



North Los Angeles County Regional Center

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 13, 2026

To: Tal Segalovitch, Chair, Jaklen Keshishyan, Alt. Chair, Jodie Agnew-Navarro, Octavia Watkins, Masood Babaeian, Paul Borda, Andrea Devers, Ricki Macken-Chilvers, Vahe Mkrtchian, Jen Pippard, Sharon Weinberg, Jason Gillis, David Ebrami, Desiree Misrachi, Alona Yorkshire, Lea Munoz

From: Lindsay Granger
Executive Administrative Assistant

Re: Information and materials for the next Vendor Advisory Committee meeting on **Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.**

Attached is information for the next committee meeting. Please review this information prior to the meeting.

The meeting is a Hybrid Meeting and will be remotely accessible by Zoom. We will send you the Zoom access information via email. The in-person meeting location will be at the NLACRC Chatsworth Office.

If you have any questions, or if you are unable to attend the meeting, please send us an email to boardsupport@nlacrc.org. Thank you!

Attachments

c: Angela Pao-Johnson, NLACRC Executive Director,
Evelyn McOmie, Deputy Director

Section 7. Vendor Advisory Committee.

(a) Composition. The membership of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall consist of not more than eighteen (18) members who are either current vendors in good standing of the Corporation or are employed by vendors in good standing of the Corporation.

(b) It shall be composed of persons representing a wide variety of the various categories of providers from which the Regional Center purchases consumer services. The Vendor Advisory Committee shall designate one (1) of its members to serve as a member of the Board (i.e., the Vendor Trustee). The Vendor Trustee shall serve as chairperson. The Vendor Trustee's term shall be one (1) year. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Vendor Advisory Committee.

(c) Appointment and Term of Members. The members of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Board from a slate of candidates provided by Vendor Advisory Committee, and shall each serve a term of three (3) years unless an earlier vacancy occurs as provided in the Bylaws. Each member of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall each serve a term of three (3) years unless the member is elected to fill a vacancy in which case the "replacement" member serves the remainder of the term of the member vacating their seat. Such term shall commence on July 1 of the year in which a member is elected unless the member has been elected to fill a vacancy as provided for herein. In the event a member has been elected to fill such vacancy, the term shall commence upon election and shall continue for the balance of the regular term subject to such vacancy. No member shall serve on the Vendor Advisory Committee for more than six (6) consecutive years. An individual who has served six (6) consecutive years shall not be eligible to again serve as a member of the Vendor Advisory Committee for a period of twelve (12) months. If an individual who resigns from the Vendor Advisory Committee prior to the expiration of his or her term is re-appointed to the Vendor Advisory Committee in less than twelve (12) months, his or her prior months/years served on the Vendor Advisory Committee shall be considered part of the person's term.

(d) Duties. The duties of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall be to provide advice, guidance, recommendations, and technical assistance to the Board to assist the Board in carrying out its mandated duties.

Section 8. Consumer Advisory Committee.

(a) Composition. The Consumer Advisory Committee shall be composed of adult consumers who reside in the regional center's catchment area and participate in five Consumer Advisory Committee meetings during any 12-month period. Members of the Consumer Advisory Committee, once qualified by attendance

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Vendor Advisory Committee
Procedures and Guidelines

Bylaws

The Vendor Advisory Committee is established as a standing committee in Article VII, Section 9, of the bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the NLACRC pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4622 and 4626. The Vendor Advisory Committee is responsible for designating a committee member.

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Appointment of Vendor Advisory Committee

The Vendor Advisory Committee is responsible for assuring that qualified and interested persons are nominated for membership on the committee.

Membership

In order to be a Vendor Advisory Committee member in good standing, a person must be a vendor, or a board member or employee of a NLACRC vendored program. A change in board membership, employment status or vendor status may affect the person's eligibility or representation. Any such change must be reported in writing immediately to the Board of Trustees for its consideration. If a member misses three consecutive meetings, or five meetings in a one-year period, he/she shall be considered to have resigned from the Vendor Advisory Committee.

Meeting Frequency

The Vendor Advisory Committee shall meet monthly, except for dark months. The meetings shall be scheduled for a full year following seating of the members each year. A copy of the scheduled meetings will be provided to the Vendor Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees. Other meetings may be scheduled and called by the chairperson of the committee.

Relationship to the Board of Trustees

- Selection of chairperson/designee to the Board of Trustees:

The committee shall follow the written procedure by the committee for selection of the chairperson/designee to the Board of Trustees. The person should be a member in good standing. The committee shall determine the financial interest of each member considered for selection prior to the final selection to assure compliance with Government Code Section 87103. The financial information is to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its review and final determination prior to the seating of the designee on the Board.

The designee shall be selected for a one-year term.

The designee shall not serve as a voting member of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees.

- Submission of Advice:

The Vendor Advisory Committee, as a standing committee of the Board of Trustees, shall submit advice through reports submitted by its chairperson/designee to the board.

- Training:

The Vendor Advisory Committee shall schedule a background and training session for its members annually after new members are seated.

- Staff Support:

Staff support shall be provided through the Executive Director of the regional center.

Voting by the Designee Member

As per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4622 (9), the designee member of the Board of Trustees shall not do any of the following:

- Serve as an officer of the Board of Trustees.
- Vote on any fiscal matter affecting the purchase of services from any regional center provider.
- Vote on any issue other than as described in subparagraph (B), in which the member has a financial interest, as defined in Section 87103 of the Government Code, and determined by the regional center board. The member shall provide a list of his or her financial interests, as defined in Section 87103, to the regional center board.

Procedures for Selection of VAC Members

The Vendor Advisory Committee is responsible for assuring that qualified and interested persons are nominated for membership. The following timetable has been developed to assure timely action by the committee and the board:

- An email is to be sent out during the annual recruitment period to all providers serving consumers in the NLACRC catchment area to solicit applications for committee membership.
- In addition, board and staff recommendations may be made for persons to serve on the committee.
- A description of the VAC and application will be sent upon request.
- The board liaison tracks and follows-up on applications sent to prospective VAC members. This includes contacting the prospective VAC member to ascertain if assistance is needed to complete the application or if there is a desire to speak with a current VAC member. The board liaison will submit all completed applications to the committee, arrange required interviews with the committee, as well as record any

action on the application the committee takes.

- All applicants seeking consideration for appointment to the Vendor Advisory Committee must submit a completed application, a current resume, and a personal letter of interest by the established deadline. Only applicants who have submitted all required materials by the deadline will be eligible for review and consideration by the Committee at its scheduled meeting.
- In November of each year, an application to Serve an Additional Term on the VAC is sent with a cover letter by the board liaison to each member of the VAC whose term of office expires in June of the next year and who is eligible to serve another term. The application should be signed and returned to the Vendor Advisory Committee by December 15th.

