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CRDP/CPP Development Project: Integradora (Integrators) Program
Region: Valley Mountain Regional Center catchment areas of Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties.
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Description of Needed Service:

Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) has the need for a Integradora (Integrator) Program which will enhance **regional center services and all other community support services,** to increase support to those monolingual families who are not accessing/utilizing regional center and generic resources. VMRC serves approximately 14,000 adults and children. Of the 14,000 clients served by VMRC, 18% are non-English speaking; Spanish is VMRC's second most prevalent non-English language. Language plays a significant role in accessing services. VMRC has been informed via Surveys and Leaders of the community that Hispanics are not receiving the full array of community supports from the regional center and all other community support structures and services. Families are at risk of more restrictive institutionalized settings because without intervention families tend to wait until the breaking point.

The goal will be to educate families about available resources and supports such as IPP, IEP advocacy and how to access those services, thus helping them to be better advocates for their family members. Integrators primarily shall focus on the underserved ethnic communities. INTEGRATORS will be primarily Parents and Self-Advocates who have years of hands-on experience, extensively trained and empowered in an outreach program that is designed to walk step-in-step through an integrated process of the regional center system.