



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA **REGIONAL CENTER**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc. will hold their monthly Board meeting on the following date and at the listed location:

DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

TIME: 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: THE MEETING SESSION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.

All SG/PRC Board and related Committee meetings continue to be held via videoconference at their regularly scheduled times.

Join Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 234 566 141
Password: 916227

Please check our website, sgprc.org to access the zoom link and meeting materials.

If you wish to sign up for public input, please email egomez@sgprc.org

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Program of San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc.



BOARD CHAIR OR DESIGNEE STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT SG/PRC BOARD MEETINGS

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Board Approved 06/24/2026



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- Promote collaboration by supporting a productive, safe, and welcoming environment.
- Treat all participants with respect and consideration,
- Engage in open and inclusive discussions that do not demean, discriminate, or harass others.
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- Focus on addressing ideas and suggestions, not individuals.
- Public comment is limited to a maximum of **three (3)** minutes per speaker.
- Individuals **must not** make public comment(s), display, or distribute documents containing the private information of individuals served, unless they are the parent of a minor served, conservator, or otherwise authorized rights holder of the individual whose information is being shared.
- SG/PRC is committed to safeguarding protected health information in accordance with applicable privacy laws and regulations.
- Respect the responsibility and authority of the Board President (Chair), or their designee, to preserve order, enforce this Code of Conduct, and conduct meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Avoid interrupting others and wait to be recognized by the Board President (Chair) before speaking

Enforcement of Code of Conduct

To ensure a respectful and orderly meeting, and consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, the following steps will be taken if this Code of Conduct is violated:

- **Step 1: Warning** – The Board President (Chair), or their designee, will issue a verbal warning identifying the specific behavior that violates the Code of Conduct and directing the individual to come into compliance.
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SG/PRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 7:15 PM

Zoom/Video Teleconference

Join by Zoom ([link](#))

ZOOM Meeting ID: 234 566 141

Password: 916227

Board of Directors

Trish Gonzales, Board President	Bill Stewart, 1 st VP
Julie Chetney, Secretary	Preeti Subramaniam, Treasurer
Kelly Privitt, VAC Chairperson	Joseph Huang
Phillip Loi	Richard Centeno
Adriana Pinedo	Tina Wright

7:15 PM	1.	Public Meeting Call to Order – Trish Gonzales, Board President A. Review of Agenda B. Review of Board Minutes* – August 26, 2026
7:20 PM	2.	Public Comment - Please email egomez@sgprc.org to sign up
7:25 PM	3.	President's Report – Trish Gonzales - Board Chair or Designee Statement for Public Comment at SG/PRC Board Meetings - Code of Conduct for SG/PRC Board and Committee Meetings - Bylaws Adhoc Committee Update
7:35 PM	4.	Advisory Committee for Individual Served and Their Families – Phillip Loi
7:40 PM	5.	Strategic Development Advisory Committee – Julie Chetney

7:45 PM	6.	Vendor Advisory Committee – <i>Kelly Privitt</i>
7:50 PM	7.	Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee – <i>Adriana Pinedo</i>
7:55 PM	8.	Executive Director’s Updates – <i>Jesse Weller</i> A. Revision of Policies • Draft Standardized Social Rec Policy* - Daniela Santana B. Executive Director Report
8:15 PM	9.	Other Board and Community Announcements
8:20 PM	10.	Adjournment
Executive Session – Personnel/Legal		

***Action items**



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SAN GABRIEL/POMONA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
(A California Corporation)

August 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Trish Gonzales
Julie Chetney
Bill Stewart
Joseph Huang
Richard Centeno
Preeti Subramaniam
Tina Wright
Adriana Pinedo
Phillip Loi
Kelly Privitt

ABSENT:

INTERPRETERS:

ASL - Issac and Daniel
Spanish – Marisol and Eduardo
Mandarin – Charlene and Ken
Korean – Sally and Kaitlyn
Vietnamese – Peter Le and
Thienai

STAFF:

Jesse, Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Salvador Gonzalez, Director, Service Access and Equity
Tim Travis, Director of Community Services
Maria Nuñez, Public Records and Policy Compliance
Manager
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public
Engagement Officer
Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special
Projects
Marlene Alvarez, Specialized Services 1 Manager
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

GUESTS:

Elena Sanchez, The Parents' Place
Willie Ramirez, DDS
Adriana Alonso, DDS
Hanna Dunham, SCDD
Jenni Villanueva, SCDD

Nada Saleh
Yan Li
Sheila Guardiola, Inclusion Services
Vicky Hatfield, 24 HHC
Willanette Stewart Satchell
Ann
Mark

Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

- The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and the following item was added: ARCA Report by Julie Chetney
(M/S/C Stewart & Pinedo) The Board approved the amendment to the agenda.
- Review of minutes for the June 24, 2026 and July 22, 2026 meeting.
(M/S/C Loi & Subramaniam) The Board approved the minutes.

A. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Carl Argila reminded the Board that he records the entire meeting and uploads the video of the meeting to his personal blog. He shared details about his son's conservatorship, including his wish for the conservatorship to be terminated and asked that more details of his request be added to the minutes. He also shared his appreciation for the work of Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special Projects for her work setting up one of his sons for Self Determination.

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President, Trish Gonzales, provided information on the following:

- [Code of Conduct for SG/PRC Board and Committee Meetings](#) –The document provides an opportunity to establish expectations for productive and respectful meetings.
- [Board Chair or Designee Statement for Public Comment at SG/PRC Board Meetings](#) . The complete statement was read:
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- Bylaws Adhoc Committee * - Ms. Gonzales presented a proposed adhoc committee with the purpose of reviewing and updating the current Board bylaws. The committee should work together from September 2026-June 30, 2027.
(M/S/C Wright & Loi) The Board approved the Bylaws Ad hoc Committee.
- Ms. Gonzales also shared that Adriana Pinedo is the new Chairperson for the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - THE PARENTS' PLACE

Elena Sanchez, Executive Director of The Parents' Place presented the following:

- The Parents' Place is a Family Resource and Empowerment Center
- Early Start Family Resource Centers
- Family Resource and Empowerment Centers
- Serving 7 SELPAS
- 12 community partners
- Services provided
- Support groups
- IT supports/services
- Lending library
- Community Navigator Program
- Referral forms
- Personal Protective Equipment
- More resources
- Collaborations with SG/PRC
- Educational trainings
- Annual Transition Conference "Life After High School"
- Annual Open House
- Volunteers

D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Phillip Loi reported that Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, asked the committee to review the Social Rec Policy as it's been updated. Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director presented the Community Needs Survey.

E. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Julie Chetney presented the following

- *Recommendation for Committee Membership* - The Committee recommended Chris Stewart for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.
M/S/C (Privitt/Pinedo) The Board approved the recommendation.
Abstained: Bill Stewart
- The Committee continues to review and revise the interview, recruitment, and selection process.
- Jesse Weller presented an overview of the Q4 Strategic Update.
- The Committee will work on developing a Board Training Survey next month.

F. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Kelly Privitt spoke about helping vendors better understand the partnership between service providers and SG/PRC staff.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Adriana Pinedo shared that the 10th Annual Pomona 5K/10K & Toddler Trot takes place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Downtown Pomona's Shaun Diamond Plaza. The event benefits youth activities, features a health and wellness fair, and welcomes participants of all abilities to join the community run and walk. She also shared that Mr. Weller reviewed the updated Legislative Engagement Roster for FY 2026/27, which was provided to Committee members as a resource for legislative outreach.

H. EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Report - Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following financial report, that was approved by the Executive Finance Committee on August 12, 2026:

- ***Review of Financial Report***

Regional Center Operations- Based on the B-5 Amendment, operations allocations are projected to meet expenditure projections. These projections include continuation costs and expenditures carried forward from the prior fiscal year. The FY 2025–26 operations B-5 allocation totals \$57,773,373, with projected expenditures equal to the full allocation. Year-to-date expenditures are \$51,183,582, with projected remaining expenditures of \$6,589,791, resulting in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

Family Resource Center - The Family Resource Center allocation is projected to fully meet expenditures, resulting in a zero remaining balance. The current allocation is \$169,611, with projected expenditures totaling \$169,611.

Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program - The program's current allocation is \$1,252,121, and expenditures are projected to fully utilize the allocation.

Community Placement Plan (CPP) and Developmental Center (DC) Ongoing Workload Operations CPP and DC ongoing workload operations were allocated at 100% under the B-4 Amendment.

Purchase of Services (POS) - The POS allocation under the B-5 Amendment totals \$588,702,805. Year-to-date service expenditures are \$527,347,857, with projected remaining expenditures—including late billings—estimated at \$61,354,948. This results in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

Community Placement Plan/Community Resource Development Plan Purchase of Service - is reflected as a separate line item with a current allocation of \$924,940 for placement. Additional allocations for start-up projects are anticipated in the B-5 Amendment.

I. ARCA BOARD DELEGATE REPORT:

Julie Chetney provided an update from the recent ARCA Board meeting. A Board Delegate presented on a survey seeking input and feedback from individuals with developmental disabilities regarding their top priorities. The top three priorities identified were dignity and respect, meaningful employment, and Social Security.

Ms. Chetney also provided highlights from the DDS report presented by Michi Gates and Pete, including upcoming Trailer Bill changes related to Regional Center Boards.

Updates from ARCA's other advisory committees were also provided.

The ARCA Academy is on September 25, 2026.

J. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, provided the following updates:

- *Review of Whistleblower Policy*
Mr. Weller presented proposed revisions to the Whistleblower Policy resulting from the recent Board training conducted by legal counsel. He explained that legal counsel identified minor areas requiring clarification and updates. Information pertaining to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) was updated, and language recommended by legal counsel was identified in the draft. Mr. Weller noted that the revisions clarify the actions to be taken under the policy but do not substantially change the existing process.
- *Review of Conflict of Interest Policy*
Mr. Weller presented proposed revisions to the Conflict of Interest Policy resulting from legal counsel's review during the recent Board training. He explained that the proposed revisions primarily provide clarification and do not substantially change the existing process. Language recommended by legal counsel was identified in the draft.

Mr. Weller also noted that language stating that DDS could withhold funds for noncompliance was removed because supporting statutory or regulatory language for that provision could not be identified.

(M/S/C Gonzales & Stewart) The Board approved the revised policies.

- *\$350,000 or Above Contract Policy – Tim Travis, Director of Community Services*

Mr. Travis presented proposed revisions to the policy governing contracts requiring Board approval. He explained that recent legislative changes increased the threshold for specified contracts requiring Board approval from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

The updated requirements establish a \$350,000 threshold through June 30, 2030. Beginning July 1, 2030, the threshold will increase to \$450,000, with an additional \$50,000 increase every five years beginning July 1, 2035.

(M/S/C Huang & Loi) The committee approved the revised policy.

- Due to time constraints, the Executive Director Report was provided in the Zoom chat for review. The report was also included in the meeting materials.

K. PRESENTATION – NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS – By Salvador Gonzales

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 National Core Indicators Survey Overview

- What is National Core Indicators?
- Background
- NCI Surveys
- Health and Safety
- Satisfaction
- CA Questions
- Next Steps
- Implementing Recommendations
- Additional feedback

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 National Core Indicators Survey Overview

- What is National Core Indicators?
- Background
- Employment
- Community Inclusion and Belonging
- Community Participation
- Relationships
- Satisfaction

- Service Coordination
- Workforce
- Access
- Health
- Medications
- Wellness
- Next Steps
- Rights and Respect
- CA Questions
- Implementing Recommendations
- Additional feedback

L. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2026, MEETING

Submitted by:

Julie Chetney, Board Secretary

Date

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
REGIONAL CENTER

Committee Reports & Information



August – September 2026

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

September 9, 2026

PRESENT:

Trish Gonzales, Board President
Preeti Subramaniam, Treasurer
Julie Chetney, Secretary
Bill Stewart, 1st VP
Phillip Loi

ABSENT:

Julie Chetney
Adriana Pinedo

GUESTS:

Nada Saleh
Mark

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Talesha Payne, Chief Services & Engagement Officer
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD and RDDF

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.04 OF THE BYLAWS

All actions taken by the Executive/Finance Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board.

The actions taken by the Executive/ Finance Committee at this meeting were:

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. CALL TO ORDER

Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. A quorum was established.

- The committee reviewed the agenda. It was noted that there would be no Financial Report this month as staff transition into the new fiscal year.
- The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of August 12, 2026.

(M/S/C Subramaniam & Loi) The Executive Finance Committee approved the minutes.)

B. PUBLIC INPUT: None

E. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trish Gonzales, Board President, provided the following updates:

Upcoming Board Meeting 9/23/2026: Reminder of ARCA Academy.

Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Update: The first meeting will be in person in the Irwindale office on October 20, 2026.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

Mr. Weller provided an update on a recent Disability Health Summit focused on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and the supports they need. Representatives from the State Council and ARCA were among those in attendance. Individuals shared their lived experiences, including challenges accessing healthcare and finding medical providers who treat them with dignity and respect.

Mr. Weller provided an update on the Olmstead Decision, which supports the right of individuals with disabilities to receive services in integrated community settings. He discussed recent federal developments related to the decision and noted concerns regarding their potential impact on disability services. He shared that ARCA has requested support from the Governor and Attorney General in support of the Olmstead Decision.

An employment update was also provided regarding changes to federal guidance related to employment goals for federal contractors hiring individuals with disabilities. Mr. Weller noted that California remains an Employment First state.

Chief People Officer's Recruitment Report – Yeilen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez provided an update on recruitment and staffing. She reported that SG/PRC currently has 21 vacant positions and a total headcount of 572 employees.

Talesha Payne, Chief Services & Engagement Officer, introduced herself.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on October 14, 2026, at 7:15pm.

CLOSED SESSION – Legal/Personnel



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**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Teshia Obi
Alayna Effinger
Jenny Liu
Karen Zarsadias-Ige
Joseph Huang
Melissa Song
Tina Wright

ABSENT

Adriana Pinedo,
Chairperson
Daniela Barrera
Diana Hernandez

GUESTS

Mark

STAFF

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications
& Public Engagement Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access &
Equity
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and
the RDDF
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Wright, on behalf of Adriana Pinedo, called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The following meeting minutes were tabled:

- May 13, 2026 and July 8, 2026 and August 12, 2026

PUBLIC INPUT

None

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Weller provided an update on a recent Disability Health Summit focused on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and the supports they need. Representatives from the State Council and ARCA were among those in attendance. Individuals shared their lived experiences, including challenges accessing healthcare and finding medical providers who treat them with dignity and respect.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Mr. Weller provided an update on the Olmstead Decision, which supports the right of individuals with disabilities to receive services in integrated community settings. He discussed recent federal developments related to the decision and noted concerns regarding their potential impact on disability services. He shared that ARCA has requested support from the Governor and Attorney General in support of the Olmstead Decision.

Mr. Weller also provided federal updates, including an update on the Self-Determination Program waiver.