Persons serving on the committee serve as individuals and not as representatives of their agencies. They are selected for their own expertise based upon their individual credentials. Members of the committee may be individual providers or employees of provider agencies serving NLACRC consumers. In order to provide wide representation on the VAC, attempts should be made to avoid more than one member from an agency; in no instance may there be more than two members elected from one agency.

The Vendor Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees should assure a wide range of representation on the VAC.

Examples of categories to be represented:

- Living Arrangements - Large and small (agency and individual) providers of various community living (residential) services, including: community care licensed residences (owner operated and staff operated); health licensed facilities (ICF/DD-H, ICF/DD-N); and alternative living services (such as supported living services, adult family home agencies, foster home agencies for children, etc.).
- Skill Development - Infant and early intervention programs, adult day training programs, independent living programs, etc.
- Support Services - Respite and home health agencies, behavior consultation, day care and after school programs, Saturday programs, transportation, mobility training, supported employment, etc.



Approved on:



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Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

FY 2026-27

~ No meeting in July 2027 ~

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Hybrid – Chatsworth NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Hybrid – Santa Clarita NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

~ No meeting in October 2026 ~

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Hybrid – Antelope Valley NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

~ No meeting in December 2026 ~

Thursday, January 14, 2027

Hybrid – Chatsworth NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 11, 2027

Hybrid – Santa Clarita NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2027

Hybrid – Antelope Valley NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 8, 2027

Hybrid – Chatsworth NLACRC

9:30 a.m.



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Thursday, May 13, 2027

Hybrid – Santa Clarita NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 10, 2027

Hybrid – Antelope Valley NLACRC

9:30 a.m.

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Vendor Advisory Committee

CRITICAL CALENDAR FOR FY 2026-27

JULY

The committee will not be meeting in July.

AUGUST

- Establish VAC Representatives for Committees of the Board
 - Align committee goals, priorities, and workgroups for current fiscal year
 - Provide committee with fiscal year meeting schedule
 - Committee is provided with copies of their approved critical calendar for the new fiscal year.
 - Committee Orientation
 - Welcome new VAC members
 - Review action log from previous fiscal year
 - Vote on October meeting schedule.
 - System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
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SEPTEMBER

- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
 - Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *
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OCTOBER

The committee will not be meeting in October.

NOVEMBER

- Vendor Advisory Committee members with expiring terms and eligible for re-nomination are mailed forms on November 1st to complete to indicate interest. Interest forms are due to boardsupport@nlacrc.org by December 15th.
 - Put a call for new VAC members
 - System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
 - Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *
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DECEMBER

The committee will not be meeting in December.

Vendor Advisory Committee members with expiring terms and eligible for re-nomination interest forms are due to boardsupport@nlacrc.org by December 15th.

JANUARY

- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
- Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *
- Announcement of ARCA Grassroots and seek members to participate (pending date).

FEBRUARY

- Seek committee members to participate in Grass Roots Week (April)
- Solicit nominations for the Annual Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award
- Review and Discuss Applications for VAC members
- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
- Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *

MARCH

- Conduct Interviews with VAC Applicants
- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
- NLACRC Grass Roots Week update
- Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *

APRIL

- VAC members interested in serving as Chair and an Alternate Chair for next fiscal year are identified
- Vote on VAC Applicants for next fiscal year to present to the Board of Trustees
- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
- Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *

MAY

- A Chair and an Alternate Chair for next fiscal year is elected
- Committee reviews and approves the committee's draft critical calendar for next fiscal year.
- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
- Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *
- Discuss committee goals for next fiscal year

JUNE

- System/Industry Issues/Open Topics for Discussion
 - Workgroup and/or Committee Report Out *
 - New Members of the Vendor Advisory Committee are announced.
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**Workgroups meet monthly or bimonthly and report outs will be provided as available*

Approved on:

2026-2027 Board of Trustees / Committee Meeting Schedule
August through July DRAFT

August 2026

	TBD		BOARD ORIENTATION (In-Person Chatsworth)
W	08/05/26	5:30pm	NOMINATING
Th	08/06/26	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	08/10/26	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	08/12/26	4:00pm	BOARD PRE-MEETING DINNER (OPTIONAL)
W	08/12/26	5:00pm	DDS MEETING IN-PERSON
W	08/12/26	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING (Hybrid - Chatsworth)
Th	08/13/26	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Chatsworth)
W	08/19/26	5:00pm	COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Zoom)
Th	08/20/26	5:00pm	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL TRUST
Th	08/27/26	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

October 2026

December 2026

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February 2027

W	02/03/27	5:30pm	NOMINATING
Th	02/04/27	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	02/08/27	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	02/10/27	4:00pm	BOARD PRE-MEETING DINNER (OPTONAL)
W	02/10/27	5:00pm	DDS MEETING IN-PERSON
W	02/10/27	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING (Hybrid - Antelope Valley)
Th	02/11/27	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Santa Clarita)
Th	02/18/27	5:00pm	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL
Th	02/25/27	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

April 2027

Th	04/01/27	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
W	04/07/27	5:30pm	NOMINATING
Th	04/08/27	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Chatsworth)
M	04/12/27	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	04/14/27	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING
Th	04/29/27	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

June 2027

Th	06/03/27	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	06/07/27	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	06/09/27	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING
Th	06/10/27	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Antelope Valley)

September 2026

W	09/02/26	5:30pm	NOMINATING
Th	09/03/26	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	09/07/26	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	09/09/26	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING
Th	09/10/26	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Santa Clarita)
Th	09/24/26	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

November 2026

Th	11/05/26	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	11/09/26	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
M	11/11/26	4:00pm	BOARD PRE-MEETING DINNER (OPTIONAL)
M	11/11/26	5:00pm	DDS MEETING IN-PERSON
W	11/11/26	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING (Hybrid - Santa Clarita)
Th	11/12/26	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Antelope Valley)
W	11/18/26	5:00pm	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Th	11/19/26	5:00pm	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL TRUST
TBD	TBD	TBD	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

January 2027

W	01/06/27	5:30pm	NOMINATING
Th	01/07/27	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	01/11/27	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	01/13/27	5:00pm	BOARD MEETING
Th	01/14/27	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Chatsworth)
W	01/20/27	5:00pm	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Th	01/28/27	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

March 2027

W	03/03/27	5:30pm	NOMINATING
Th	03/04/27	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	03/08/27	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	03/10/27	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING
Th	03/11/27	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Antelope Valley)
W	03/17/27	5:00pm	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Th	03/25/27	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

