

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Orange County Office



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Agency Overview



Who We Serve...



Federal Definition The term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an [individual](#) that:

- (1) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (2) Is manifested before the individual ***attains age 22***;
- (3) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (4) Results in substantial functional limitations in ***three or more*** of the following areas of major life activity:
 - (i) Self-care;
 - (ii) Receptive and expressive language;
 - (iii) Learning;
 - (iv) Mobility;
 - (v) Self-direction;
 - (vi) Capacity for independent living; and
 - (vii) Economic self-sufficiency.

45 CFR § 1325.3

Developmental Disabilities Assistance and
Bill of Rights Act of 2000. 42 USC 15001



- **State Definition** “Developmental Disability” means a disability that is attributable to
 - Intellectual disability
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Epilepsy
 - Autism
 - *Or* disabling conditions found to be closely related to an intellectual disability **or** to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with an intellectual disability.
- The Developmental Disability shall:
 - (1) Originate before ***age eighteen;***
 - (2) Be likely to continue indefinitely;
 - (3) Constitute a substantial disability for the individual as defined in the article. (included on prior slide)

Who We Are – Agency Overview



- Twelve Regional Offices in California (formerly Area Boards)
 - The Orange County Regional Office serves Orange County residents
 - 12 member Regional Advisory Committee
- Area Boards were changed to Regional Offices (2015), which assist to carry out the SCDD mission and State Plan objectives.
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - Federally funded independent state agency
 - Created by State law in 1969, as part of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act
 - SCDD is part of the Developmental Disabilities Network as outlined by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.
 - Ensures people receive the services and supports they need
 - Board consists of 31 individuals appointed by the governor
 - At least 60% of board membership are individuals with developmental disabilities and family members

Mission/Vision



Mission

The Council advocates, promotes and implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.

Vision

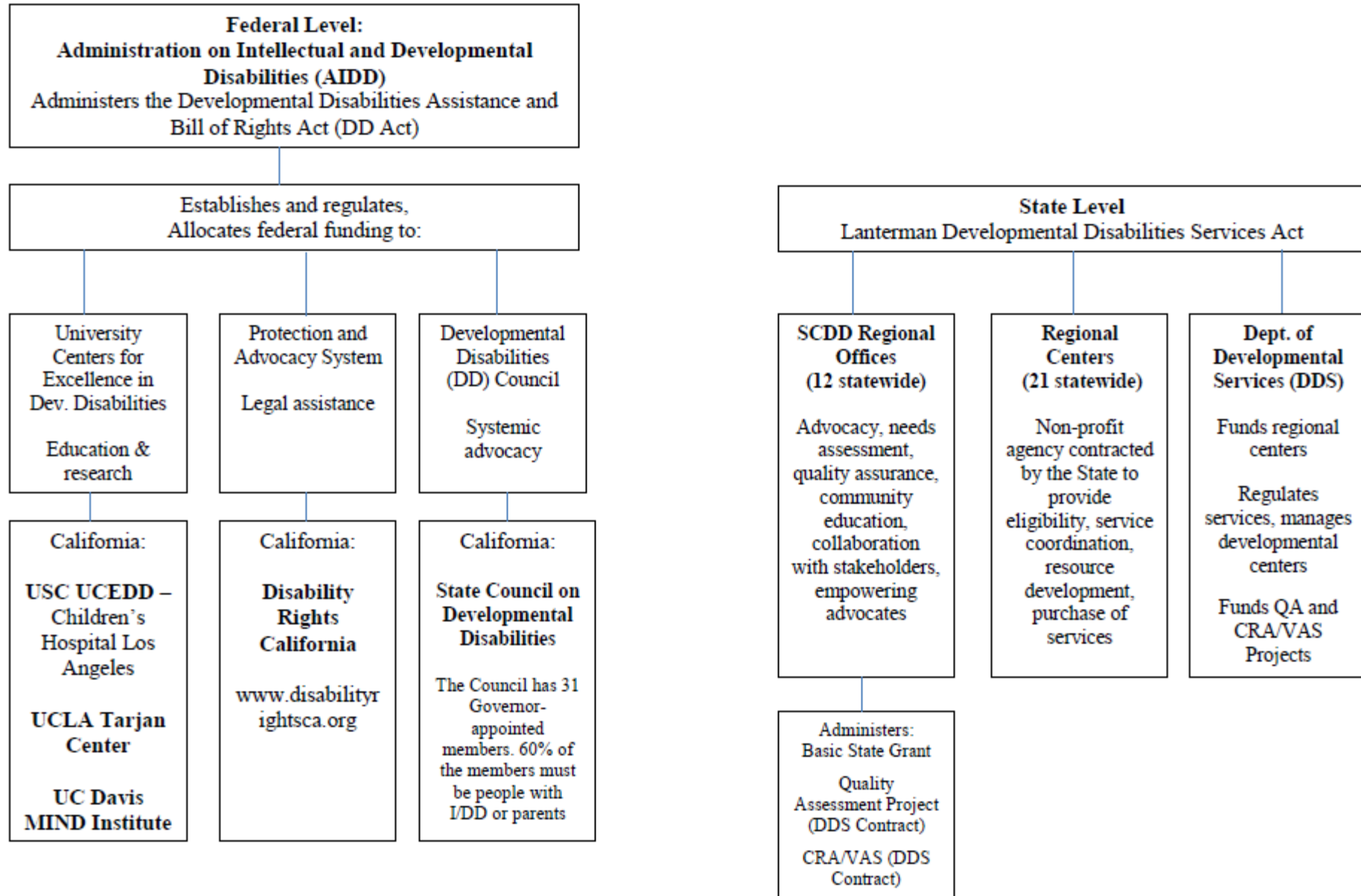
Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.

State Plan



- State Plan
 - Federal law requires the Council to identify ways to improve and increase services for individuals and their families, which is done through a State Plan <https://scdd.ca.gov/stateplan/>
 - State Plan Objectives
 - ✦ Self-Advocacy
 - ✦ Employment
 - ✦ Housing
 - ✦ Health and Safety
 - ✦ Early Intervention, Education, Transition & Post-Secondary Education
 - ✦ Formal and Informal Community Supports

System Overview: How the State Council and Regional Offices are Set-Up and Funded



State-Funded Projects



- Quality Assurance Project
 - Monitors systemic issues impacting regional center consumers living in the community using specific core indicators, which are standard measures used across states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals and families
 - Administered by San Diego Regional Office
 - National Core Indicators (NCI) model
- Clients' Rights Advocacy
 - Monitors the legal, civil, and service rights of Developmental Center residents
- Volunteer Advocacy Services
 - Provides representation for those who are unrepresented by family or conservators and have moved from Developmental Centers into the community.

Basic State Grant



CORE ACTIVITIES & PRIORITIES

WIC 4540-4541

Welfare & Institutions Code § 4540



- The state council, established pursuant to the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15001 et seq.)), shall do all of the following:
 - (a) Serve as an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and, through council members, staff, consultants, and contractors and grantees, conduct advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities.
 - (b) Develop and implement the state plan
 - (c) Serve as the official agency responsible for planning the provision of the federal funds allotted to the state under Public Law 106-402 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15001 et seq.), by conducting and supporting advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities.
 - (d) Prepare and approve a budget
 - (e) To the extent that resources are available, implement the state plan by conducting activities including, but not limited to, all of the activities specified in paragraphs (1) to (11), inclusive. *(noted on subsequent slide)*

Activities / Services Provided (BSG)



- Community outreach
- Training
- Technical assistance
- Capacity building
- Supporting and educating communities
- Facilitating interagency collaboration
- Eliminating barriers to community services
- Systemic change advocacy
- Monitor legislation
- Encouraging self-advocacy and citizen participation
- Informing policymakers
- Demonstrating new approaches to services and supports
- Protecting and advocating for consumer rights
- Advise of appeal rights
- Encouraging development of needed services

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)



- Per statute, the role of the RAC is to:
 - Advise SCDD and its RO on local issues and identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities;
 - Provide input and be a source for data for the SCDD to consider in the formulation of the state plan;
 - Provide public information programs for consumers, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase professional and public awareness of areas identified within the state plan;
 - Engage in other activities as requested by SCDD.
 - The RAC may make recommendations to the Council.