Additionally, he discussed a U.S. Department of Labor change related to a federal contracting rule that encouraged contractors to work toward having individuals with disabilities comprise 7% of their workforce. Mr. Weller noted that California remains an Employment First state.

STATEWIDE/LOCAL UPDATES BY YVONNE GRATIANNE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, presented on the following:

Ms. Gratianne highlighted several September awareness and recognition efforts, including National Suicide Prevention Month, National Preparedness Month, Deaf Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, World Alzheimer's Month, and Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week.

She shared that SG/PRC is promoting suicide prevention and access to mental health resources, including 988 information; emergency preparedness and safety; Deaf awareness and inclusivity; culturally responsive services and language access in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month; and Alzheimer's awareness and its impact on the community.

DSP Recognition Week will be observed September 13–19 to recognize Direct Support Professionals and the essential work they provide.

Ms. Gratianne also announced that the upcoming Richard D. Davis Foundation Golf Scramble is sold out.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared about the community outreach his department has participated in and reviewed each slide. Please see his report, attached or click [here](#).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on October 14, 2026.



San Gabriel/Pomona
Regional Center

Service Access and Equity Department

September 2026

Presented By

Salvador Gonzalez

Director of Service Access and Equity



BACK TO SCHOOL AUTISM AWARENESS THRIVERS COMMUNITY EVENT

POMONA, CA

AUGUST 2, 2026

10AM - 6PM

Josie and Luz attended OldSkool Funktionz's Back to School event in Pomona and met with several local families. The event provided children a backpack, school supplies, and offered hair cuts. In addition families were treated to a car show, live music, performances and were able to get resources in the form of SGPRC Resource guides, Community Information Forum flyers, Special Education Training, and Hard of Hearing Resources. A total of 40 people stopped at the SGPRC table for information.



BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR

CHARTER OAK STUDENT &
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
COVINA, CA

AUGUST 6, 2026

Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist, attended a Back to School Resource Fair in our catchment area. Resource guides, Community Information Forum flyers, Special Education Training, and Hard of Hearing Resources were handed out to attendees.



**WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL**

RESOURCE FAIR

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

THURSDAY AUGUST 6, 2026

9AM-11AM

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CHARTER OAK UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PAULY'S PROJECT

BOUNDLESS & THE INCLUSIVE SOCIAL MAMAS

An Inclusive Event for Neurodivergent Students

August 8, 2026

10am-2pm

Luz Rodriguez-Urbe and Tiffany Loong attended the Back to School Bash hosted by Pauly's Project, Boundless, and Inclusive Social Mamas for an inclusive event for neurodivergent students in the city of West Covina. The LACC specialist reached about 50 families, handing out resource guides, pamphlets, and informational brochures.



PAULY'S PROJECT, BOUNDLESS
& THE INCLUSIVE SOCIAL MAMAS PRESENT
AN INCLUSIVE EVENT FOR NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 8TH, 2026 | 10 AM - 2 PM
WEST COVINA
CORTEZ PARK COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ FREE BACKPACKS + SCHOOL SUPPLIES & GIVEAWAYS
- ✓ SENSORY FRIENDLY HAIRCUTS
- ✓ FOOD VENDORS & FUN GAMES
- ✓ ENTERTAINMENT
- ✓ QUIET CORNER / SENSORY BREAK SPACE
- ✓ AND MORE!

MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

- Register through the link in our bio.
- Open to TK-12th grade neurodivergent students only

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

- Registration is limited
- Register early to reserve your child's backpack and school supplies

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QUES IN THE CITY

A SUMMERTIME MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

August 16, 2026

Community Outreach/Partnership

Sal and Tiffany Loong attended the 3rd annual “Ques in the City” live jazz concert, hosted by the Zeta Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The event featured the Blue Breeze Band and the John Tirabasso Youth Jazz Ensemble, bringing together music, community resources, and local organizations. Funds raised from the event supported the chapter’s community service initiatives and scholarship program for graduating seniors in Pasadena public high schools. The event highlighted the fraternity’s ongoing commitment to community uplift, youth development, and educational opportunities.



 ZETA TAU CHAPTER PRESENTS

QUES IN THE CITY

A SUMMERTIME MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

FEATURING

Blue Breeze BAND

★ OPENING PERFORMANCE BY ★

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AUGUST 16, 2026

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KOREAN SUPPORT GROUP

AUGUST 17, 2026

SGPRC CONFERENCE ROOM C

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist, hosts the Korean Support Group at the Regional Center. Together, Amos and members of the Korean community participate in special education trainings and continue to meet in person to discuss and learn about Regional Center supports and services. The group also provides a welcoming space for members to share heartfelt moments, build meaningful connections, and strengthen their support system within the Regional Center community. The month of August welcomed approximately 100 community members and families.



SG/PRC KSG

한인부모모임

KOREAN SUPPORT GROUP

SG/PRC 한인부모모임에 참여해 주셔서 감사합니다.
이 모임은 서비스 이용/형평성 증진부서(SAE)가 지원합니다.
Welcome to SG/PRC Korean Support Group.
This group is supported by Service Access & Equity (SAE) Department.

모임안내 MEETING

이번 8월 17일(월) 미팅은 컨퍼런스 룸 C에서 열립니다. 교육전문가인 Nora씨가 줌으로 진행하는 IEP 학부모교육에 참여하고, 대면 미팅을 진행합니다.

On 8/17, we will meet at the Room C to participate in the IEP Parent Training provided by Nora Perez-Givens. Then we will have in-person meeting.

주제 TOPIC

발표자 Speaker:
Nora Perez-Gives, SG/PRC 교육전문가
Education Specialist

주제 Topic:
학생을 지원하는 IEP 만들기
Creating a Supportive IEP For Your Student

다음미팅 SAVE DATES

10/19/26 (월) SG/PRC Room C
IEP: Discipline & Behavior

12/12/26 (토) SG/PRC Room A & B
Korean Gathering



**San Gabriel/Pomona
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SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAININGS FOR PARENTS' CAREGIVERS

AUGUST 17, 2026

Education Specialist, Nora Perez-Givens, hosts a series of special education advocacy trainings for parents and caregivers. During the month of August 17th, Nora presented on *Creating a Supportive IEP for Your Student*, where (43) parents and caregivers learned how to become active and informed participants in the IEP process. The training focused on understanding the purpose and components of an Individualized Education Program (IEP), identifying their student's unique strengths and needs, asking meaningful questions, and effectively advocating for appropriate supports and services. Participants also learned strategies for collaborating with school teams to help ensure that their student's educational program is supportive, individualized, and designed to promote meaningful progress and success.

San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

DDS Department of
Developmental
Services

2026 Special Education Training for Parent/Caregivers

Presented by: Nora Perez-Givens, SG/PRC Education Specialist

Join our 2026 Special Education training sessions to learn the essentials of Individualized Education Programs (IEP) and practical advocacy skills. Attendees will gain the knowledge and confidence to support their child's learning.