May 2027

Th	05/06/27	5:00pm	CONSUMER ADVISORY
M	05/10/27	5:00pm	BOARD PACKET REVIEW AND TRAINING
W	05/12/27	4:00pm	BOARD PRE-MEETING DINNER (OPTIONAL)
W	05/12/27	5:00pm	DDS MEETING IN-PERSON
W	05/12/27	6:00pm	BOARD MEETING (Hybrid - Chatsworth)
Th	05/13/27	9:30am	VENDOR ADVISORY (Hybrid - Santa Clarita)
W	05/19/27	5:00pm	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Th	05/20/27	5:00pm	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL TRUST
Th	05/27/27	5:00pm	EXECUTIVE FINANCE

July 2027

July 2021

Dark Month* - July, October, and December



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Self Determination Program Report - Implementation Updates

August 1, 2026

North Los Angeles County Regional Center Statistics:

Total number of budgets that are certified: **927** (increased by 48)

Total number of spending plans that are approved: **866**

Total number of spending plans in progress: **26**

Total number of PCP's completed: **752** (increased by 49)

Total number of participants that did not continue after receiving budget: **3**

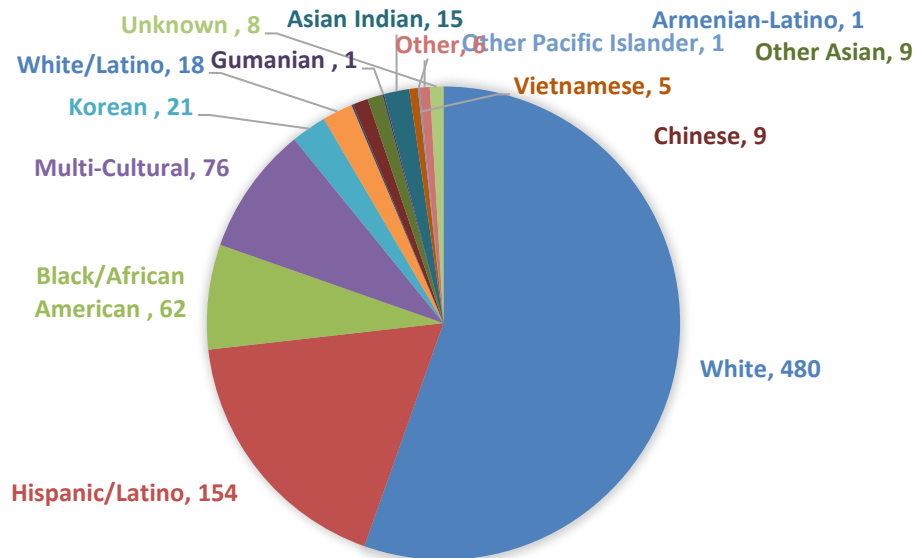
Total number of participants that have opted out of SDP: **19**

Total number of Inter-Regional Center Transfers (out): **13**

Total number of Inter-Regional Center Transfers (in): **2** (increased by 2)

Participants that have fully transitioned into SDP with approved spending plans and active SDP IPPs: **866** (Transitions 21 in July & 36 in August)

ETHNICITY OF CURRENT PARTICIPANTS IN SDP



Transitions based on ethnicity:

White: 19

Latino/Hispanic: 9

African American: 2

Asian Indian: 1

Korean: 1

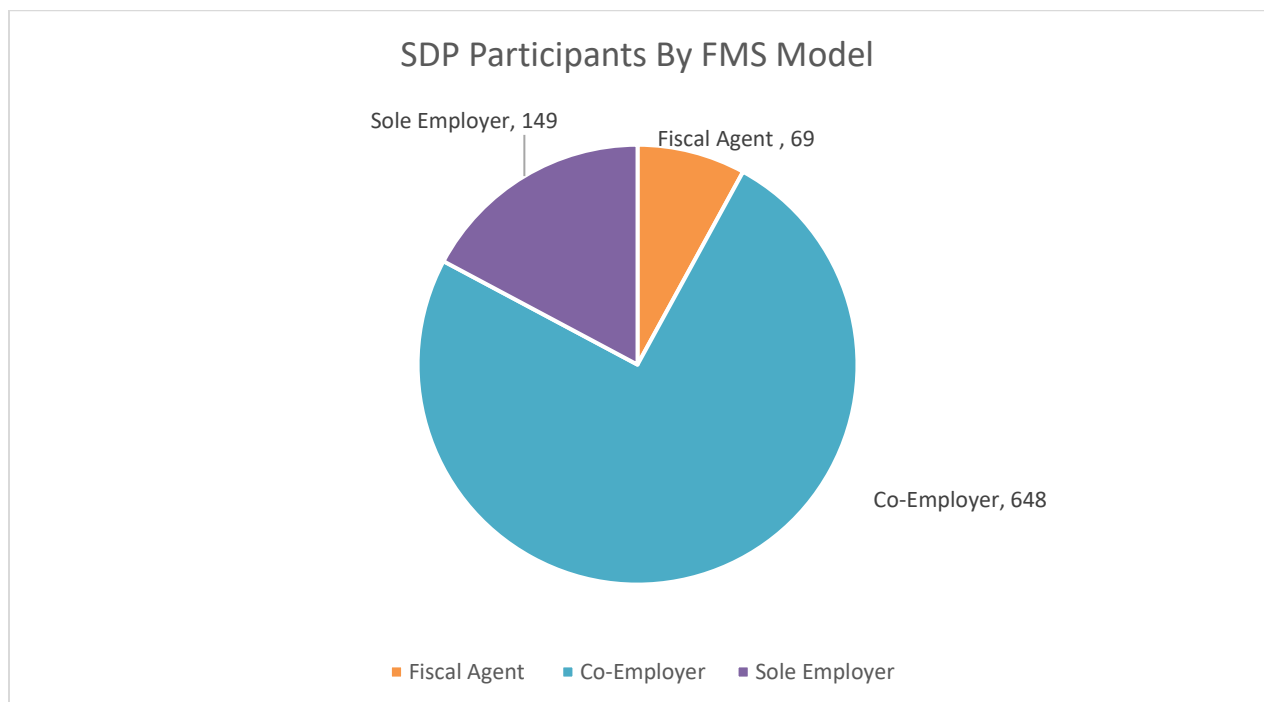
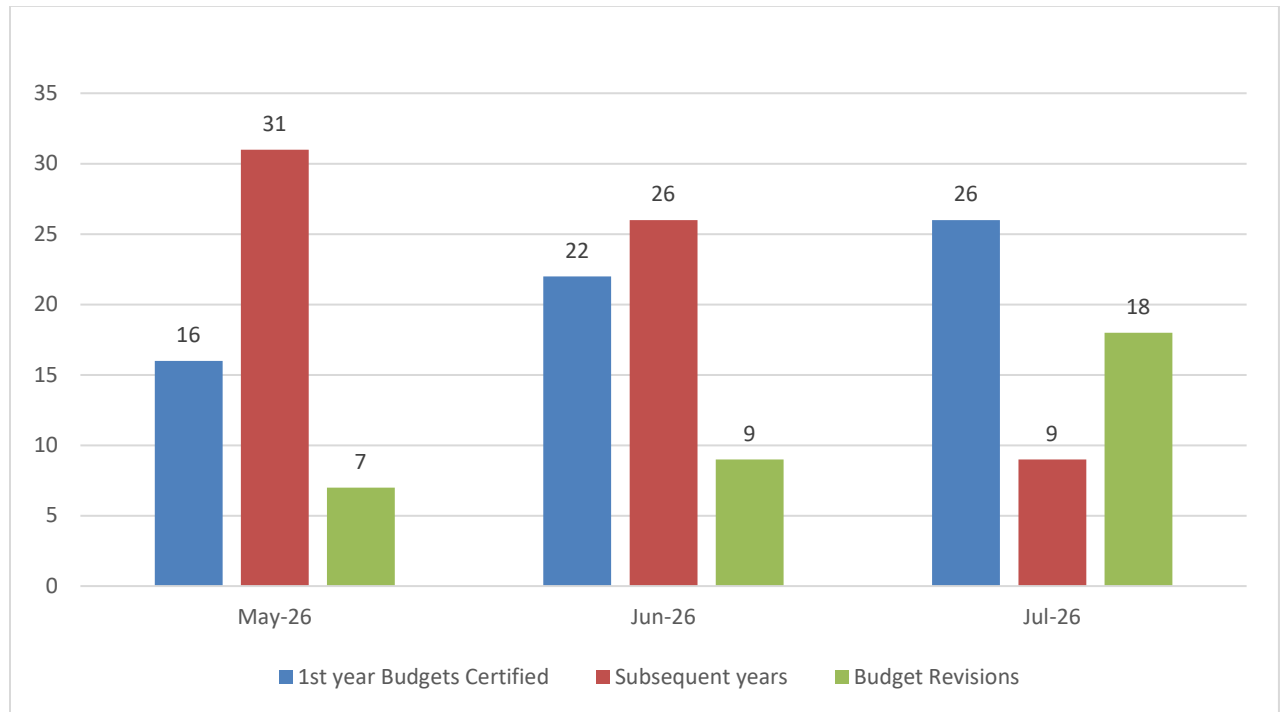
Asian: 1

