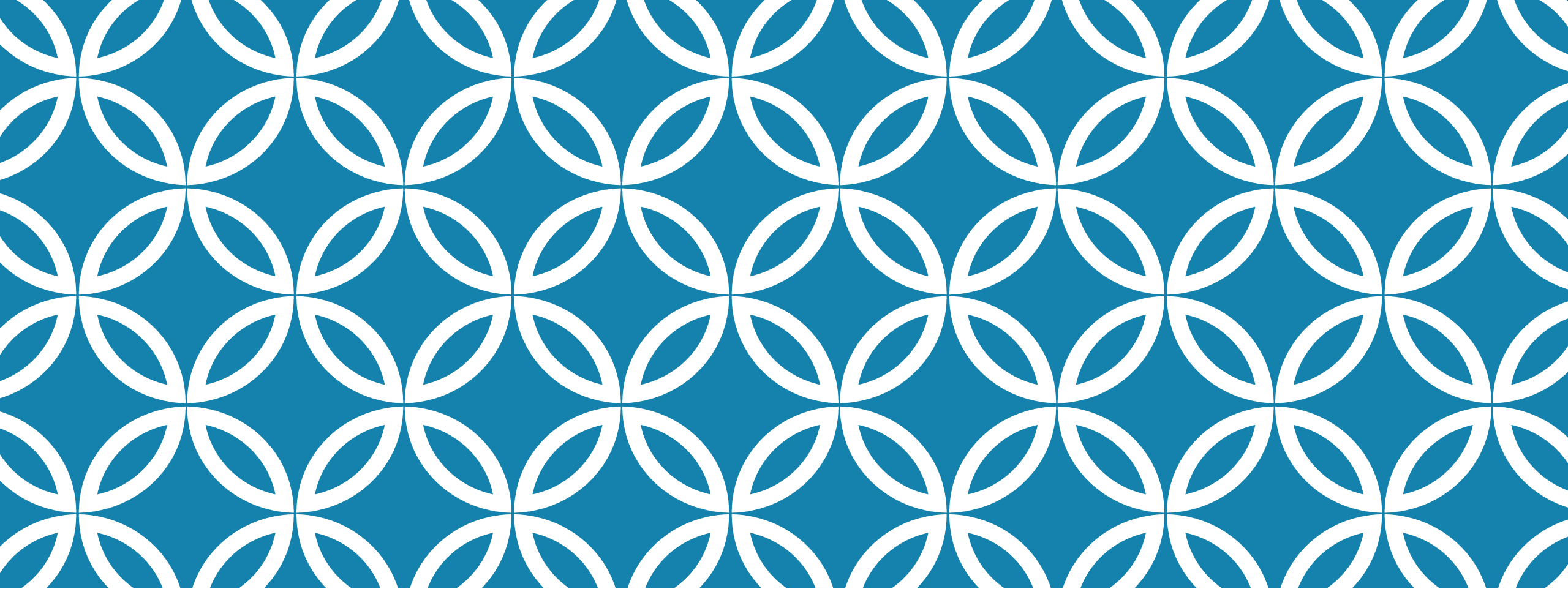




# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

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AUGUST 2018**

- Director's Activities Highlights
- Department Directives
- Budget Update



# DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

- Organizational Activities
- Activities with Community Partners
- Board Development
- Communications



# ORGANIZATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 1)

- Nicole Weise organized a meeting with the Clinical Director and myself to rework the Community Placement Plan (CPP) regarding the initiatives to build up the dental services in our region. This meeting was followed by two other meetings that culminated in our final plan for CPP.
- DDS conducted the annual review of the Early Start program on Monday July 9 and conducted the exit interview on Thursday of that week and the reviewers were very complimentary of our program. While the program has several increasingly difficult barriers (high caseloads, unusually high intake rates, and increased regulatory demands) it continues to perform at a high quality level.
- Carlos Hernandez, our Cultural Specialist, hosted the meeting of Northern CA Cultural Specialist Cindy Mix and I joined the meeting to learn about how other regional centers are implementing the disparities initiatives.



# ORGANIZATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 2)

- Attended organizing meetings for an upcoming in-house training on transitions and end of life issues. We plan on creating a joint training with the community next.
- Attended several sub workgroups of the training and development workgroup (Train the Trainers, Tools of the Trade, On-Boarding, and Information and Technology).
- We met with Therap to review their online application that could help us improve our processes for reporting Special Incident Reports.



# ORGANIZATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 3)

- Attended the retirement party for Karen Heflin in our San Andreas in recognition of her service at VMRC to people with developmental disabilities.
- Attended an all-day training for the Person-Centered Thinking. This training includes our organizational coaches and the senior leadership to review change initiatives in the context of person-centered thinking.
- Together with Carlos Hernandez, Cultural Specialist I'll be attending a training on Cultural Competency at Harbor Regional Center by Georgetown University arranged by DDS.



# ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 1)

- We organized and promoted a training with our provider community (CLASP advisory group) focused on completing the rate study survey by Burns and Associates who are contracting with DDS to analyze the provider rates and make recommendations for changes.
- Met with the leadership of CLASP to prepare for the upcoming meeting with the membership, strategize for replacing the open officer position, and review provider feedback.
- Worked on the editors team of Frontline Initiative, a publication of Direct Support Services for people with developmental disabilities.



# ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 2)

- Attended three meetings about the Poulson House in Turlock to discuss any concerns of DDS, Central Valley Regional Center, and the service provider.
- Together with Mary Sheehan, Clinical Director we participated in an all-day strategic planning session to improve oral health services in San Joaquin County.
- Together with Tara Sizemore, we attended the California Interagency Coordinating Council for early start services.
- Our Cultural Specialist Carlos Hernandez organize the second "Cafecito con el Jefe" event as an effort to increase communication with various community groups.



# ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 3)

- Attended the ILS and SLS provider meeting for the Mountain Counties at the San Andreas office.
- Attended the graduation ceremony for the Kendall Center in Tracey. Melissa Claypool was recognized at the event for her contributions to the community.
- Attended the Self-Determination Advisory committee, a committee of the state council local office and the regional center. While not many committee members were in attendance, it was well attended meeting overall as it included several community participants.





# ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 4)

- Our Employment Specialist Enos Edmerson attended the CA Department of Rehabilitation event in Sacramento commemorating the official blending of programs into Lodi Career Connections (combining all their Work Experience Programs into one -- I no longer be referring to WorkAbility, TPP, PIP, CaPROMISE, or CA Career Innovations).
- Attended a community organized public meeting in Tracey with over 100 advocates expressing concerns about regional center services and education services from Tracey school district.
- Attended the SAC6 quarterly meeting in San Andreas with over 100 self-advocates. They hosted a training on Self-Determination and I took advantage of great opportunity to talk to advocates in a casual setting.



# BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Together with the board president we jointly completed a review of the services of the Association of Regional Center Agencies.
- The legislative Committee met to review the status of the bills in the bill file and we had a discussion on next steps and the legislative process to come. The committee prepared Mohamed Rashid for delivering testimony at the first meeting of the select committee on developmental disabilities. Mo did a great job representing the board and the legislative committee.
- Attended a very productive meeting of the bylaws committee chaired by board member Lynda Mendoza. The committee plans on be ready to bring the presentation and vote of changes before the end of the calendar year.



# BOARD DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 2)

- We have begun to survey the board of directors about their familiarity with technology to enable us to transition to moving towards a paperless operation.
- The Finance and Personnel committee met and reviewed several contracts and has decided to continue meeting monthly until further notice.

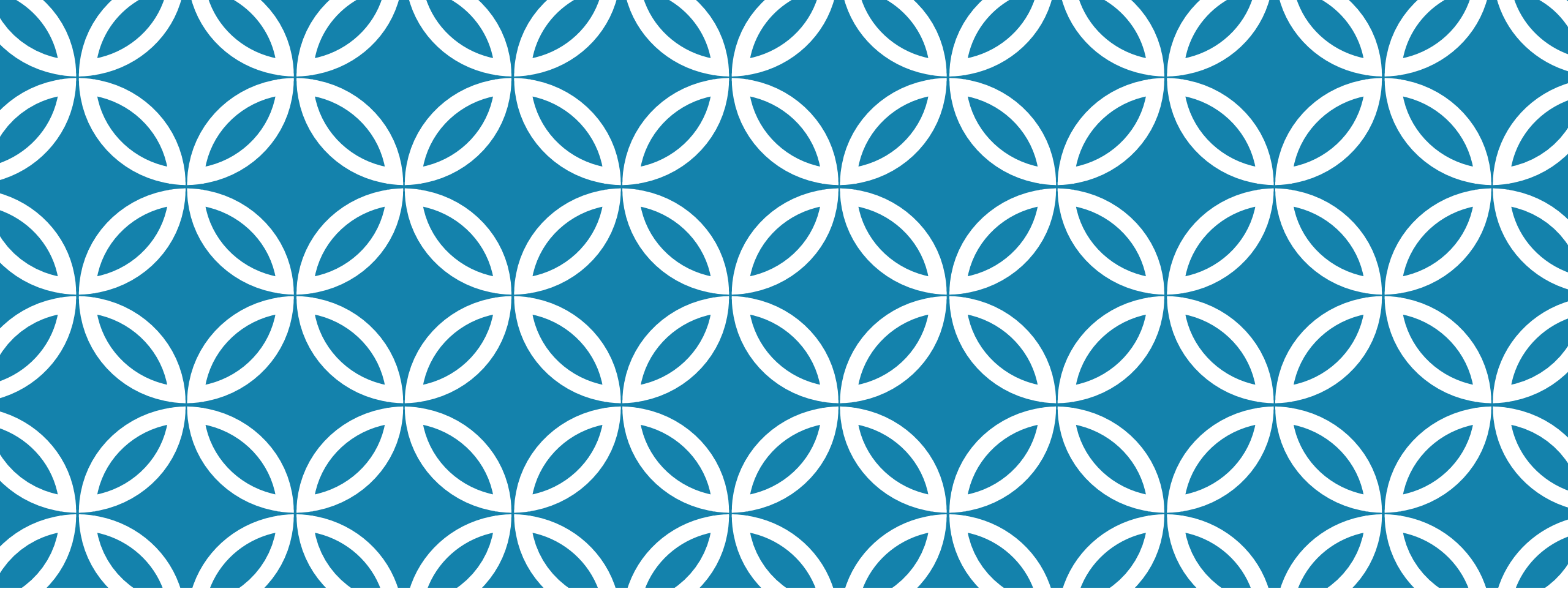
The Executive Committee met and has decided to meet monthly until further notice.



# COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

- I've been participating in the Website development group meetings as we continue to work on the new website to improve our communication with our community.
- Met with a local advocate reporter to discuss the regional centers approach to conservatorship of adults with disabilities. She is pursuing a story that is false and misleading but we are unable to clarify because the story is about individual and we cannot even confirm or deny whether or not they are consumers of our regional center.





# DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE



# CALENDAR YEAR 2019 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT GUIDELINES

This document contains guidelines and specific timelines for submitting calendar year 2019 outcome-based performance plans. These guidelines are consistent with the legal requirements for developing and implementing performance contracts, as specified in Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code section 4629, and support the quality management system framework.



# LETTER FROM DDS ON SERVING CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, RECEIVE REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES AND HAVE CHALLENGING SERVICE SUPPORT NEEDS

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Department of Social Services (DSS) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) started discussing the challenges in supporting children who have dual agency involvement. As an initial step, a meeting will soon be scheduled between the state departments, regional centers and county mental health agencies to have focused discussion and collaborative problem solving efforts.



# SURVEY ON SENATE BILL (SB) 826 FUNDING TO INCREASE SERVICE COORDINATOR STAFF

SB 826 (Budget Act of 2016) chaptered June 27, 2016, provided funding to regional centers to hire additional service coordinator staff. Item 4300-101-0001, Provision 8 of SB 826 requires regional centers to annually report to the California Department of Developmental Services (Department) the number of staff hired with the additional funds and the effectiveness of these funds in reducing average caseload ratios.





# FY 2018-19 COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN (CPP) AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CRDP) GUIDELINES

*Resource Development Plan (CRDP) Guidelines.* The Department of Developmental Services (Department) incorporated input from the Association of Regional Center Agencies in the development of these guidelines. Parameters for CPP and CRDP related funding requests are addressed in the guidelines. Through the CPP and CRDP, funding is available to assist regional centers in the development of necessary and appropriate services for individuals moving to, or already residing in, the community. The CPP is focused on developing services for individuals moving from the developmental centers, or for individuals at risk of moving to a more restrictive setting, while the CRDP is focused on developing services for individuals with challenging services needs and/or to meet the needs of the broader community.



# APPROVAL OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER

**New Service:** The renewed waiver includes the following new service:

- o Housing Access Services, Service Code (SC) 089

**New Waiver Billable Services:** This renewal also includes the following existing services that were not previously eligible for FFP:

- o Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes (Facility), Service Code 900
- o Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes (Individual), Service Code 901
- o Occupational Therapy, Service Code 773 (billable for services provided to individuals age 21 and over)
- o Physical Therapy, Service Code 772 (billable for services provided to individuals age 21 and over)

## **Changes to Reporting of Specialized Therapeutic Services (STS), Service Code 117**

Services provided under STS include: Behavior Intervention, Speech, Hearing, and Language Services, Psychology Services, Occupational Therapy, Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Dental Services, Respiratory Therapy, Family/Consumer Training.



# DDS HAS MADE THE DETERMINATION TO TERMINATE FOR CONVENIENCE, OUR EXISTING GRANT AGREEMENT #17-C30 (VMRC DISPARITIES GRANT)

By November 17, 2018, upon reconciliation of final expenses approved by the Department, IMHP will return any unused grant funds to the Department, as required in the grant agreement. The Department may request a copy of any records or supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of grant activities or incurred grant expenditures through July 13, 2018.