➡ **All trainings will be held via Zoom from 10 am - 11 am**

MARCH 23	Understanding the IEP Process
APRIL 20	IEP: Basics
MAY 18	Effective Communication & Advocacy Skills
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AUG. 17	Creating a Supportive IEP For Your Student
SEPT. 21	Transition Planning for Middle/High School
OCT. 19	IEP: Discipline & Behaviors

For more information, please contact Nora Perez-Givens
ngivens@sgprc.org, (909) 710-8820

Join via ZOOM
Click [here](#) or Scan QR code to join training session
Meeting ID: 812 4883 3560 Dial-in#: 16694449171



This event is sponsored by DDS-Language Access and Cultural Competency Funds
Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, American Sign Language, Korean, Vietnamese, and Chinese

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM

August 20, 2026

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR DEAF+ CHILDREN REGIONAL CENTER & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

PRESENTED BY: JESSICA WILSON SG/PRC DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SPECIALIST

In the month of August, Jessica Wilson presented Building Strong Foundations for Deaf+ Children in Early Childhood. There were 32 community members in attendance at this training, including DHH itinerants from local school districts, vendored programs, and families served by the Regional Center. The goal of this training was to introduce the community to Early Intervention services for Deaf children, the role and support provided by Regional Centers, and generic resources that support language acquisition and educational advocacy for young children. This presentation included interpretation by two Certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters as well as interpretation in all threshold languages.



San Gabriel/Pomona
Regional Center

COMMUNITY
INFORMATION

2026
FORUM

Building Strong Foundations for Deaf+ Children Regional Center and Community Supports in Early Childhood

As part of SG/PRC's Community Information Forum 2026, Jessica Wilson will be presenting information on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Resources.

Attendees will learn about:

- Overview of Regional Center Early Start services, including Deaf Specialists
- Generic and community resources for Deaf+ children and families
- Educational supports aligned with Early Start services



Thursday
August 20, 2026



10AM-11AM

Join us via Zoom

Zoom ID: 865 3741 9310

<https://sgprc-org.zoom.us/j/86537419310>

For additional information, contact

Language Access Specialists:

Tiffany Loong (909) 710-8827, tloong@sgprc.org

Luz Rodriguez-Urbe (909) 710-8828, lrodriguez@sgprc.org



Presented by:

Jessica Wilson
Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Specialist

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Interpretation will be provided in ASL, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

This event is sponsored by DDS-Language Access and Cultural Competency Funds.

SOUTHEAST ASIAN SUPPORT GROUP

AUGUST 22, 2026

SGPRC ASSEMBLY ROOMS

9:30AM - 2:00PM

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist, hosts the Korean Support Group at the Regional Center. Together, Amos and members of the Korean community participate in special education trainings and continue to meet in person to discuss and learn about Regional Center supports and services. The group also provides a welcoming space for members to share heartfelt moments, build meaningful connections, and strengthen their support system within the Regional Center community. The month of August welcomed () community members and families.







San Gabriel/Pomona
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Southeast Asian Support Group

SUMMER PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026
9:30 AM-2:00 PM

SG/PRC CONFERENCE ROOM
75 RANCHO CAMINO DRIVE, POMONA CA 91766

Welcome
Cristina Macasaet

Special Presentation
Topic: Medication for Individual with ID/DD
Dr. Jeanine Tan Pharm D.

Panel Discussion
Nora Perez-Givens, SG/PRC Education Specialist
Jessica Razo, SG/PRC Family home Specialist

Potluck Picnic
Multicultural potluck lunch/musical guests/games
Bring your native dish for our multi-cultural potluck lunch.
Bottle water & utensils will be provided





For questions please contact **Cristina Macasaet** at
Cmacasaet@sgprc.org or 562-619-0872

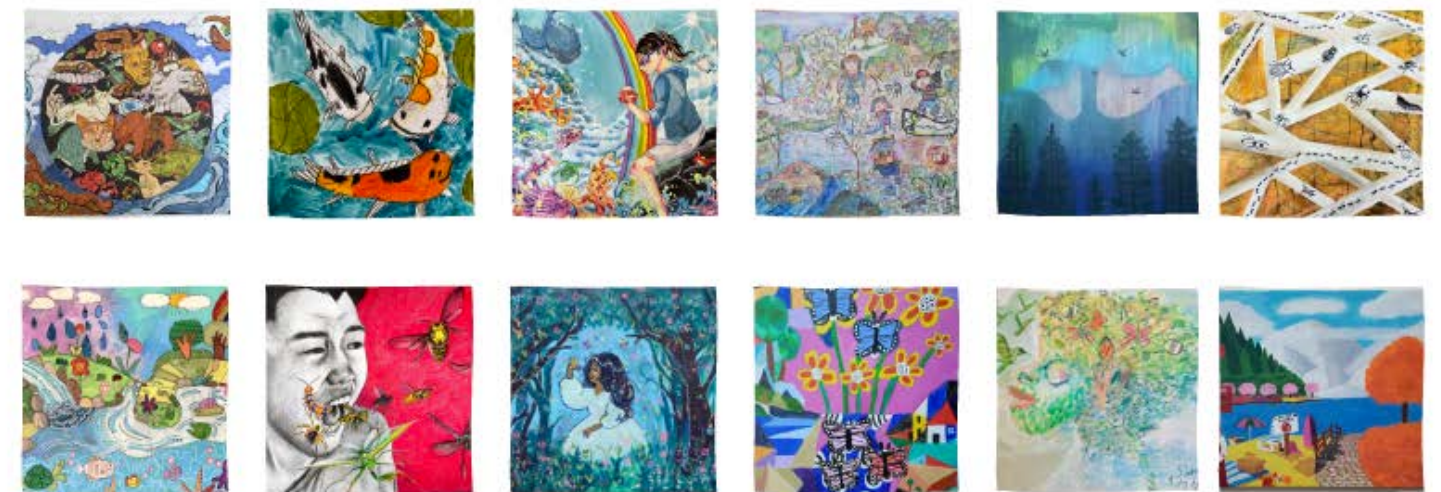
KASEC'S 7TH ANNUAL DREAM ART CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION.

AUGUST 22, 2026

SGPRC's Sal Gonzalez attended KASEC's Dream Art Contest as one of the judges, supporting the organization's mission to discover, encourage, and celebrate the artistic talents of individuals with developmental disabilities. This year, the contest received many unique and inspiring submissions, resulting in the selection of 12 winners and 12 honorable mention recipients. The exhibition will also feature four invited artists who were previous top winners of the Dream Art Contest. The award ceremony and exhibition will take place at The Source OC on Saturday, August 22, 2026, promoting greater awareness, inclusion, and appreciation of artists with developmental disabilities within the community.



Exhibition



Saturday, August 22nd

10am - Award Ceremony

12pm - 4pm Exhibition & Activity Fair

📍 The Source OC, 1st floor
(6940 Beach Blvd. Buena Park, CA 90621)



ENJOY INCREDIBLE ARTWORK CREATED BY ARTISTS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES!

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LA CARE VACCINE AND FOOD PANTRY

EL MONTE, CA

AUGUST 25, 2026

Josie and Luz tabled resources at the Vaccine and Food Pantry Event in efforts to disseminate information on regional center services. Resource guides, Community Information Forum flyers, Special Education Training, and Hard of Hearing Resources were handed out to attendees.



Community Resource Center

VACCINE & FOOD PANTRY EVENT!

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY



EL MONTE

3570 Santa Anita,
El Monte, CA 91731



Tuesday, August 25th, 2026
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE
Resources
&
Food Pantry

FREE* Walk-up Vaccines + Food Pantry Available!

- » Flu Vaccine
- » COVID-19 Vaccine
- » Community Resources
- » Adult Vaccines
- » Children's Vaccines (School Compliance)

- Flu vaccines are available for everyone 3 years of age or older.
- COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone 12 years of age or older.
- Adults: COVID, Pneumonia, RSV, Shingles, Tdap, Hepatitis A/B, flu vaccines (if available)
- Children: MMR, Varicella, Polio, DTaP (tetanus booster for <9yo), Tdap (tetanus booster 9+), Hepatitis A/B, HPV, Meningitis, Flu (if available)

*While supplies last.