Filipino: 1

Chinese: 1

Unknown: 1

Monthly Budgets Certified

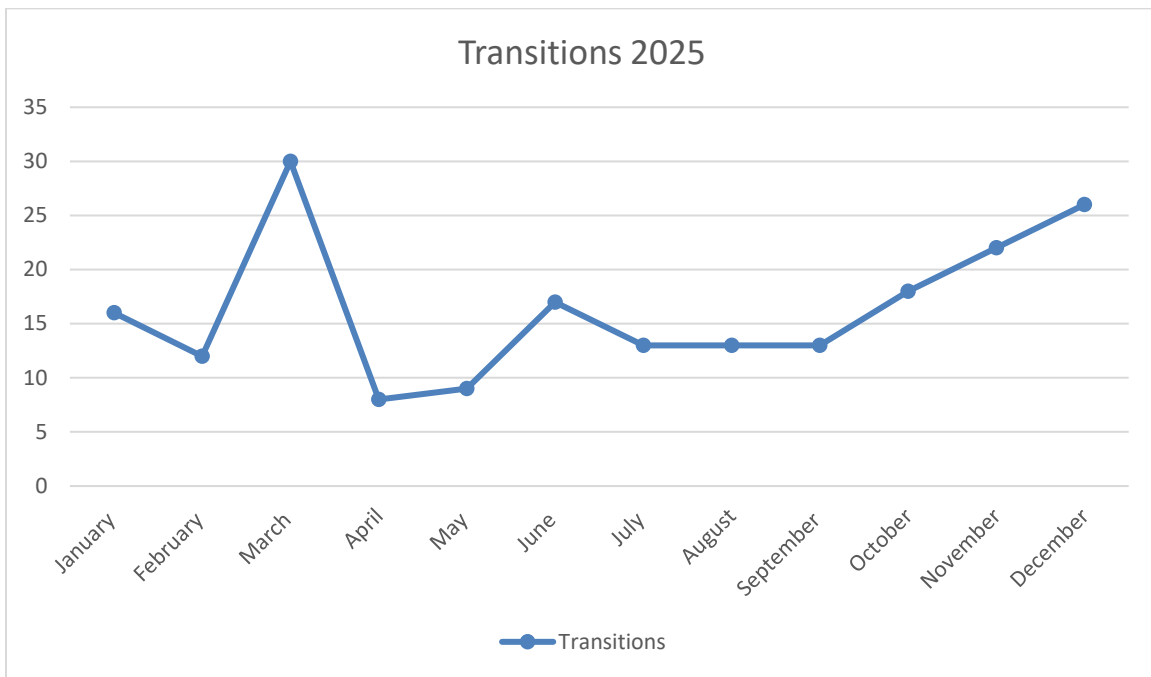


Transitions this month:

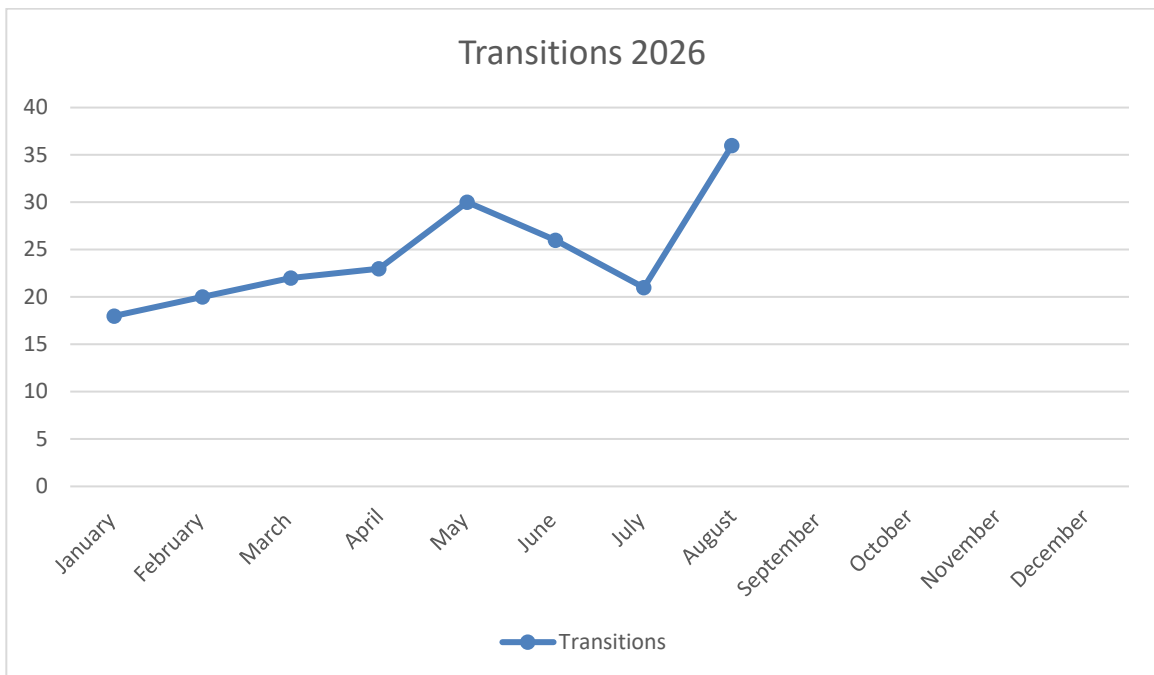
Bill Payer: 4

Co-Employer: 32

Sole Employer: 0



Total transitions in 2025: 197



Total 2026 Transitions: 196

SDP Cases by Office:

Office	Office
San Fernando Valley	531
Antelope Valley	119
Santa Clarita Valley	216

NLACRC Implementation Updates/ information:

- SDP Orientation is available:
Through State Council <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Self Determination Support Group – September 2, 2026, at 4:30pm via Zoom.
- SDP Local Volunteer Advisory Committee- Thursday, August 20, 2026 from 6:30PM-8:30PM
 - The meeting will be held virtually. The Zoom link can be found on NLACRC’s calendar
 - Everyone is welcomed to attend meetings!
- Support for participants and families: NLACRC has coaches available to support with SDP transition process or if you are in the program and need assistance. Ask your CSC for a referral.
 - AACcolades
 - Claudia Cares Consulting
 - HelpGrow Freedom
- NLACRC & SDP Local Volunteer Advisory Committee Best Practices Subcommittee
 - The Best Practices Subcommittee is reviewing workflows and processes related to NLACRC’s implementation of Self Determination. The committee meets monthly.

Resources:

- Disability Voices United – SDP Connect Meetings (Every other Wednesday at 4:30- 6pm)
[Upcoming Events | Disability Voices United](#)
- Self Determination Program Service Definitions:
https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SDP_Service_Definitions.pdf

FMS Agencies	Model	Language Spoken:	Accepting participants?	Employee Burden Cost	Budget Limits	Contact Info
Accura	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English	Yes	19.90% Co- employer 15.68% Sole Employer	\$125,000	Subash Rajavel subash@accurafms.com 408-768-2334
Ace	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English & Farsi	Yes, Free consultation available to prospective clients.	24.86% Co- employer 15.68% Sole Employer	Max budget: \$120,000	Phone: 833-4-ACE FMS (833-422- 3367), Option 1 Info@acefms.com Web: Http://AceFMS.com
Action	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English & Spanish	Yes, new clients call and leave message or fill out a <u>contact us</u> request on the website.	25%-Co- employer 17% Sole Employer	No budget limits	Main office: (310) 867-8882 Website: actionfms.com Email: contact@actionfms.com

Acumen	Bill Payer, Sole Employer	English & Spanish But have translators for other languages.	Yes. Consult required and it may take up to 2 months to transition.	21.25%	\$200,000	Yvette Torres (424) 210-8810 yvettet@acumen2.net
Arch	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English		Co-Employer is 19.86% Sole Employer 14.27%	\$150,000 Possible exceptions	Contact Phone Number 619-330-7097 Email Contact support@archfms.com www.archfms.com
Aveanna	Bill Payer and Co-Employer (with nursing through home health agency only)	English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin and Trieu Chau	Consult required. Date to be given my FMS agency.	17.37%	Anything above \$150,000 requires additional review. They have a "hard limit" of \$200,000.000 annually.	(866) 979-1182 fmsinfo@aveanna.com
Balance	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer		Consultation and intake form	19.55% Co-employer 13.65% Sole Employer	\$120,000	Main Line: (888) 368-3710 Teri Ercoli Phone: (424)228-9854 E-mail: info@balancefms.com
Cambrian	Bill Payer, Co-Employer	English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Farsi	Yes	22.20%	Budgets over \$120,000 require review.	David Ellis (562) 498-1800 Ext. 2231 davide@cfms1.com
Casa Fiscal/Essential Pay	Bill Payer, Co-employer	English, Spanish, Mandarin	No	19.15%	None	(510) 336-2900 (833) 268-8530 contact@essentialpay.com
Dromen	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English, Spanish				Contact Phone Number John Feringa: (909) 821-7598
FACT	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English	Waiting list	20%	Unknown	(310) 475-9629 FMS@factfamily.org
FMS Pay LLC	Bill Payer	English Spanish Translation available for other languages	Yes	N/A	No budget limit	Phone: (858) 281-5910 Website: www.myfmspay.com connect@fmspay.com

GT Independence	Bill Payer, Sole Employer, Co-Employer	All Languages are supported to assist Individuals in the language of their choice	Require a certified budget & spending plan draft to start onboarding process.	Co-employer 24% Sole Employer- 18% All FMS models- Non-payroll burden 1%	None	Elva Chavez (877) 659-4500 tjones@gtindependence.com
Mains'l	Bill Payer, Sole Employer, and Co- employer	English & Spanish	Require certified budget & spending plan draft to start onboarding process.	17.23% for Sole Employer 17.13% for Co- employer	None	Jason Bergquist (866) 767-4296 jmbergquist@mainsl.com
Public Partnerships LLC (PPL)	Sole Employer-		Yes	18.47% for Sole Employer		Customer Service Hours: 8 am – 5 pm PST 844-902-6665 Email: pplcalifornia@pplfirst.com Web: CA SDP PPL First
Ritz	Bill Payer,	English, Spanish &	New clients-	18.90%	\$120,000	Website: Ritzfms.com
	Co-Employer	Mandarín	visit website to fill out an inquiry form. Waitlist-June 2024			Kitleng Pui kpui@ritzvocational.com
						(626)-600-4703
Sentinel Four	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer		Consultation	18.07% Co-employer 13.37% Sole Employer-	None	https://sentinelfour.com/contact-us/
SequoiaSD, Inc.	Bill Payer, Co-Employer, Sole Employer	English, Spanish, Translation available for other languages	Yes, but have certified budget.	20.64%	\$250,000	Info@sequoiasd.com Website: sequoiasd.com sequoiaenrollment@sequoiasd.com
						oiasd.com 949-301-9950



