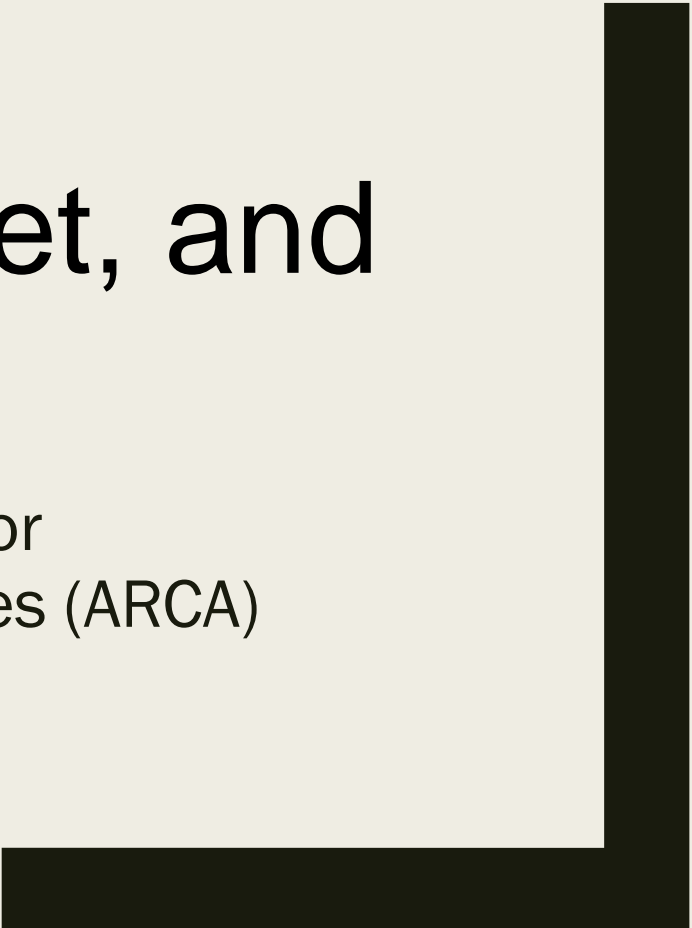




# ARCA, the State Budget, and You

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# Tonight We'll Cover

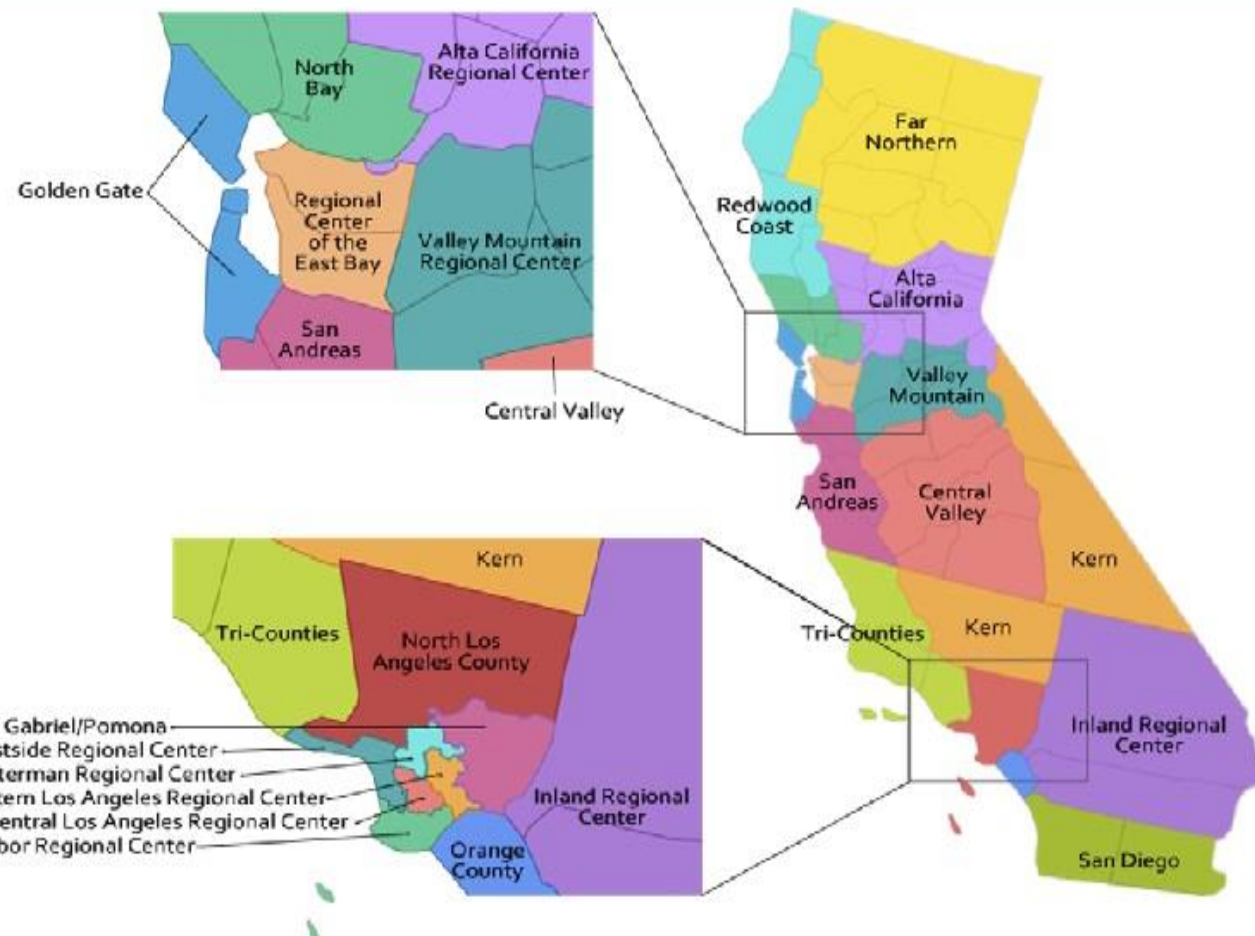
- What is ARCA?
- Big ideas in the state Budget

# The Ins and Outs of ARCA

# ARCA in a Nutshell

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) represents the twenty-one independent nonprofit regional centers in California that provide life-long services to about 350,000 individuals who have a developmental disability.