*COVID vaccines are offered based on availability

* Services are provided at no-cost to you; however, services may be billed to, and covered by your insurance, if applicable. Limited vouchers available for those who do not have insurance coverage.

For more information, visit communityresourcecenterla.org or call **213.428.1495**

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SG/PRC SUMMER VENDOR RESOURCE FAIR

AUGUST 27, 2026

2PM-4PM

SG/PRC hosted the Summer Vendor Resource Fair 2026, providing individuals, families, and Service Coordinators with an opportunity to learn about community resources and available services. The event featured a variety of vendors offering programs such as adaptive and social skills, independent and supported living, day programs, social recreation, and respite services. SAE's APU Intern, SDP Transition Specialist, and SDP staff participated in hosting a table on behalf of SAE Department at the event, sharing information and connecting with attendees about SDP and SAE related services and available supports. The fair also provided a valuable opportunity for networking, collaboration, and strengthening connections within the vendor community.



The poster for the Summer Vendor Resource Fair features a light blue background with white clouds and a large yellow sun in the top right corner. At the top left is the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center logo, which includes a green tree icon. The title "Summer Vendor Resource Fair" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, in smaller blue text, is the description: "Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services, Social Recreational Vendors, Tailored Day Services, and Supported Employment Resource Fair". Underneath this, in bold black text, is the phrase "For Families of Individuals Served". Two photographs are included: one on the left shows four people (three women and one child) smiling and posing together outdoors; the one on the right shows an indoor view of the fair with various vendor booths and people. At the bottom, there is a calendar icon next to the date and time "Thursday, August 27, 2026 2:00 PM-4:00 PM", a location pin icon next to the address "75 Rancho Camino Drive Pomona CA 91766", a call to action "Click here or scan to register!" with a QR code to the right, and contact information for Xotchil Rodriguez and Eliza Martinez at the bottom.

San Gabriel/Pomona
Regional Center

Summer Vendor Resource Fair

Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services, Social
Recreational Vendors, Tailored Day Services, and Supported
Employment Resource Fair

For Families of Individuals Served

Thursday, August 27, 2026
2:00 PM-4:00 PM

75 Rancho Camino Drive
Pomona CA 91766

**Click here
or scan to
register!**

For questions please contact:
Xotchil Rodriguez XRodriguez@sgprc.org (909)710-8368
Eliza Martinez EMartinez@sgprc.org; (909)710-8506

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

IRI PRIDES

SUPPORTING THE WHOLE PERSON

BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DISABILITY & LGBTQ+ IDENTITY

Thursday, September 3, 2026

In-Person - SGPRC
10am-12pm

An in-person presentation on Supporting the Whole Person: Best Practice Recommendations at the Intersection of Disability & LGBTQ + Identity. This presentation will be offered by IRIOC and held on Thursday, September 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. at San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. Please share this flyer with families served by SG/PRC.



IN PERSON

SUPPORTING THE **WHOLE PERSON**

Best Practice Recommendations at the Intersection of Disability & LGBTQ+ Identity

 **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 | 10:00 AM 11:00 AM**

 **75 RANCHO CAMINO DRIVE POMONA, CALIFORNIA, 91766**

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

This series focuses on improving services for individuals with intellectual disabilities who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. Trainings are centered around the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals with IDD and aimed at promoting more inclusive work environments within provider organizations. This presentation will be an introduction to the intersection of queerness and disability. It will discuss key terms, the importance of this topic, uplift lived experiences, discuss statistics, and explore best practices for service providers.

MEET THE TRAINER



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Attendees will be able to define four key LGBTQIA+ terms
- Attendees will be able to explain the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and disability.
- Attendees will be able to identify relevant statistics related to LGBTQIA+ and disability.
- Attendees will be able to explore four best practice recommendations.

REGISTER NOW AT [IRIOC.ORG/PRIDES](https://irioc.org/prides)

COMMUNITY EVENT

CENTERING VOICES & BRIDGING ACCESS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

**IRWINDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
IRWINDALE, CA**

Join the SAE team, as they host a table, for a day of fun, learning, and community engagement!



CENTERING VOICES & BRIDGING ACCESS

Community Event



Join the community to learn about available supports, discuss challenges, and collaborate on solutions around intellectual and developmental disabilities within the Black/African American community residing in the San Gabriel/Pomona catchment area.

EVENT DETAILS

-  **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2026**
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
-  **IRWINDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**
16102 Arrow Highway
Irwindale, CA 91706
-  **FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.**
-  **A WELCOMING SPACE FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN**

JOIN US TO:

-  Connect with other families
-  Learn about available resources
-  Share your experiences
-  Meet community advocates
-  Help shape future services

*Your voice.
Your community.
Stronger together.*





Scan Here!
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BREANNA GATTI:**
(626) 300-9171
BGATTI@ELAFRC.NET

Need transportation assistance?
Please reach out to Jeremy Woodard at (626) 677-0637.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

2026 BENEFITS FAIR CITY OF EL MONTE

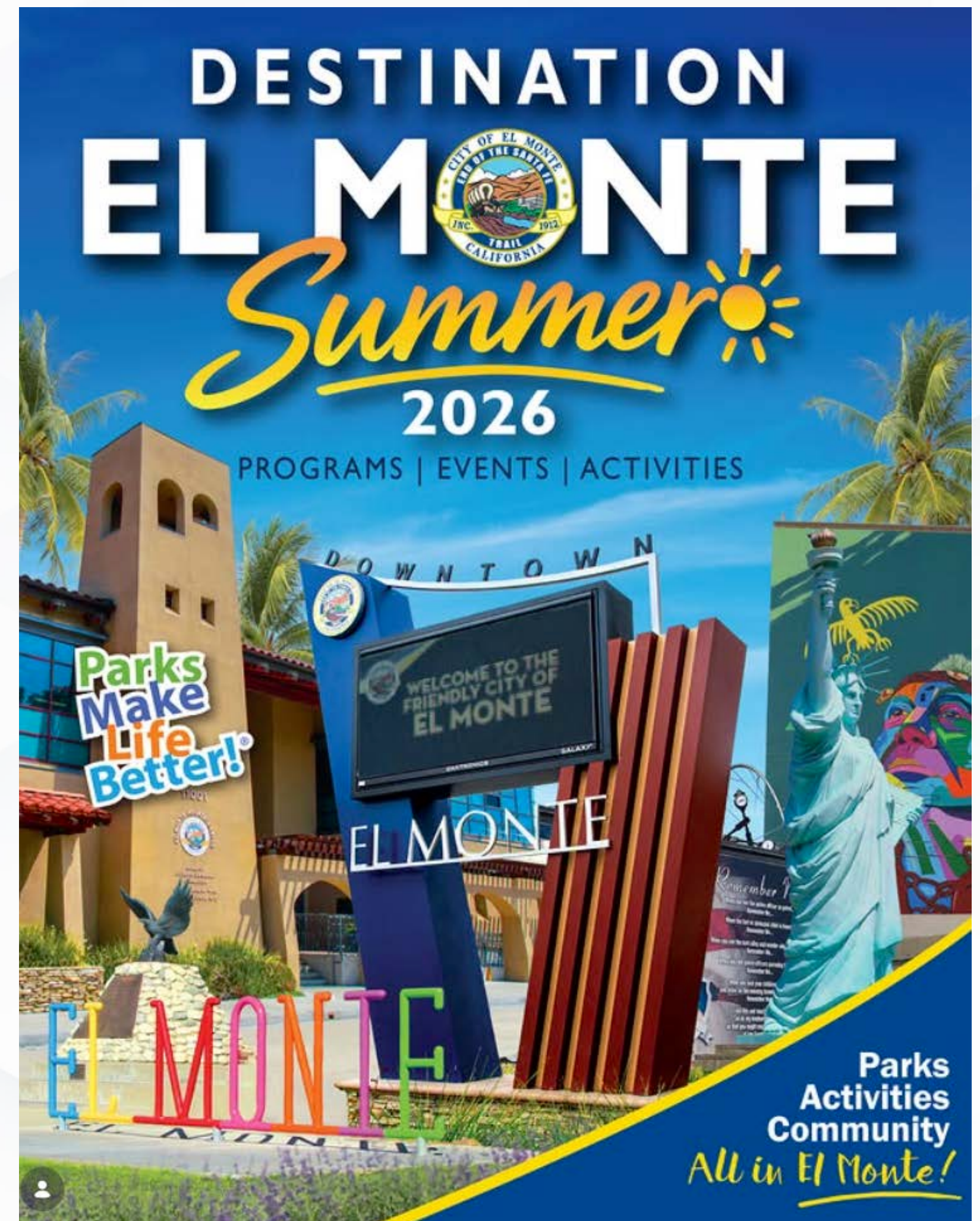
EL MONTE, CA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