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Vendor Advisory Committee: August 13, 2026 Community Services Department: Director's Report

General Updates:

❖ **A Better Life Together Workshop:**

- Trauma-Informed Care training series (Zoom)
Date: Thursday, August 20, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Pacific)
<https://www.abetterlifetogether.org/event-details/support-for-dsps-in-residential-ils-sls-because-your-work-matters-3>

❖ **Mandated Reporter Training Now Available in DSPU**

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/workforce-initiatives-4/dsp-university/> or email cce-dds-support@csus.edu

❖ **Remote Services Tracking Services:** For applicable day program, look-a-like day program, independent living, behavioral therapy services, clinical assessment activities and Early Start services (service codes 055, 056, 116, 520, 530, 531, 532, 612, 615, 616, 620, 805, 952) **effective for services provided on or after June 1, 2026**, a new field will be available in eBilling to report the number of days remote services were provided, regardless of the billing unit.

- NLACRC will notify applicable providers of DDS info session when date and details are available.

❖ **DSP Internship Program:**

- **Highlights:** paid three-month training and internship program provides standardized, new direct care workforce entry-level training and practical work experience for those interested in entering the workforce
- **Effective October 1st interested vendors should submit their interest directly through DDS online portal [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)**
- <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/workforce-initiatives/>
- <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/D-2025-Workforce-001.pdf>

❖ **DSP Training Records Access Change Effective 8/1/2026**

- Beginning August 1, 2026, Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT) 1 & 2 training records will be accessible only to the DSP. DSPs may choose to share their training records with their employers or other third parties when needed.
 - Questions or need more information, please contact ccfdsp@dds.ca.gov.

❖ **Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Update:**

- <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/quality-incentive-program/>

Recent Directives:

- [D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003](#) – Eligibility Requirement update
- [D-2026- Quality Incentive Program-001](#) – New Service Providers update
- FY2027 QIP list will be published on the DDS website (TBD).
 - If your rate will be reduced from 100% to 95% or 90% effective July 1st, you should have received a notification from RatesQuestions@nlacrc.org.

❖ **CFS Coordinated Family Support Pilot** Incentive payments in progress.

SAVE THE DATES

NLACRC Vendor Fair

SFV October 14-15, 2026

AV November 4-5, 2026

Fall 2026 Family Expo

SCV – September 12th

[NLACRC 3rd Annual Fall 2026 Family Expo - Attendee Registration](#)

*18+ Dance (Following the Expo)

* Provider Registration closes on August 14th.

AV – October 24th

*Provider Registration opens the week of August 17th.

*18+ Dance (Following the Expo)

HCBS:

❖ IntellectAbility Self-paced

- The Fatal Five & How to Manage Choking
- Email hcbscompliance@nlacrc.org to Register

DHH:

❖ FREE ASL Classes: Register for Remote or Self-Paced classes: [NLACRC for DeafPlus](#) | [Linktree](#)

- For more information, contact Ted Horton-Billard, Deaf Services Specialist
THortonBillard@nlacrc.org

Compliance Corner:

❖ Rate Reform / Provider Directory follow-up:

- RatesQuestions@nlacrc.org or ProviderDirectory@nlacrc.org

❖ Bi-annual DS 1891 forms due now. NLACRC DS 1891 forms submitted prior to 1/1/2026 are expired. All service providers should visit the OIG Compliance Now website to submit an update

<https://sanctionsscreeningnow.com/OIGComplianceVendor/Customer.aspx/Login>

- If there is no change in data, reviewing the form (per vendor number) and clicking “Save Changes” will generate a new submission for 2026 to confirm compliance.
- Community Services staff are contacting all vendors who have expired forms.

❖ Vendor Update Reminders:

- Submit insurance renewals to ProviderInsurance@nlacrc.org – auto-forwards to Gallagher inbox. Gallagher Verify (833) 862-8432
 - FAQ: <https://www.nlacrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/service-provider-insurance-requirements-faq.pdf>
- Updates submitted through the Provider Directory do not automatically update Regional Center systems:
 - Submit license renewals and organizational charts to Contract&Compliance@nlacrc.org

- Submit notice of changes (address, entity, name, tax ID) to ResourceDevelopment@nlacrc.org

Employment Services:

- ❖ Please submit your CIE incentive requests to CIE&PIP@nlacrc.org FY 25.
- ❖ **FREE ACRE Training Self- Paced – Space is limited** [Registration Link](#)
 - For more information ACRE@irioc.org

Resource Development:

- ❖ **Fall 2026 Residential Services Orientation (RSO)** registration opens August 10, 2026 - September 13, 2026. All classes will be in person at NLACRC September 28, 2026 - October 8, 2026, culminating with the test on October 12, 2026. For more information visit [Residential Services Orientation \(RSO\) -North Los Angeles County](#)
- ❖ **Effective March 1, 2026**, NLACRC will begin using the Provider Directory for **all** new vendorizations. For more information visit <https://www.nlacrc.org/service-providers/how-to-become-a-service-provider/>
- ❖ **Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)** - DDS host office hours. For more information, please visit DDS website <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/evv/> .

Quality Assurance:

- ❖ **Support Living Services:** SLS monitoring has begun and is being scheduled 30 days in advance. A Community Services Specialist will be contacting you to schedule.
- ❖ **Community Care Licensed Sites** please ensure you are signed up to receive information regarding training and provider information notices for your licensed service. Subscribe here: [CCLD Subscriptions](#)
- ❖ **Spring Safety - Emergency Preparedness Bulletin**
 - [Spring Season - Emergency Preparedness Bulletin](#)

Direct Service Professional (DSP) Internship Program



Calling ALL Regional Center Service Providers!!!

Have you heard about the DSP Internship Program?

The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is pleased to offer the DSP Internship Program. The DSP Internship Program is a paid three-month on-the-job training program that provides individualized, entry-level training and practical work experience for people interested in becoming a DSP. After DSP Interns are hired, they can earn retention payments after six-months and after twelve-months of continuous employment.

The DSP Internship Program is available to regional center service providers at NO COST!