THE DEPARTMENT HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING POS POLICY  
CONTINGENT UPON THE REGIONAL CENTER'S ASSURANCE THAT THE  
POLICY IS IMPLEMENTED SO AS TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE  
FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, AND REGULATIONS: **RESPIRE POLICY**

In implementing this policy, the determination of which services and supports are necessary for each consumer shall be made through the Individual Program Plan (IPP) process or the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process for Early Start program eligible children. The determination shall be made on the basis of the needs and preferences of the consumer, or when appropriate, the consumer's family, and shall include consideration of a range of service options proposed by the IPP or IFSP team, the effectiveness of each option in meeting the goals stated in the IPP or IFSP and the cost-effectiveness of each option.



# REGIONAL CENTER LIST OF SERVICES AND DESCRIPTIONS WEBPAGE POSTING

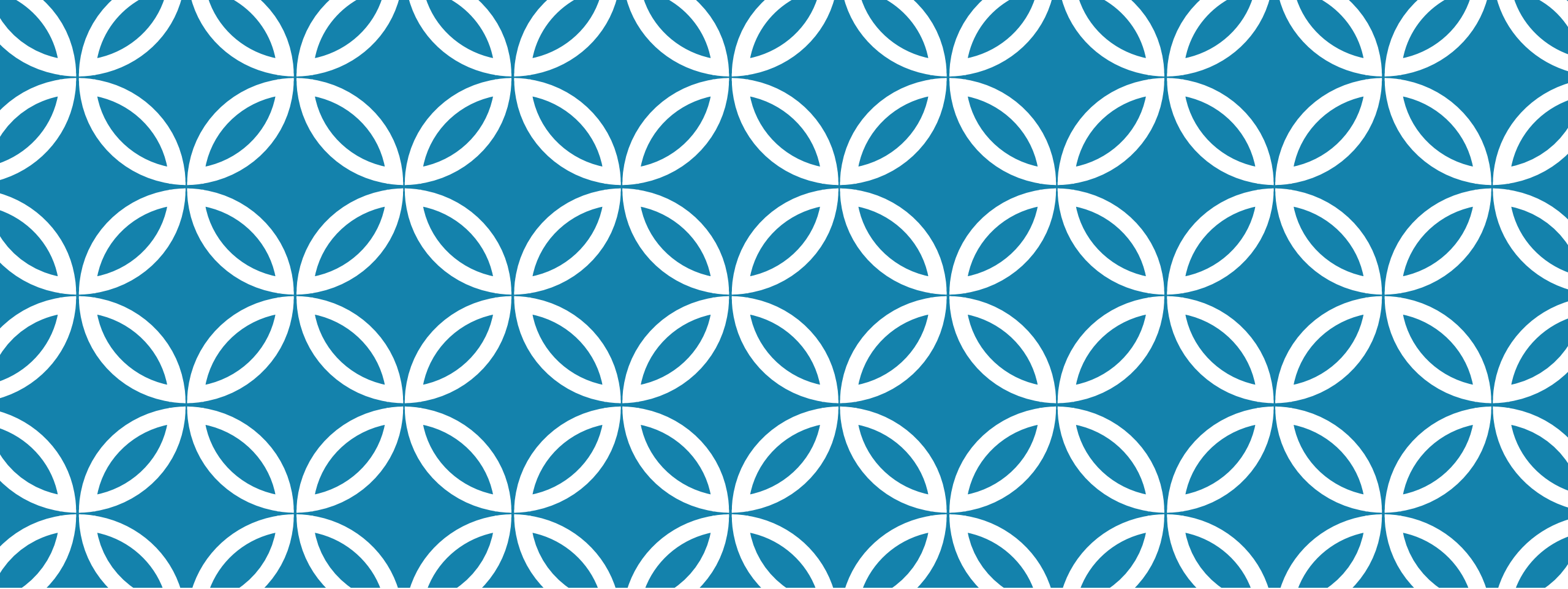
The purpose of this correspondence is to inform regional centers about a newly developed list of regional center services and descriptions (enclosed) that has been posted to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) webpage. The posting of services and descriptions was mandated by Assembly Bill 959, and developed with input from regional center staff, the Association of Regional Center Agencies and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.



# COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONS ON ENHANCING CALIFORNIA'S RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and Mission Analytics Group are planning collaborative discussions with each regional center on the topic of risk management. The intent of these meetings is to better support your regional center in meeting the requirements of the Title 17, California Code of Regulations and the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver's first assurance, "to protect the health and welfare of persons receiving services".





**QUESTIONS?**