TIME: 10AM - 2PM

Grace T. Black Auditorium

Join the SAE team, as they host a table,
for a day of fun, learning, and
community engagement!



THE WAITING ROOM

BY EDUCATION SPECTRUM

Sessions Resume

Thursday, **September 17th**, 2026

Time: **5:30PM**

3rd Thursday of the month

Location: Zoom

The Waiting Room is a safe place to share, listen, and learn for all participants, families, parents and caregiver of the Self-Determination Program.

Registration Required



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Regional Center

Education Spectrum in collaboration with
the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
announce the following monthly support group

The Waiting Room

SDP SUPPORT GROUP

A safe place to share, listen and learn for
all Participants, Families, Parents and
Caregivers of the Self-Determination Program.



In English, Spanish, and Chinese languages
Meetings will be facilitated by independent moderators.

Meetings will be held on
the 3rd Thursday of the month
Starting at 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Platform



- April 16, 2026
- May 21, 2026
- June 18, 2026
- September 17, 2026
- October 21, 2026
- January 21, 2027
- February 18, 2027
- April 22, 2027
- June 17, 2027

Register in advance for this meeting
After registering you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the meeting

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

For general questions, please contact your Service Coordinator or
email the SG/PRC SDP Team at SelfDetermination@sgprc.org

To submit a question directly to meeting moderators – **[CLICK HERE](#)**

COMMUNITY EVENT

PACIFIC CLINICS RESOURCE FAIR

CITY OF EL MONTE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

TIME: 2PM - 4:30PM

Join the SAE team, as they host a table,
for a day of fun, learning, and
community engagement!



COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

VOTING RIGHTS & ACCESSIBLE VOTING TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, September 17, 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6353 6941

This session offers accessible, nonpartisan information for adults served by SG/PRC on voter registration, voting rights, and accessibility at polling places. It's presented by Disability Rights California advocates Scott Barron and Gabriel Taylor.

Contact Elisa Herzog for more information
(909) 710-8190 / EHerzog@sgprc.org

San Gabriel/Pomona
Regional CenterDisability
Rights
California

VOTING RIGHTS & ACCESSIBLE VOTING TECHNOLOGY

FOR ADULT INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY SG/PRC

**Thursday
September 17, 2026**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
75 Rancho Camino Dr.
Pomona, CA 91766

Join us for an in-person informational session providing
accessible, nonpartisan information about:

- ★ Voter Registration
- ★ Voting Rights
- ★ Accessibility at polling places

PRESENTED BY:

Scott Barron, Peer Advocate
Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy, Disability Rights California
&
Gabriel Taylor, Senior Voting Rights Advocacy
Disability Rights California

More info contact:

Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison
(909) 710-8190
Amos Byun, Community Outreach
Specialist (909) 710-8815
Josie Martinez, Community Outreach
Specialist, (909) 710-8817



Scan QR code to
register or click the
link below.

[Register Here](#)

Department of
Developmental
Services

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COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

VOTING REGISTRATION, VOTING RIGHTS & ACCESSIBILITY AT THE POLLS

Thursday, September 24, 2026

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6353 6941

This TAC (The Advocacy Connection) virtual session offers accessible, nonpartisan information for adults served by regional centers on voter registration, voting rights, and accessibility at polling places. It's presented via Zoom by Disability Rights California advocates Scott Barron and Gabriel Taylor.

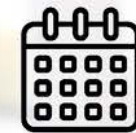
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- voter registration
- voting rights
- accessibility at polling places



THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Presented By:

Scott Barron

Peer Advocate, Office of Clients' Rights
Advocacy, Disability Rights California

Gabriel Taylor

Senior Voting Rights Advocacy,
Disability Rights California

JOIN US:

[Click Here to Join Us On Zoom!](#)

Meeting ID: 863 6353 6941

(No RSVP & No Zoom Password Required)

For more information:

Elisa Herzog, B.A.

SG/PRC Advocacy Liaison To Individuals Served

Phone: (909) 710-8190

Email: Eherzog@sgprc.org

In partnership with:



COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAININGS FOR PARENTS' CAREGIVERS

Upcoming Training:

September 21st

Transition Planning for Middle/High School

In September, Education Specialist Nora Perez-Givens will host a special education training for parents and caregivers focused on Transition Planning for Middle/High School. The training will provide families with information and strategies to help students prepare for future educational, vocational, and independent living goals as they transition into adulthood.

ANNUAL CALENDAR 2026 CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.



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NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Location: SGPRC

The New Family Orientation welcomes parents, guardians, and caregivers who are new to the regional center or need to more information about services and supports. Attendees will learn about SG/PRC, what to expect going forward, meet staff, and receive essential resources, with interpretation available in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and ASL; a light breakfast is provided and registration is required. SG/PRC is a private, non-profit organization that has served the El Monte, Foothill, and Pomona areas of Los Angeles County under contract with the California Department of Developmental Services since 1986. It supports individuals with intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and closely related conditions originating before age 18, as well as infants and toddlers through its Early Start program.



New Family Orientation



San Gabriel/Pomona
Regional Center



About the Orientation

Welcome to San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center! We would like to invite parents, guardians, and caregivers that are new to the regional center to attend a morning of information where you will learn more about SG/PRC, what you can expect in the coming years, meet some of our staff, and get essential resources.



Interpretation will be provided in
Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese,
and American Sign Language.

RSVP

Registration is required,
3 people per household.

Click RSVP Button
or Scan QR Code.



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A world where individuals with developmental disabilities have endless possibilities and thrive.

www.sgprc.org

**Saturday,
September 26,
2026
9:30am to 12pm**
75 Rancho Camino Dr.
Pomona, CA 91766

Light Breakfast will be
provided.

Contact Service Access and
Equity Team for more information
or assistance with registration:

Josie Martinez (Spanish)
909-710-8817

Amos Byun (Korean)
909-710-8815

Tiffany Loong (Chinese)
909-710-8827

Luz Rodriguez-Urbe (Spanish)
909-710-8828

SDP CONFERENCE & SERVICE PROVIDER EXPO

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Time: **9:30am - 3:30pm**

Location: SGPRC

Individuals and families served by San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center are interested or are in the Self-Determination Program are invited to join us for a day of information and connecting with service providers. Families will hear from SGPRC staff, vendors, and other families with an opportunity to network.