SCAN HERE
to learn more!



BENEFITS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

- ✓ **NO COST to providers!** Interns will be employed, paid, and covered by the Workers Comp of All's Well, an Internship placement agency funded by DDS through the Workforce Initiatives.
- ✓ **BACKGROUNDS CHECKS are done!** Livescan, medical and TB testing for Interns will be completed prior to placement at no cost to you.
- ✓ **FREE TRAINING provided!** Interns will go through a training program preparing them to shadow your DSPs.
- ✓ **HIRE ANYTIME AT NO COST!** Providers may hire the intern at ANY point during the internship placement.
- ✓ **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES available!** Interns can work with your routine staffing schedule and they can also work in a variety of service settings.
- ✓ **STRENGTHEN YOUR WORKFORCE!** Promote awareness to those who may not be familiar with career opportunities of a DSP.



3rd Annual



North Los Angeles County Regional Center
is proud to host our Disco Themed

Fall 2026 Family Expo



Saturday, September 12, 2026

**Expo 9AM - 12PM
Dance 1PM - 4PM**

The Centre in Santa Clarita
20880 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Saugus, CA 91350

Join the Fun!

An event just for NLACRC individuals served and their families to connect with NLACRC vendors, discover resources, explore service options, and meet others in the NLACRC community.



Scan the QR Code to apply or register online
forms.office.com/r/70pgSE6cm8?origin=lpLink

For questions or additional details please
email: rortega@nlacrc.org
or call 818-778-4407



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WORKSHOP



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**JULIANA HARTSOG
& WAJDI FAKHOURY**

THURSAUG20TH
WATCH LIVE: 10AM

**SUPPORT FOR
DSPS IN RESIDENTIAL,
ILS & SLS—BECAUSE
YOUR WORK MATTERS**

**PART
2**

**(Practical tools you can use immediately
with the individuals you support.)**

"Faces of Trauma" A deep dive into
recognizing Trauma in clients.

Juliana Marie Hartsog is the Program Director of CA-START San Diego, where she leads a multidisciplinary team delivering clinical services for individuals with co-occurring intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. Holding a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Wajdi Fakhoury is a trauma-informed Clinical Director with extensive experience leading START programs (Systemic, Therapeutic, Resources, and Treatment) across California. Wajdi is currently the Clinical Director of CA-START San Diego, where he specializes in supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and co-occurring complex mental health challenges.

RSVP ONLINE AT

ABETTERLIFETOGETHER.ORG/EVENT



Contact our office at **619.741.1548** for more information.

LEARN ASL WITH US!

For North Los Angeles Regional Center clients & providers,
our courses offer a supportive environment for all learners!

WHY LEARN ASL?

- Connect with the Deaf & DeafPlus Communities
- Boost your communication skills and inclusivity
 - Learn basic ASL vocabulary and Deaf Culture essentials
- Gain confidence for everyday interactions



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Join our introductory Beginner Class, designed for those with little to no experience in ASL. Begin your journey into American Sign Language and learn:
- **ASL Basics** – Common signs, fingerspelling, greetings and everyday vocabulary
 - **Deaf Culture** – Understanding cultural norms, values and community perspectives
 - **Interactive Practice** – Role-play with real-life scenarios, have small group conversations and learn confidence-building tips for clear, fluid communication with the Deaf and DeafPlus communities

ZOOM CLASSES

August 31 - October 22

Deadline to Register: **Aug 1st, 2026**

Beginner 1

Mondays & Wednesdays:
6:00pm - 7:00pm PST

Beginner 1

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
2:00pm - 3:00pm PST

October 26 - December 17

Deadline to Register: **Sept 25th, 2026**

Beginner 1

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
6:00pm - 7:00pm PST

Beginner 2

Mondays & Wednesdays:
6:00pm - 7:00pm PST

Beginner 2

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
2:00pm - 3:00pm PST

January 4 - February 25

Deadline to Register: **Dec 3rd, 2026**

Beginner 1

Mondays & Wednesdays:
6:00pm - 7:00pm PST

Beginner 2

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
6:00pm - 7:00pm PST

Intermediate

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
2:00pm - 3:00pm PST

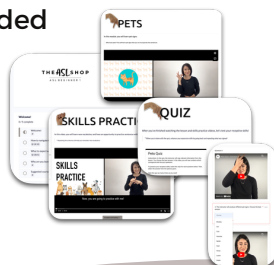
90% attendance in Zoom classes is required to earn a certificate of completion/CEUs

SELF-PACED COURSE

Learn ASL at your own speed with a flexible schedule! Get access to recorded lessons and interactive quizzes!

Scan the QR code to find more information about our Beginner Self-Paced Course!

LIMITED AVAILABILITY!



REGISTRATION

For more information, scan the QR code or visit the link:

<https://linktr.ee/nlacrcdeafplus>



**CEUs: Available for professionals who complete all requirements

QUESTIONS?

Contact **Ted Horton-Billard III**,
Deaf Services Specialist at thortonbillard@nlacrc.org

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August 2026



NLACRC Legislative Report





2026-27 California State Budget



1. Statewide Budget Overview



\$351.7 billion
total spending



\$251.5 billion
from the General Fund



No significant
reductions to DDS or
regional center services.



2. DDS & Regional Center Funding



Core Lanterman Act
services and supports
preserved



\$3.5 million for
HCBS Access Rule
compliance



\$1.5 million for the
Home and Community-
Based Alternatives
waiver waitlist



3. IHSS & Medi-Cal

- Proposed IHSS reductions were rejected
- Backup provider system remains in place
- Medi-Cal asset limit effective **July 1, 2027**:
 - \$21,000 individual
 - \$31,000 couple
 - +\$1,550 each additional household member
- Because IHSS eligibility is tied to Medi-Cal, the asset limit could affect individuals who rely on IHSS and other long-term supports.

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State Budget Law Changes

In addition to funding, SB 163 makes several changes to state law.

Signed by Governor Newsom



Early Start:
updates to DDS and CDE roles



Governing Boards:
stronger training and support



LOIS:
codified into law



Grievance Process:
new person-centered process



Rate Reform:
several updates



Employment:
improved access groundwork



See the Department directive to regional centers for full details.

