

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# Total number of Californians directly reached through SCDD activities and outreach efforts in 2026:

# 141,841