 San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

**SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM
CONFERENCE &
SERVICE PROVIDER
Expo**

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We invite individuals and families served by the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center who are interested or are in the Self-Determination Program to join us for a day of information and connecting with service providers.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026 | 9:30 AM-3:30PM

**SCAN THE QR CODE
OR CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
JOSIE MARTINEZ | JMARTINEZ@SGPRC.ORG | (909) 710-8817 OR
KIM LAU | KLAU@SGPRC.ORG | (626) 720-5005**

DDS Department of Developmental Services

Interpretation will be provided in American Sign Language, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese and is funded by LACC program funds.

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 Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center
California Ballroom
601 W. Mckinley Ave. Pomona 91768

 www.sgprc.org

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MONTHLY MEETING**

Third Tuesday of every month
10am-11am

**NEWS AND EVENTS
WWW.SGPRC.ORG**



THANK YOU!

SAE is pleased to join outreach events in our service area and host events that serve our community and partners.

During the month of August we hosted and participated in 12 outreach events and presentations. September is projected to total 9 outreach events and community presentations.



**San Gabriel/Pomona
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San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Videoconference Meeting

ZOOM Meeting ID: 191 486 135 Password: 681356

Committee Members:

Phillip Loi, Chairperson
Preeti Subramaniam
Sam Yi
Richard Centeno
Jaye Dixit

Jovenal Malonzo, Jr
Pete Rodriguez
Diana Ramirez
Lenny Kwari
David Sarmiento

Staff:

G. Daniela Santana, Dir. Client Services
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Dir.
Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Talesha Payne, Chief Services &
Engagement Officer
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications &
Public Engagement Officer
Elba Moreno, Assistant, Comm. & Public
Engagement Department
Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison

6 PM	1.	Public Meeting Call to Order A. Review of Agenda B. Review Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2026 c. Introduction of our New Chief Services & Engagement Officer - Talesha Payne by Jesse Weller, Executive Director D. Review of Standardized Social Rec Policy Draft by Daniela Santana, Director Client Services
6:05 PM	2.	Public Comment - Please email elba.moreno@sgprc.org to sign up
6:10 PM	3.	• Special Presentation – Emergency Preparedness by Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer
6:40 PM	4.	Future Training Topics • October 28, 2026 – TBD • December 23, 2026 – TBD • January 23, 2027 – TBD

6:45	5.	SG/PRC Information A. Updates by Daniela Santana, Director Client Services B. Updates by Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director C. ARCA Client Delegate Report by Preeti Subramaniam D. Advocacy Liaison Updates by Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison
7:00	6.	Adjournment

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

August 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Phillip Loi, Chair
Preeti Subramaniam
Richard Centeno
Pete Rodriguez
David Sarmiento
Jovenal Malonzo Jr.
Diana Ramirez
Jaye Dixit

ABSENT:

Sam Yi
Lenny Kwari

STAFF:

Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Tim Travis, Director, Community Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Yesenia Orozco, Mental Health Specialist
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant,
Communications
Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison to Individuals
Served

GUEST:

Vicky Hatfield 24HHC
Jacqueline Atempa
Joanna
Mark

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Phillip Loi, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was not established.

- The minutes of July 22, 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Centeno/Dixit) The minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.

PUBLIC INPUT - Yesenia Orozco, Mental Health Specialist, shared flyer for Mental Health Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 2pm-4pm at San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Review Community Needs Survey Results by Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Dir.

Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

- Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, reviewed the SG/PRC Standardized Social Rec Policy Draft to the committee.

Future Training Topics:

- September 23, 2026 – Safety Awareness & Emergency Preparedness
- October 28, 2026 – TBD
- December 23, 2026 – TBD

Updates and Information by SG/PRC Staff

- Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, shared the following:
 - Summer Vendor Fair on August 27, 2026, from 2pm-4pm at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center.
 - San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is currently serving almost 19,000 individuals.
 - New preschool unit has been formed. The preschool team is currently serving over 2,100 individuals and continues to grow.
- Tim Travis, Director, Community Services shared that in February 2027 there will be a 2-day Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule Conference.
- Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison made the following announcement:
 - DDS Lived Experience Advisory Group: On July 28, there was a virtual pre-meeting of the California Department of Developmental Services Lived Experience Advisory Group, also known as LEAG. Members discussed ways to make future meetings more accessible and support meaningful participation. Members asked for information about presenters in advance, clearer questions and calls to action, appropriate accommodations, and a virtual option for people who face significant travel barriers. The next two-day LEAG meeting is scheduled for November 16 and 17, 2026. Members may attend in person or by Zoom.
 - ADA National Network Webinar: On July 30, there was a two-hour virtual webinar, “Celebrating 36 Years of the ADA and 35 Years of the ADA National Network.” The ADA National Network helps people understand their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. It provides free technical assistance, training, educational materials, research, and community resources through 10 regional ADA centers. The webinar covered subjects such as reasonable accommodations, physical and digital accessibility, effective communication, service animals, accessible healthcare, transportation, voting rights, emergency preparedness, and access to government programs and services.

- September Voting-Rights Meetings, two separate voting-rights and accessibility meetings planned for September. Both meetings will feature Scott Barron, Peer Advocate with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy at Disability Rights California and Gabriel Taylor, Senior Voting Rights Advocate with Disability Rights California. The first meeting is an in-person Voting Rights and Accessible Voting Technology session on Thursday, September 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The second meeting will be a special TAC voting-rights meeting on Zoom on Thursday, September 24, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Voter Registration, Voting Rights, and Accessibility at the Polls."
- 40th Annual Supported Life Conference: "Strengthening Supports in an Evolving Environment" The two-day, in-person conference will be held on Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9, 2026, at the Wyndham Sacramento Hotel. The conference brings together people with developmental disabilities, self-advocates, family members, and professionals. Keynote presentations will address new support models, technology and specialized telehealth, current developments at the California Department of Developmental Services, and the importance of relationships, rights, and respect in achieving inclusion.

ADJOURN

Chair, Philip Loi, adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2026, via video conference at 6 P.M.

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

September 2, 2026

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Sharon Ehrig
Valerie Donelson
Johnnie Martinez
Jazmine Ulibarri
Ookie Voong
Edgar Cartagena

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Jazmyne Robinson
Beba Saba (LOA)
Janee Blackburn
Jaime Currie
Baldo Paseta
Mario Escobedo

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Tim Travis, Director, Community Services
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Rosa Chavez, Associate Director, Family & Transition Services
Jaime Anabalon, Quality Assurance Specialist
Dara Mikesell, CFO
Marylou Garcia, HCBS/Resource Developer
Yamily Valdez, Health Care Support Specialist
Maria Nunez, Public Records and Policy Compliance Manager
Robert Romero, QA Specialist
Lucy Aguilar, Manager, Fiscal Services POS I
Kristin Gener, Manager, Community Services
Linda Flores, Community Services Specialist
Scott Kelley, Manager, Residential Services II
Lisa Cipres, Housing Specialist
Talesha Payne, Chief Services & Engagement Officer
Cynthia Espinoza, QA Specialist
Patricia Valdivia, Transportation Coordinator
Kathy Castillo, QA Specialist
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Edith Hernandez, Resource Developer
Linh Lee, Employment Specialist
Monica Buenrostro, Program Evaluator
Gabriel Valdivias, QA Specialist
Crystal Parga, QA Specialist
Patricia Ornelas, Manager, Fiscal Services POS
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer
Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison

Yesenia Orozco, Mental Health Specialist
Elba Moreno, Assistant Communications
Department
GUEST:
Gabriela Pena, All's Well Recruiter

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Ehrig, on behalf of Kelly Privitt, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
A quorum was not established.