Orange County Regional Office Highlights



- **Project Leadership 4-part Training** - SCDD OCRO staff collaborated with Down Syndrome Association of Orange County and RCOC's Cultural Specialist to offer the four-part Project Leadership Training to 14 parents over four days at the RCOC Office in Santa Ana. This training series is designed to help family members and individuals develop the skills, and access tools they need, to partner at all levels of decision-making, and engage in public policy advocacy activities.
- **Disability Rights Workshop "Claiming the Power of the Count"** - SCDD OCRO co-sponsored a census and voting conference alongside the ILC, Dayle McIntosh Center, on January 31, from 8:30am to 3:00pm at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center. SCDD OCRO coordinated and planned the entire conference, facilitated the discussions and presentations, and assisted with general conference logistics. The OC Registrar of Voters provided the keynote for this conference and it featured a voting panel, the OC Registrar of Voters highlighted their voting accessibility machines, assisting people with demonstration, and registering people to vote. Disability Rights California and the U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialists offered presentations on why the disability count is important and took people through a mock-census.
- **Meeting with Deputy Chief Consultant for Assembly, Nicole Vazquez** - SCDD OCRO alongside RCOC Executive Director, DRC/OCRA Clients Rights' Advocate, and other community advocates and family members met with Nicole Vasquez, Deputy Chief Consultant to the Assembly Budget Committee at the RCOC offices in Tustin, CA. SCDD OCRO staff had the opportunity to explain our role in Orange County and inform her of the current SCDD state plan goals and highlight the work of the OCRO in respect to capacity building and systemic change. Specific topics discussed included complex system navigation for those dual-diagnosed, Denti-Cal and its failures, housing and future-planning needs, gaps in the system, and current reimbursement/payment rates resulting in difficulty hiring qualified and long-term staff across-the-board in the IDD system.

Orange County Regional Office Highlights

FFY 2019-20



- **Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community) during the 2019-20 FFY (**COVID cancelled many activities/trainings, as noted below)**
 - Number of resource fairs: 12 (reaching 4,714 SA, FA, and OTH)
 - Number of trainings presented by SCDD OCRO: 56 -*Serving*-
 - ✦ 1,008 family advocates
 - ✦ 637 self-advocates (persons with disabilities)
 - ✦ 489 professionals/service providers
 - PPE Distribution/Outreach Events: 42
 - Number of total activities/events/community engagement: 415 (with only 2 programmatic staff!)
 - Number of activities/outreaches/training cancelled due to COVID-19: 44

Capacity-Building Workshops



- **Regional Center Presentations:**
 - “Understanding POS Guidelines”
 - “Regional Center Intake & Eligibility”
 - “Self-Determination Program”
 - “Getting Regional Center Services Through Your IPP”
 - “Living Options for Persons with Developmental Disabilities”
 - “Regional Center Fair Hearings”
- **Special Education Presentations:**
 - “Preparing for your IEP”
 - “Successful Inclusion Strategies”
 - “Early Intervention to School Services: Transitioning at Age 3”
 - “Accommodations, Modifications, and Classroom Strategies”
 - “Life After High School”

Capacity-Building Workshops



- **Child Care Presentations:**

- “Learning Environments that Foster Inclusion of Children w/ Disabilities”
- “Legal Responsibilities for Inclusive Childcare”
- “Successful Inclusion Strategies: Including Kids with Disabilities in Daycare Environments”

- **Other Presentations:**

- “Assistive Technology Funding Sources”
- “Public Benefits & Community Resources”
- “Let’s Get Prepared: Tools for Emergency Preparedness”
- “IHSS: Eligibility, Services, and Preparing for your Assessment”
- “Social Security Disability Benefits”
- “Self-Advocacy and You”
- “Employment First/Competitive Integrated Employment”
- “Affordable Housing Options”

Collaborations / Collaborative Partners

- Orange County Adult Transition Task Force
- CalOptima Member Advisory Committee
- Health Care Task Force
- Orange County Employment Advocacy Network (OCEAN)
- OCC3 for Kids
- Conexiones Educativas
- Ready OC Corporate Advisory Council
- PSETC
- TASK SPED Collaboration
- Partners in Education
- WE CAN Task Force
- Post-Secondary Education Transition Consortium (PSETC)
- Orange County Childcare Inclusion Collaborative
- OC Child Care Planning Development Council
- O.C. Disability Coalition
- CCLD Collaborative
- Illumination Institute
- Family Autism Network
- Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee

and many more!



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Thank You!