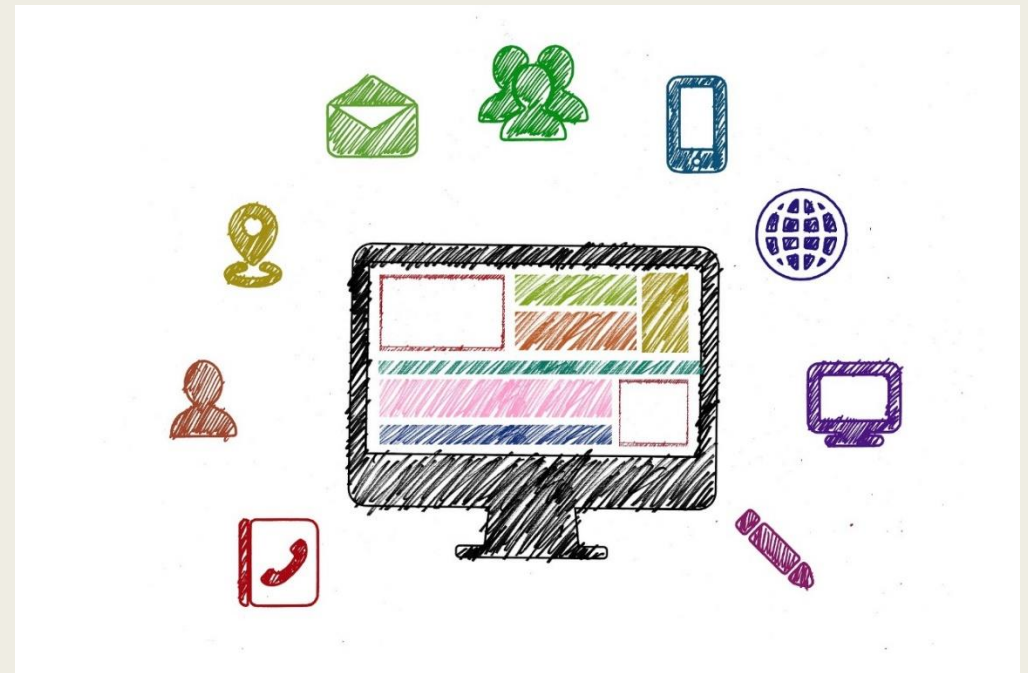


# So...why ARCA?

- There are 21 regional centers.
- Regional centers were set up to represent their own areas.
- This makes each regional center different.
- All regional centers have to follow the same laws.
- Sometimes working together makes sense.

# Public Messaging

- Importance of service coordination
- Staff that support service coordination
- Local partnerships meeting local needs
- Supporting diversity through diversity







# Issues Impacting the Whole State



# Big Money and Ideas

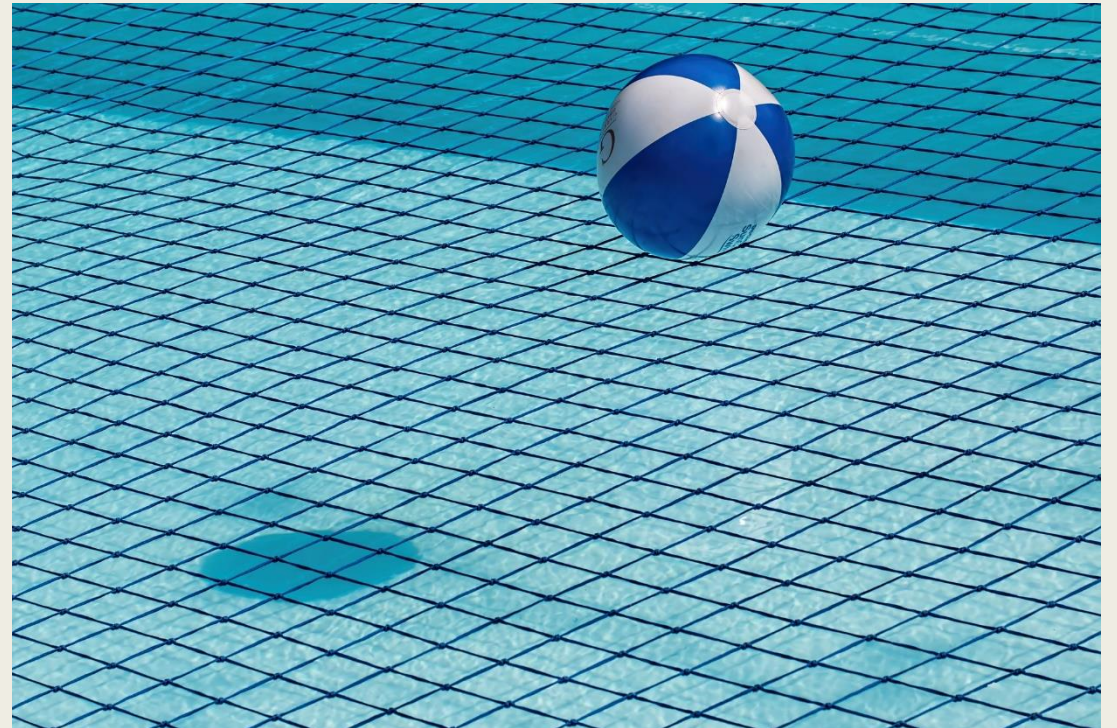
# The Base

- Removing financial barriers
- Targeted rate increases
- Service coordination
- A plan for the future
- Cost-of-Living



# Safety Net

- START Model
- Competency Training
- Temporary developmental center expansion



# Service Provider

## January 2021 Increases

- *Infant Development Programs*
- *Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services*
- *Independent Living Programs*



# Service Coordination

- More focus on young children
- Helping families learn other systems
- Not enough funding



# The Future

- Information Technology projects
- Performance Incentive Program
  - *Quality outcomes*
  - *Access and utilization*
  - *Disparity*
  - *Coordinating care*



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