[Read DDS Budget Summary](#)

[Read SB 163](#)

[Read DDS Directive on SB 163](#)

2026 General Election

NLACRC Catchment Area

August 2026



California State Senate

DISTRICT 20	D Dem - Caroline Menjivar (I)	R Rep. - Tony Rodriguez
DISTRICT 24	D Dem - John Erickson	D Dem - Brian Goldsmith

(I) = Incumbent

California State Assembly

DISTRICT 34	D Dem - Randall Putz	R Rep. - Charles Hughes
DISTRICT 39	D Dem - Juan Carrillo (I)	R Rep. - Paul Marsh
DISTRICT 40	D Dem - Pilar Schiavo (I)	R Rep. - Rickey Hayes II
DISTRICT 42	D Dem - Deborah Klein Lopez	R Rep. - Ted Nordblum
DISTRICT 43	D Dem - Celeste Rodriguez (I)	R Rep. - Ricardo Benitez
DISTRICT 44	D Dem - Nick Schultz (I)	R Rep. - Carolyn Daniels
DISTRICT 46	D Dem - Jesse Gabriel (I)	R Rep. - Tracey Shroeder

(I) = Incumbent

Important Information



Election Day: California’s General Election is November 3, 2026.



Ballots: All active registered California voters will receive a ballot for the November 2026 General Election.



Secure ballot drop-off locations open on October 6, 2026.



Ballots can be dropped off at a drop-off location, county elections office, or returned by mail.



In-person early voting locations throughout California will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

[Learn More About Voting](#)



2026 Legislative Bill Tracker

Active Bills

AB 277 (Alanis) – Behavioral Health Background Checks

Would require a person providing behavioral health treatment for a behavioral health center, facility, or program to undergo a background check.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Committee on June 24.

AB 308 (Ramos) – Developmental Services: Safety Training

Would require DDS to conduct a statewide evaluation of safety training services provided by regional centers and submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Suspense file on June 29.

AB 2201 (Boerner) – Medi-Cal Eligibility Redetermination

Would make conforming changes to state Medi-Cal eligibility review rules to reflect the new federal 6-month redetermination requirement for certain adults.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Committee on July 2.

AB 2161 (Bonta) – Medi-Cal Redeterminations and Work/Community Engagement

Revises state Medi-Cal redetermination rules to conform to the new federal requirement that certain Medicaid expansion adults be redetermined every 6 months instead of annually.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Committee on July 2.

AB 2414 (Nguyen) – Developmental Services: Direct Support Professionals

Would define “direct support professionals” as paid staff providing direct support to individuals with I/DD through regional center-funded providers.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Committee on June 29.

AB 2466 (Fong) – Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning

Allows regional consortia to use Strong Workforce funds to provide direct support for paid work-based learning opportunities that increase employability and employment.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Suspense file on June 22.

Chaptered Bill

AB 2324 (Jeff Gonzalez) – Youth Caregivers Career Pathway Program

Requires assessment of the challenges and needs of youth caregivers and recommend workplace learning strategies to help develop a career pathway program for the direct support profession.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 95, Statutes of 2026, on July 16.

**Legislation | Association of Regional Center Agencies
California State Legislature—Calendar Schedule**



Upcoming Events & Meetings

DDS

**Direct Support Professional
University (DPSU) / Edge
Town Hall**

Monday, August 17
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **RSVP**

Monday, September 21
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **RSVP**

**Local
Officeholders
Luncheon**

Thursday, August 27, 2026

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER

REGISTER NOW

**After
DARK**
VICA NETWORKING MIXER

**Wednesday,
Sept. 9, 2026**

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

TBD

**Free to VICA
Members**

Non-members interested in
attending, please contact
Cathy@vica.com

VICA's After Dark is an exclusive evening networking series that brings
together business leaders, elected officials, and community influencers for
engaging conversations on the issues shaping the San Fernando Valley and
greater Los Angeles region. Each event provides attendees with the
opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and hear firsthand from influential
leaders in an intimate setting.

featuring
George T. Whitesides
CONGRESSMEMBER

**COMMUNITY
COFFEE**

Friday, October 2 | 9 a.m.
Palmdale Playhouse
38334 10th St E, Palmdale, CA 93550

Community Coffee with
Assemblymember Juan Carrillo
and Secretary of State
Dr. Shirley Weber

**Assemblywoman
Pilar Schiavo**

SANTA CLARITA SENIOR CENTER
27180 Golden Valley Rd.
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

October 16 | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

RSVP

State Calendar



Last day to amend bills on the Floor



Last day for each house to pass bills



Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1



Bills enacted on or before this date take effect
January 1, 2027



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The ARC of California

1. Contact Your Legislator

Decisions are being made right now that will impact dental care access for minute to tell your representative why protecting our oral health matters.

SEND EMAIL >

2. Share Your Story

understand the ramifications of cutting Medi-Cal Dental. The stories we colle

SHARE YOUR STORY >

3. Printable Flyer

I print our flyer to display, so more people can join our campaign. Each flyer in directly to legislators.

Everyday Advocacy Actions



Connect with Your Representatives (find your rep.)



Champion NLACRC’s Advocacy Efforts



Be Present in the Community



Elevate Family Voices



Foster Collaborative Relationships



Stay Informed

Resources to Stay Informed

California Department of Developmental Services

👉 <https://www.dds.ca.gov>
State policies, DDS directives, budget updates, and program guidance.

Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)

👉 <https://www.arcanet.org>
Statewide advocacy priorities, budget analysis, and regional center system updates.

The Arc of California

👉 <https://thearca.org>
California-specific advocacy, budget updates, and community education.

Disability Rights California

👉 <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org>
Rights-based information, investigations, publications, and self-advocacy resources.

Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

👉 <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep>
Federal employment initiatives, best practices, and disability workforce policy.

Note: Click the headings for additional information.

FY 2026-2027	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Jan-27	Feb-27	Mar-27	Apr-27	May-27	Jun-27	Total
Vendor Advisory Committee	Dark			Dark		Dark						Dark	Absences
Tal Segalovtich, Chair													
Jaklen Keshishyan, Alt. Chair													
Jodie Agnew Navarro													
Masood Babaeian													
Paul Borda													
Andrea Devers													
David Ebrami													
Jason Gillis													
Ricki Macken Chivers													
Vahe Mkrtchian													
Desiree Misrachi													
Lea Munoz													
Jen Pippard													
Octavia Watkins													
Sharon Weinberg													
Alona Yorkshire													

Meeting Time

P = Present Ab = Absent

Attendance Policy: In the event a Trustee shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from three (3) consecutive meetings of any one or more committees on which he or she may be serving, or shall be absent from five (5) regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from five (5) meetings of any one or more Committees on which he or she may be serving during any twelve (12) month period, then the Trustee shall, without any notice or further action required of the Board, be automatically deemed to have resigned from the Board effective immediately. The secretary of the Board shall mail notice of each Trustee's absences during the preceding twelve (12) month period to each Board member following each regularly-scheduled Board meeting. (policy adopted 2-10-99)