



North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Director's Report
June 2026

1. NLACRC Spotlight:

A. NLACRC hosted its annual employee recognition.

- i. The event celebrated and acknowledged the dedication and contributions of our workforce.
- ii. The event recognized employees for milestone years of service in 5-year increments.
 1. NLACRC specifically honored 28 employees who have achieved 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service with the organization.
- iii. NLACRC continues to maintain a strong foundation of long-tenured employees:
 1. 7% of employees have been with the organization for over 20 years.
 2. The average employee tenure at NLACRC is 5.3 years.
 - a. Industry norm across healthcare and non-profit organizations is 3-6 years.
- iv. Note:
 1. 20% of employees have been with the organization for less than 1 year.

B. Podcast with Assemblyman Juan Carrillo

- i. The conversation highlighted Assemblymember Carrillo's journey into political advocacy and public service.
- ii. The podcast also focused on the importance of building sustainable community infrastructure to support continued regional growth and community needs.

C. 1st Community Listening Session – Armenian Community

- i. NLACRC's Executive Director and Board President met with 12 members of the Armenian community to discuss gaps in service awareness.
- ii. Key Takeaways:
 1. Participants emphasized the need for Armenian-language resources, culturally responsive education, and clearer communication to help families better understand and access services.
 2. Families highlighted the value of trusted community partnerships, parent-to-parent support networks, and stronger service navigation assistance to improve engagement with NLACRC.
- iii. NLACRC will share a summary of findings and recommended next steps with internal and external stakeholders once all Community Listening Sessions have concluded.

D. Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to Join Clinical Department

- i. NLACRC has successfully hired a BCBA to join the Clinical Services Department, concluding a recruitment effort that lasted more than a year. N
- ii. The service proved challenging due to the limited availability of qualified BCBA's, particularly those with experience supporting adults with developmental disabilities.

2. Legislative Updates:

A. The May Revision

- i. Proposes a stable and growing developmental services budget, including a \$2.8 billion increase with no identified DDS service cuts. Total Budget is \$21.6 billion.

B. Key Investments

- i. Improved federal funding capture through better data matching (\$150M/year)
- ii. Equitable Needs/Consistent Assessment rollout to standardize intake across regional centers
- iii. One grievance/appeals support position per regional center beginning February 1, 2027

C. Medi-Cal Asset Limits

- i. Beginning January 1, 2027: Asset limits return.
 - 1. \$2,000 individual / \$3,000 couple
- ii. Individuals exceeding asset limits may lose Medi-Cal eligibility, which could impact In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) eligibility.

D. Senate & Assembly Stance on May Revision

- i. Both the Senate Subcommittee #3 on Health & Human Services and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 convened to discuss their stance on the May Revision.
- ii. Key Takeaways:
 - 1. Extension of the implementation date of the proposed reduced asset limit for Medi-Cal, which would also apply to IHSS
 - 2. Rejection of proposed changes to IHSS, including cost of shifting to counties and lowering of the asset limit;
 - 3. Continuation of Proposition 56 rate augmentations for dental services until a later date
 - 4. Rejection of the proposal to increase the age for Adult Protective Services jurisdiction for non-department adults from 60-65
- iii. Both legislative houses must deliver a single legislative budget to send to the Governor for action no later than 6/15/26.

3. Center Updates:

A. Recruitment

- i. Total # of positions filled: 979
 - a. Total # of positions authorized: 1079
- ii. May 2026 New Hires:
 - a. 1st Cycle (6/1/2026): 4 confirmed
 - b. 2nd Cycle (6/15/2026): 10 unconfirmed
 - c. 3rd Cycle (6/28/2026): 0 unconfirmed

B. Client Served Statistics:

- i. Total Served: 42,651
 - a. Early Start: 5,117
 - b. Lanterman: 39,968
- ii. Breakdown of all three valleys:
 - a. AV (Early Start & Lanterman): 10,273
 - b. SCV (Early Start & Lanterman): 4,696
 - c. SFV (Early Start & Lanterman): 24,999
- iii. Intake all three valleys: 865 & Early Start Intake: 451
- iv. All other categories not captured in Early Start, Lanterman, and Intake, such as Provisional, Enhanced, Specialized, and other which would total: 1,367

C. Quality Assurance

- i. NLACRC's Quality Assurance team conducted 116 residential visits
 - 1. 63 Unannounced In-Person Visits
 - 2. 4 Corrective Action Plans developed with residential providers
 - 3. 1 Plan of Improvement with a non-licensed residential provider

4. Outreach & Community Engagement Highlights:

A. Event: Regional Center on Wheels – Spring Series Launch

- i. On May 13, 2026, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) team launched the Spring Series for Regional Center on Wheels in the San Fernando Valley.
- ii. The series is scheduled to run through June 24, 2026, and includes outreach events at four community locations throughout the northeast San Fernando Valley.
- iii. The initiative was developed to increase community awareness of regional center services and provide families with direct access to information, resources, and support.

B. Event: ACES Aware Day – San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center

- i. On May 19, 2026, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging outreach team participated in ACES Aware Day at the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center in Van Nuys.

- ii. The event was held in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month and focused on increasing awareness of adverse childhood experiences, mental wellness, and available community supports.
- iii. Staff shared information about regional center services and resources, connected with families and individuals who may benefit from transition-age and post-secondary supports, and strengthened partnerships with community organizations.

C. Event: Regional Center on Wheels – City of San Fernando

- i. On May 27, 2026, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging outreach team hosted the first Regional Center on Wheels event in partnership with the City of San Fernando.
- ii. The event was designed to increase community access to information about regional center services and establish a local presence within the San Fernando community.
- iii. Staff provided information about available services, reconnected with existing families, and supported prospective families with eligibility information and the application process.

D. Event: Care & Connect Autism Resource Fair

- i. On May 30, 2026, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging outreach team participated in the Care & Connect Autism Resource Fair in Santa Clarita at the invitation of Senator Suzette Valladares' office.
- ii. The event focused on connecting families to autism-related resources, early intervention services, and community supports.
- iii. NLACRC Outreach Language Specialist Nahid provided a presentation on regional center services and shared information about early intervention resources with community members and families seeking support.

E. Event: Filipino Independence Day Workshop and Celebration

- i. On June 12, 2026, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging team and Family Focus Resource Center will partner with the Department of Mental Health to host a Filipino Independence Day workshop and celebration.
- ii. The event will focus on emotional well-being, neurodevelopmental disorders, and the important role of caregivers in supporting individuals and families.
- iii. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about available community resources, engage in educational discussions, and celebrate Filipino culture and community.

5. Upcoming Disability Organization Events/Activities

- A.** State Council on Developmental Disabilities next council meeting – July 21, 2026
- B.** Disability Rights California's next board meeting—June 27, 2026
- C.** Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee meeting—June 18, 2026