The minutes of the meeting on August 6, 2026, were tabled.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Vendor shared information on SB 177 has not been finalized, it proposes that employers with over 250 employees pay \$4000 annually if their employees are part-time and receiving Medi-Cal.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Gabriela Pena, All's Well Recruiter gave vendors an informational presentation on the DSP Internship Program *(The full presentation is attached to these minutes) **

D. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational –Jazmyne Robinson was not present.

Adult Day – Johnnie Martinez shared that they met on August 19th, 2026, there weren't any big issues brought up, only a question about an effective timeline for the revised service verifications. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2026, at 10 A.M.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Jazmine Ulibarri shared that they met on August 20th, 2026, vendors continue to express difficulty with Gallagher after submitting documents. ABA vendors are concerned if the updates with SB805 are going to affect their billing. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

Transportation

Baldo Paseta was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared individuals who receive EBT benefits have started to get letters stating that they must work 30 hours a week or attend a school program up to 120 hours per month. But if they are receiving social security benefits, then that exempts them from that requirement by submitting CF 887 form, for medical verification.

SLS Services – Mario Escobedo was not present.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn was not present.

CCF – Valerie Donelson had nothing to report.

ICF- Ookie Voong shared that Residential ICF subcommittee met September 1, 2026, there were concerns about if Denti-Cal was going away in July 2027, as well as challenges with Medi-Cal. Some individuals are being dropped off Medi-Cal altogether, either because redetermination paperwork is not being received or done timely, which is affecting expiring TARs, and ultimately that means that vendors can't bill. They discussed POS issues and referrals; some homes are experiencing unfilled vacancies for extended periods. Lastly, she mentioned that the July 2026, DDS Bridges newsletter showcased ICF/DD Homes. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Other Vended Services- Beba Saba on (LOA)

At Large- Jaime Currie was not present.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie was not present.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Recruiting for FY 26/27 (effective July 1, 2026)

- Residential CCF
- Vocational

To apply, please email elba.moreno@sgprc.org or egomez@sgprc.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, introduced Ms. Talesha Payne San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center's new Chief Services & Engagement Officer.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison made the following announcement:

- The next advocacy connection meeting via Zoom will be held on Thursday, September 24, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Voter Registration, Voting Rights, and Accessibility at the Polls."

Tim Travis, Director, Community Services:

- Regional Center Report Card for FY 2024/25 for Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Roommate Training
- Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week September 13th-19th
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (DOR) announces Order of Selection
- Medi-Cal Changes Timeline
- Community Needs Survey for FY 26/27
- Important Changes to the required DSP 1 and 2 training
- DSP Training Stipend Program
- DSP Collaborative LA County
- DSP Collaborative Job Fair October 13, 2026, at the Torrance Art and Venues
- DSP University
- DSP Internship Program
- Service Provider Portal
- Standardized Vendorization
- ICF - Bed holds during temporary absences
- Rate Reform
- DDS QIP – Provider Eligibility to Earn Quality Incentive Rate for FY 2026-27
- How to Check Your Provider Survey Status
- Day Program: Updates for length of day and corresponding billing

- Transportation
- Transportation Additional Component
- Fiscal Year 26/27 Work Activity Program (WAP) Services Maximum Billing Days
- American Sign Language Training Support
- Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule
- HCBS – SCLARC Free HCBS training for Service Providers on Community Connecting
- HCBS – SCLARC Free HCBS training for Service Providers on Compassion @ work
- Future HCBS Projects
- HCBS trainings coming soon
- Road Safety
- Stay Connected with SGPRC

Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

PUBLIC INPUT

Richard D. Davis Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, September 14, 2026, and is sold out. The foundation is still accepting monetary donations, and raffle gift donations.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on October 1, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.



San Gabriel / Pomona
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STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 6 P.M.

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

ZOOM Meeting ID: 988 615 875

Password: 667011

Join by [ZOOM link](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS		STAFF
Julie Chetney, Chairperson		Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Trish Gonzales, Board President	Bill Stewart, 1 st VP	Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Gisele Ragusa, Committee Member	Natalie Webber, Committee Member	Erika Gomez, Liaison- BOD & RDDF
Yan Li, Committee Member	Lisa Nguyen, Committee Member	

6 PM	1.	Public Meeting Call to Order
6 PM	2.	A. Review of Agenda B. Review Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2026 C. Public Comment - Please email egomez@sgprc.org to sign up
6:05 PM	3.	Board Training Survey – Julie Chetney Create Questionnaire
6:30 PM	4.	Continuation of Review of Interview Process/ Questions <i>Julie Chetney and Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer</i>
6:55 PM	5.	Upcoming Agendas Agenda for 10/28/2026 – Review Board Training Survey Results
7:00 PM	6.	Adjournment

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

August 26, 2026

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:

Julie Chetney, Chairperson
Trish Gonzales, Board President
Natalie Webber, Committee
Member
Gisele Ragusa, Committee
Member
Bill Stewart, Board Director

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Nguyen, Committee
Member
Yan Li, Committee Member

GUESTS:

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

**THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT
THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Chairperson Julie Chetney, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

A) BOARD COMPOSITION - *Applicant Interviews*

The Committee entered into a private session to interview the following applicants:

- Chris Stewart
- Joseph C

Bill Stewart was not present during the interview of Chris Stewart.

Post-Interview Recommendations

Chris Stewart

Following discussion, the Committee considered recommending Chris Stewart for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.

M/S/C (Gonzales/Ragusa) The Committee approved recommending Chris Stewart to the Board of Directors for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.

Abstained: Stewart

Joseph C

Following discussion, the Committee considered whether to recommend Joseph Cesena for committee membership.

M/S/C (Gonzales/Stewart) The Committee approved not moving forward with a recommendation for Joseph C at this time.

B) THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION.

- The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
- The minutes of the July 22, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Gonzales/Stewart) The committee approved the minutes.
Abstained: Ragusa and Chetney
- Public Input - None

C) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES – Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Mr. Weller provided Quarter 4 updates on SG/PRC's strategic plan from April – June 2026. The following was presented on:

- Goal 1 is moving toward stronger outcome measurement using workflow, ticketing, stakeholder, and service data to assess real improvements in responsiveness and family experience.
- Goal 2 - Next step: better connect SG/PRC's outreach and education to what families do afterward — requesting services, using resources, or advocating for themselves.
- Goal 3 - Q4 reflects limited new measurable implementation under Goal 3. Established workforce practices continued while SG/PRC advanced selected workforce and leadership-development priorities.
- Goal 4 had limited new measurable activity during Q4. Work is concentrated on technology rollout, system consolidation, and connecting stakeholder feedback to operational improvement.
- Talesha Payne — Beginning August 31st - SG/PRC has created a new Chief Services and Engagement Officer position to provide executive-level oversight of:
 - Service delivery and community engagement

- Stakeholder feedback and data-driven improvement
- Technology adoption and KPI development

D) CONTINUATION OF REVIEW OF INTERVIEW PROCESS

The Committee continued its discussion on the interview process and questions, including what qualities to look for in a candidate, what makes a successful committee member, and what a candidate can bring to the committee.

Julie Chetney will work with Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer, on developing a list of desired qualities and attributes for committee members and will bring it back to the Committee next month. The Committee will also continue discussing a committee member job description.

Mrs. Chetney also shared she would like an ARCA Board Delegate description.

E) UPCOMING AGENDAS:

Agenda for 9/23/2026 - Board Training Survey – Mrs. Chetney proposed discussing the possibility of conducting some future Board trainings in private session.

F) ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned.