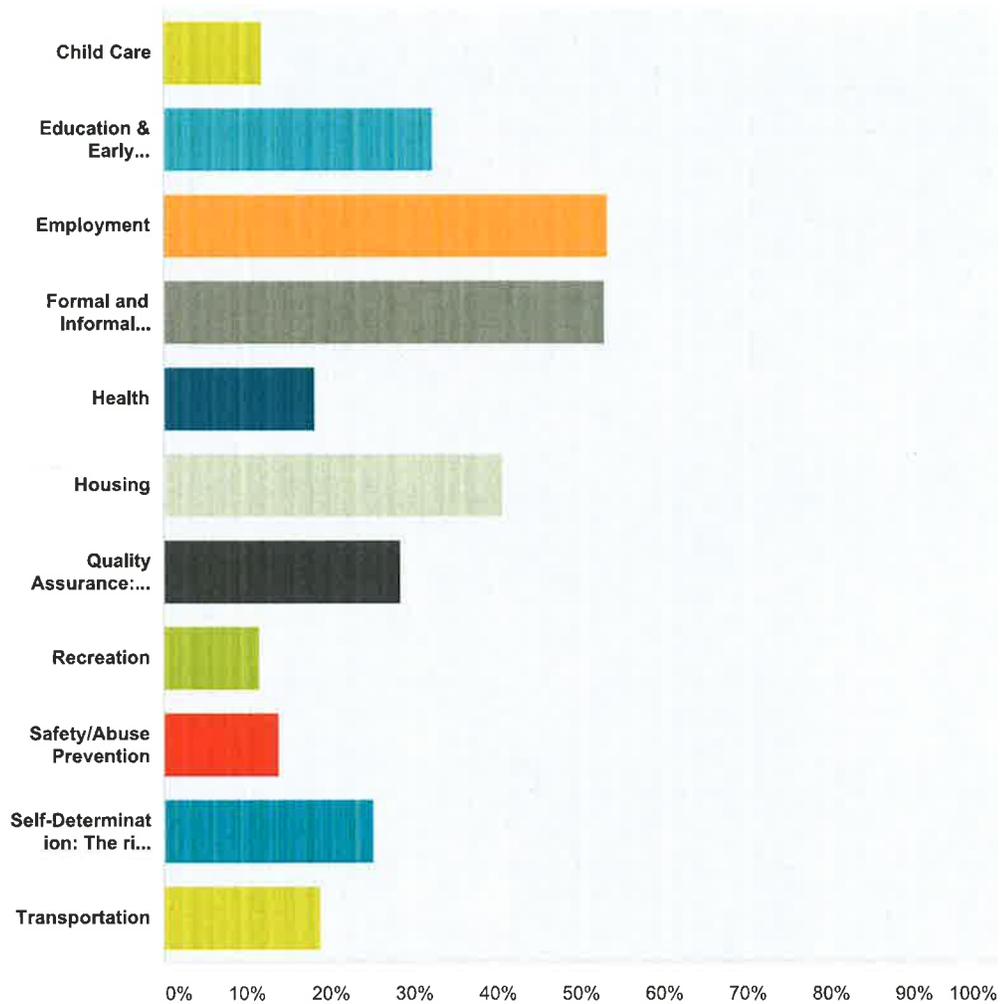


**Q1 Please check up to 3 areas of greatest need for services for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities?
Service Areas (Please check up to 3)**

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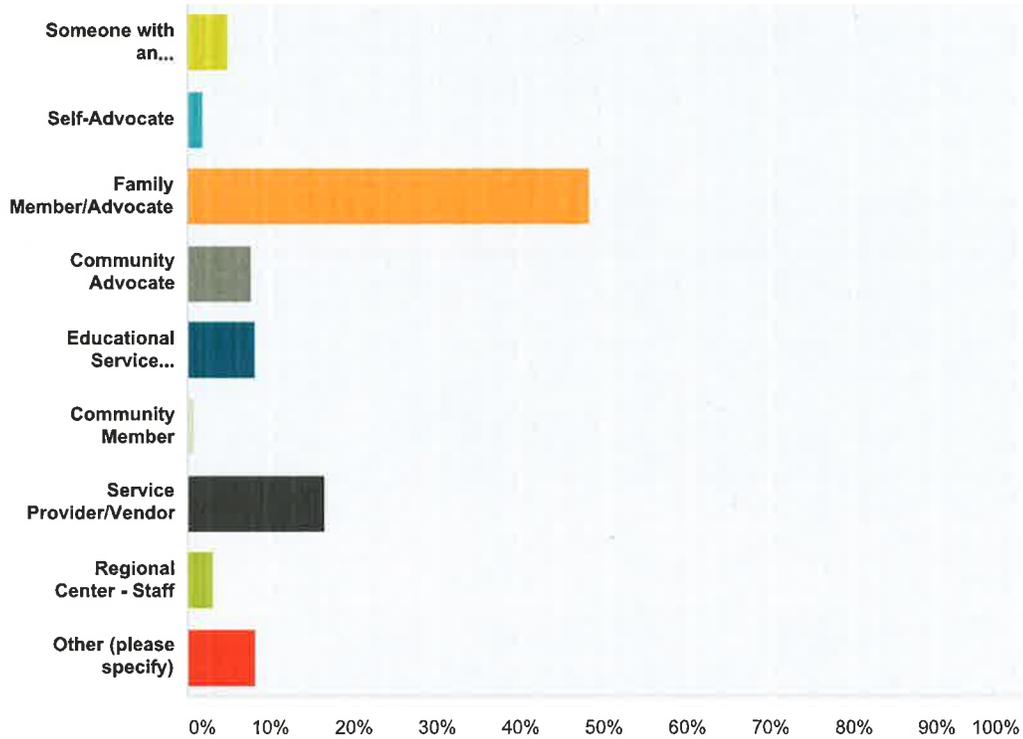
Answer Choices	Responses
Child Care	11.87% 26
Education & Early Intervention: Services that are delivered in schools (from age 3-22) and/or delivered from birth to the age of three (3).	32.42% 71
Employment	53.42% 117
Formal and Informal Community Supports: Services that you receive or use in the community (For example: transportation, facilitation, independent living, respite, and tailored day services, and other types of assistance).	52.97% 116
Health	18.26% 40

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Housing	40.64%	89
Quality Assurance: Work that makes it possible for people to get services, be protected, and have freedom, choices and opportunity for community inclusion.	28.31%	62
Recreation	11.42%	25
Safety/Abuse Prevention	13.70%	30
Self-Determination: The right and responsibility to make your own decisions, decide what services and supports you need, and advocate for yourself and others.	25.11%	55
Transportation	18.72%	41
Total Respondents: 219		

Q2 Who are you? (Please check one)

Answered: 219 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Someone with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability	5.02% 11
Self-Advocate	1.83% 4
Family Member/Advocate	48.40% 106
Community Advocate	7.76% 17
Educational Service Provider	8.22% 18
Community Member	0.91% 2
Service Provider/Vendor	16.44% 36
Regional Center - Staff	3.20% 7
Other (please specify)	8.22% 18
Total	219

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Consultant working with CPP teams on deinstitutionalization	4/9/2015 10:49 AM
2	Member of Regional Advisory Committee; Central Coast	4/8/2015 4:09 PM
3	Day Program Director of Training.	4/2/2015 9:34 AM

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4	ATTORNEY FOR DD CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	4/1/2015 9:57 AM
5	school nurse	4/1/2015 9:11 AM
6	Advocate for my 2 blind sons-past CAPVI president, retired public ed. teacher and administrator	3/24/2015 2:28 PM
7	Area board 11 member	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
8	Mother to a child w/Developmental Disability	3/20/2015 5:01 PM
9	Occupational Therapist	3/20/2015 1:31 PM
10	Occupational Therapist practicing in the school system	3/20/2015 1:28 PM
11	SCDD Board Member–OC Regional Office	3/19/2015 11:47 PM
12	Independent Living coordinator	3/18/2015 9:44 AM
13	Independent Living Specialist	3/18/2015 8:54 AM
14	ILC Staff	3/17/2015 7:46 PM
15	Nonprofit service provider	3/12/2015 1:19 PM
16	Director of ILC	3/12/2015 10:40 AM
17	someone with autism who is also a self-advocate.	3/11/2015 8:19 PM
18	SILC Member, ILC Board Member	3/10/2015 3:26 PM

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Q3 In the areas you checked, describe the service needs that you have experienced.

Answered: 181 Skipped: 38

#	Responses	Date
1	People who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities tend to be low-income therefor need jobs and vendors to assist with finding jobs as well as affordable housing.	4/14/2015 10:44 AM
2	Employment with job coach through DOR (department Of Rehabilitation).	4/13/2015 11:25 AM
3	help with becoming more independent accessing the proper support services available help with finding a job	4/13/2015 11:15 AM
4	My son is presently 28 and living in a group home. He was in the Simi Valley early intervention program and I am convinced that without this program, he would be more severely disabled. Employment is limited; I think it is horrendous that companies are allowed to pay disabled people less than minimum wage. My son will never drive so it is frustrating that transportation is limited; especially when one has to transfer from one bus to another and there is no coordination so he needs to wait an excessive amount of time for the next bus.	4/13/2015 8:22 AM
5	Resources are scarce and difficult to access	4/12/2015 9:55 PM
6	My daughter lives with her family in our home. She attends post-secondary during the day. I have a very hard time finding someone to take care of her when she is not in school and I am at work. This is early mornings and late afternoons. I cannot find a nurse who wants to do shift care due to the low pay. Finding dental care is another issue.	4/12/2015 8:10 AM
7	Need individual help for the family.	4/9/2015 3:05 PM
8	Research demonstrates the critical impact of big investments in early intervention on outcomes throughout the life span. QA is needed to ensure highest possible quality of supports throughout the system. Self-determination must be the foundation of all supports so that people are empowered rather than dependent.	4/9/2015 10:49 AM
9	With all the recent changes in regulations. It is becoming increasing difficult to find employment and to offer work training programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	4/9/2015 9:03 AM
10	There is poor accountability for results in SpED and thus too many kids are in "separate but unequal" school settings rather than fully mainstreamed. The related services in schools are very subpar (PT, OT, SPL) and this needs to be augmented to not lose these children. How are we actively looking to influence and solve the 80% unemployment rate by people with ID/DD locally? Do we have enough job coaches, are community members aware? Do we have companies that are partnering to give internships and jobs?	4/8/2015 8:01 PM
11	Our son lives in a Community Options Home but has also been in a number of group homes. He uses Ride On to get to his adult day program. We have developed a non profit that provides sports & recreation free to athletes with intellectual, developmental and physical challenges. There was not a local program that provided this; our son is very active and needed such a program desprately.	4/8/2015 4:09 PM
12	I have received help from Goodwill and they have been great at Job placement and community integration	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
13	Our daughter lives in a Housing Authority subsidized supported living home. There is always a possibility that the landlord will sell, and our area of Santa Barbara has very few rentals that are available. To move her out of her community would upset her life greatly so we are always concerned. In the health area she needs good dental work frequently under anesthesia to keep her mouth and her whole body healthy. This is hard to find and fund. As parent vendors we provide lots of support to get our daughter into the community in ways that she can participate. What happens when we can no longer do this?	4/8/2015 8:18 AM
14	occupational therapy, early childhood education, employments opportunities, housing in rural areas	4/7/2015 6:15 PM
15	More education to get employment. More bus service and education/support to use the bus more.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
16	Residential Program for children ages 13-17	4/7/2015 7:30 AM
17	Tremendous need for supports for adults with autism, including Aspergers. Housing, daily living support, job support.	4/6/2015 8:43 PM

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18	As a support staff I would like to see some focus on the wages paid to support staff across the board. A wage that allows more people to chose this work and/or continue in it long term would provide stability to individuals receiving these services.	4/6/2015 3:20 PM
19	Due to trailer bills back in 2009 (?), recreation, social, camp etc. were taking away. Need to bring back these services to help w/social program and be included.	4/6/2015 9:15 AM
20	We are constantly faced with providers leaving due to rate issues.	4/6/2015 8:54 AM
21	Housing scarcity for DD adults. Job training challenges.	4/5/2015 6:38 PM
22	First responders report that they don't always feel comfortable or sure of themselves when dealing with people with disabilities. My pediatrician didn't know where to refer me when she diagnosed my baby with a developmental disability. Transportation systems don't appear to collaborate with one another to ensure consistent regional coverage or scheduling - there is no one-stop shop for getting anywhere. Educators and doctors don't feel comfortable being honest about assessments and diagnoses - which doesn't help parents deal with grief or coping or finding and using available tools.	4/3/2015 2:03 PM
23	Lack of programming and employment for high functioning people with autism and Asperger's. Housing, in general, for people with disabilities, especially people with behavioral challenges.	4/2/2015 10:11 AM
24	Just to continue to offer in all areas the information so each individual can be a supportive part of our community and become as independent as possible.	4/2/2015 9:34 AM
25	Intense child care and support needs for the past 16 years; housing needs as they transition to adulthood	4/1/2015 8:46 PM
26	There is an extreme lack of supported housing options with viable supportive services for a range of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The number of adults with ID/DD will triple in the next ten years. What is California doing to prepare for this??	4/1/2015 7:25 PM
27	Housing is the #1 problem that needs to be addressed. Second is programs/options after HS. Few exist for the moderately disabled.	4/1/2015 5:19 PM
28	My daughter is 27 years old and still lives with me. She needs to be able to live safely with friends in the community. There is no housing available for her because of the high cost. Funds are needed to assist with housing and the supports she would require. She is in a good day program, but transportation is difficult because of the low pay - they can't get drivers. Both the day program and the regional center pay for staff is lower than what people can get elsewhere and so they have a difficult time filling positions with good candidates. And more training is needed for people like my daughter to learn to be independent before the housing and services are available, rather than waiting until they area. That's too late for them.	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
29	Throughout her school years, we had to fight for everything she received, even though she was entitled to it by law. Services for integration into the community were very limited. Now that she is "graduating" at age 22, there are again limited services as far as work & being with her peer group. The Sonoma County Office of Educations Special Ed program has been the best & I wish these services continued throughout her lifespan.	4/1/2015 12:29 PM
30	MY CLIENTS LACK HOUSING OPTIONS AND WELL TRAINED, STABLE SUPPORTS STAFF BOTH FOR DAY PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTED LIVING. THE INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT ISSUES ARE HANDLED PRIMARILY BY AGING PARENTS. THERE IS NO PLAN B WHEN THESE PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE IN THIS ROLE.	4/1/2015 9:57 AM
31	My son is a dual diagnosis guy and these new 15 bed delayed egress facilities around the state frighten me. I am afraid when he gets ejected from his community setting due to his mental illness he will end up in one or essentially be locked up.	4/1/2015 9:45 AM
32	dental services for student's that require anesthesia. Adequate mental health professional to monitor medications.	4/1/2015 9:11 AM
33	Need for appropriately trained one-on-one support. Need for accommodated employment. Need for state funding agency personnel to think outside the box and help figure out a way to make it work.	4/1/2015 8:46 AM
34	we have private health insurance, so that has not been a problem. Our greatest need is assisting our adult dtr. with transportation needs to and from appts, since my husband and I work full-time. I usually exhaust all my sick leave, vacation to tend to the needs of my adult dtr. who has these special needs.	4/1/2015 7:57 AM
35	Unfamiliar with Early Intervention - but it makes sense, especially for people with autism. Carved and custom employment opportunities seem like a win/win for people with I/DD and employers. Know of too many examples of sub-standard or unavailable health care resources for people with I/DD. Mental and dental health care should really be called crisis intervention at this point. Serious need in these two areas.	4/1/2015 7:29 AM

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36	Arc of San Francisco is a great help with project search and. more fund should be provide for that, Please do not cut any funds.	4/1/2015 6:00 AM
37	Limited housing availability. The principles of Self Determination need greater acceptance, not just a "program".	3/31/2015 11:36 PM
38	People with developmental disabilities are ridiculously under-employed and are in desperate need of housing and self-determination options.	3/31/2015 9:37 PM
39	Transportation is hard for individuals to get around and it makes employment opportunities more challenging. Affordable housing is difficult to come by and makes it hard for people to live alone if that's preferred.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
40	Regional center says my 18 year old homeschooled son must have a certificate or high school diploma before they provide a job coach, even though he is not going to get that for some years yet, and wants to start working part time, but needs a coach. The school district they refer to as funding source does not have these programs and they know it.	3/31/2015 8:20 PM
41	My son is 19 with autism. I have been looking for adult day service for him. Found one that I really like. wait list is #65, maximum occupancy is around 130. When will he be able to get in? What would he be doing in the meantime? Employment: they need a meaningful life. Not sure how to get employment for them. Housing: with Silicon Valley's housing cost, how are they going to afford housing? what will happen when I and my husband die? who will take care of them? all these issues.... these children are growing up fast. There is not enough services available in the adult population.	3/31/2015 7:57 PM
42	Reduction in services due to budget constraints as well as difficulty in recruiting and maintaining qualified staff at all levels. There are more needs at all levels, an ever increasing # of persons with autism and severe multiple needs, fewer appropriate adult vocational and housing opportunities for a groing adult population	3/31/2015 7:46 AM
43	self advocate	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
44	Case Referral Run-around has deteriorated. While funding reform is underway, families need an engaged advocacy committed&funded to close the gaps where all good efforts fizzle to NBE - No Beneficial Effect for clients. For instance - incentives promoting Section 8 vouchers are essential to prevent homelessness &/or institutionalization of people like my son. Instead, a game of hot-potato helpless reflex spends much time and resources, whereas a cheaper, simpler and more effective method is a simple, direct insurance premium to cover the perceived&actual risks landlords experience from Housing Choice Voucher tenants who are developmentally disabled and receive Supportive Living Services from a Regional Center.	3/30/2015 5:05 PM
45	Health- lack of doctors and other health care professionals trained in the specific needs of DD adults and children	3/30/2015 3:29 PM
46	Total lack of affordable housing for adult population. Upends families.	3/30/2015 1:02 PM
47	Affordable housing for care providers. Trained individuals to provide support services.	3/30/2015 12:02 PM
48	There is a lack of options for transportation to after-school services for special needs youth which then means they don't get to access them. In the educational setting, Project Cornerstone ends at Elementary level and there is a huge failure to incorporate those youth in an inclusive way at a time with friendships and peer support means the most to them.	3/30/2015 11:41 AM
49	Not being able to provide support and referrals to children with disabilities to appropriate agencies due to wait list or not meeting certain criteria	3/30/2015 8:48 AM
50	A good Education goes a long way towards more appropiate work. Safety from abuse of all types of mistreatp	3/30/2015 8:11 AM
51	Adult Day Programs, THAT PAY MORE, FOR BETTER TRAINED JOB COACHES. I have a severely developmentally delayed adult, with some difficult behavior, due to seizure meds. My son could do more, if he had more experienced/trained job coaches.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
52	0-3yrs Hope Infant program. Physical/occupational Therapy Regional Center Social Workers	3/28/2015 3:06 PM
53	"But what of the generation who were born before 1980, who may have had Asperger Syndrome but for whom there was no diagnosis available? No specialist clinical teams, not even the concept of AS. How did they fare? The answer is that they were overlooked, and struggled through their school years." and still struggle... http://iancommunity.org/cs/articles/very_late_diagnosis_of_asperger_syndrome	3/28/2015 10:04 AM
54	We are hoping to get help with a summer camp for our autistic boy	3/28/2015 9:03 AM

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55	crisis supports for individual with aggressive behavior when family can no longer handle it but there are no appropriate placements; housing for individual with potential aggressive behavior but who is helped by being much more active than group homes, programs that serve individuals with behaviors in ways that interest them and so help them become more engaged with others in constructive ways; assistance with developing housing options for our adult children by supporting the development of scattered housing sites with supported living or other forms of individualized supports so that people can truly live and be involved in their local community	3/27/2015 11:55 PM
56	The DDS adult autism population is exploding. In the state, it will double in the next five years and triple in the next ten, to 42,000.	3/27/2015 10:11 PM
57	ABA therapy for home based children. Speech and occupational therapy.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
58	Transportation services to and from DAP have negatively impacted the day programs ability to support all folks getting into the community due to delayed arrival and staff have no time to perform other necessary duties/trainings due to arrivals that exceed program hours by almost 2 hours.	3/27/2015 3:30 PM
59	Limited options for adults with disabilities, both in housing and employment.	3/27/2015 2:42 PM
60	education and early intervention- my brother received less than adequate services in Pennsylvania, the state where he grew up. Very few choices as far as education and schooling. Health- my brother received adequate health services as a child and continues to as an adult Employment- very limited opportunity for dd adults. my brother has worked in sheltered workshops, outside employment, training programs, day activity programs. His best experience was probably in workshops- he felt as if he was contributing to his community by working. That being said, these workshops seem so....20th century. We need to do much better, not just nuts and bolts in a bag. Although nuts and bolts in a bag is definitely much better than the day programs he has been involved with. These day programs are basically day care services, and if i see one more group off dd adults waiting at a bus stop, drinking coffee at a Starbucks, wandering through a mall, hanging out in a library...well you get the picture. Unfortunately, my brother was unsuccessful at working in the community. While it certainly sounds like a great idea to work independently in the community, the reality was that my brother needed too much support. Can't there be a vibrant training center with a work component. A training center that has really great programs for independent living, arts and creativity, real work training and also some work. I think we need to try new innovative programs	3/27/2015 11:41 AM
61	Persons with disabilities are always in need of adequate housing depending on the specific disability, health care that specifically addresses their respective needs, and transportation. Though transportation is better, access and reduced wait time needs to be addressed	3/27/2015 7:31 AM
62	Will experience a need for support for a somewhat independent adult	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
63	I have been trying to find after school programs that my grade 3-5 M/M students can participate in such as art, music, sports, etc.	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
64	Young adults need more advocates to find and secure employment. We have limited resources for jobs in our area.	3/26/2015 1:26 PM
65	Child care	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
66	When my son was below 3 yr old.He received early start services and showed lot of improvement.These early start services are very important for people with disabilities. Hope these disability kids get some small jobs and live their own life.	3/26/2015 9:29 AM
67	Education needs to be tailored to the need of the individual - my son was mentally gifted, however, his district had a one size fits all approach. After filing for due process requesting regular classroom placement with appropriate support, they gave in and created a class for him with 10 sighted students and him. This was still inappropriate because it was conducted in the same room with other VI students with only a low bookshelf between the two groups. After lobbying in Sacramento and the US Congress, the people I was with were advocating for a full range of program options depending on need. I was astounded at the number of elected officials who believed students with disabilities should be either in regular classes or special ed. classes, but not both. As an educator, I quickly learned that even students with disabilities do not learn in the same way, nor at same time. To be a good teacher, I had to adjust for the need of my students, ie. have my auditory learner read their lesson into a tape recorder and then play it back as she visually read. her assignment. She went from an F student to a A student in all of her classes. PS my oldest son graduated from Stanford and is trying to pass the Bar. My youngest son graduated from USC and is a working musician and gives individual music lessons.	3/24/2015 2:28 PM

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68	1) Many clients with intellectual disability appear to have difficulty acquiring medical (MediCal) support as needed because their parents are not made aware that thie child need state MediCal, rather than the HMO for which the rest of the family was signed up. 2) Regional Center (parts B & C) in San Diego is not assigning early entervention clients to the services they need; for example even when a child lives in the SDUSD and an evaluation is performed by RC, they child will receive a "Home Educator" and ABA although in fact they need OT or PT or ST. Then by the time the child is assessed by the ECSE team, they are over three and had lost at last one year of good input. Now why can't there be a dual intervention? Schools don't have funding for ABA, but they have credentialed teachers, so can't the child be in SDUSD Infant Program and have ABA from another agency? Why can't there be collaboration and one agency supplementing another rather than isolation of services.?	3/24/2015 2:22 PM
69	Respite Services shlb be made available to Family Member inorder for the person to maintain sanity .Parents need breaks so respite services will be good.Also DayCare for Special Need kids.	3/24/2015 2:05 PM
70	The earlier we help these clients the less they need help in the future, We need to empower and educate parents and caregivers to promote independence from the start.	3/24/2015 10:06 AM
71	More job skill training for students.	3/23/2015 6:16 PM
72	Education - parents need advocacy support to get appropriate services and resolve problems Employment - direct service staff and regional center staff need training on customized employment, providers need rates restructured. Self determination - info for individuals and families, ensure regional centers follow the spirit of self determination	3/23/2015 5:17 PM
73	There is a large disconnect between the educational system and transitioning people with disabilities to the adult world and helping them be ready to lead productive lives. There are few opportunities for more disabled people to earn money as adults.	3/23/2015 8:22 AM
74	Lack of transportation for those who can travel via van or bus is lacking outside of public school. Summer break nothing to do without transportation. Afternoon, weekend activities need transportation. Employment: public schools and Regional Center do not coordinate to establish jobs. DOR should come in the establish a job (paid or not) before the end of the Transition program. Young adults are stranded in day programs without a job. Families really, really, really need childcare. The cost is staggering. People need to manage their families and work and community needs along with raising a child with special needs. Families are struggling.	3/22/2015 9:10 PM
75	There is lack of support in all the areas discussed.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
76	Respite hours, Medi-Cal services, SMSC, special olympics, Sports 4 Exceptional Athletes	3/22/2015 4:17 PM
77	Direct representation	3/21/2015 10:22 PM
78	Teachers that are not capable or have the capacity to teach children who have disabilities. Many times these teachers don't know how to teach or communicate with children with disabilities makes it very frustrating and detrimental for a child or student with disabilities or is a special needs child.	3/20/2015 5:01 PM
79	Employment- support employment, sheltered workshops, competitive employment and entrepreneurship Formal and informal supports- same as listed Safety/Abuse Prevention- SEEDS, Serra Hlgh (one of my schools) developed a student specific sexual and community safety program	3/20/2015 1:31 PM
80	Not enough preschool classrooms, not enough specialized programs to address functional skills needs and skills that can be transferrable to employment	3/20/2015 1:28 PM
81	Early Intervention is critical to long term outcomes for all students with disabilities. The research shows that the amount of intervention a child receives decreases the intensity of need later in life. Currently, there are more children with special needs then there are resources.	3/20/2015 1:02 PM
82	As a parent and advocate for other parents, childcare is a huge issue. .A parent working 9-5 in the summer is desperate for childcare - childcare from someone capable of taking care of their child, and their particular disability. Respite does NOT cover this. Not enough hrs.	3/20/2015 11:39 AM
83	To ride the bus to Jackson to meet my worker to grocery shopping.	3/20/2015 11:26 AM
84	There are not sufficient and quality housing or employment opportunities for developmentally disabled adults in Orange County. For example, the waiting list for HUD Section 8 vouchers is 7 to 10 years. This is unacceptable. Also, there needs to be more employment geared training programs at all Community Colleges in Orange County that emulate the success of the programs for the developmentally disabled at Cypress College.	3/19/2015 11:47 PM
85	Transportation	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
86	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM

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87	I am the conservator/advocate for my sister with CP. After aging into adult services, the only option for employment that has been made available to her has been supported employment. This option did not last long as my sister was truly demoralized by the unfair pay rate and the lack of challenge. The paucity of employment options and fair pay is a huge issue.	3/19/2015 9:12 AM
88	More work ability programs, job opportunities, training and life skills.	3/19/2015 5:48 AM
89	I get calls frequently from the parents of individuals with developmental disabilities looking for supervised housing in the Santa Cruz area but there is really no place to refer them to.	3/18/2015 4:52 PM
90	Most of our clients are seeking employment in the community, but have great difficulty securing sustainable employment. We also receive several requests for assistance with housing, as many clients cannot rent a place on their own on their SSI payments alone. Lastly, most of our clients live in North County San Diego, which has a limited public transportation system that is very time consuming for consumers to utilize.	3/18/2015 2:49 PM
91	need for transport,housing,education,proper diagnosis for health plan,early intervention for proper transition into appropriate area of need.	3/18/2015 10:50 AM
92	People with developmental disabilities have the right to self-determination. The current changes in the Lanterman Act have eroded those rights. The limited supply of accessible/affordable needs to be addressed. Employment services needs to be restored. Agencies providing this service are disappearing due low reimbursement rates.	3/18/2015 10:39 AM
93	Lack of affordable housing	3/18/2015 9:44 AM
94	Self Determination is where it all starts. Without self determination, a person with intellectual/developmental disabilities will not have the drive to better themselves and seek employment. The lack of self determination often times stems from abuse sustained while growing up. If we can stop the abuse and boost self determination then persons with developmental disabilities will be more empowered and will inevitably seek employment and careers.	3/18/2015 9:13 AM
95	A lot of apartments are not accepting section 8. There's not a lot of help with housing.	3/18/2015 8:54 AM
96	Housing and services for African American males. The number of homeless AA citizens living on the streets with NO HELP and NO HOPE. The number of AA citizens in jail and prison rather than getting mental health services.	3/18/2015 8:51 AM
97	Early Intervention/Education from 6 months (diagnosis). Having support was vital to learning how to care for and advocate for our child with special needs. Respite is a must! We were fortunate to find someone who fit with our families needs about 10 years ago & she is now like a member of the family. She is truly amazing!	3/18/2015 7:10 AM
98	We have not had much experience with good services being provided for folks who need SLS. The companies do not operate with an individualized person-centered model despite claims to be contrary. Additionally, there are VERY limited job supports available unless folks want to work in a sheltered workshop. DOR will not provide services, and the only services available in our area are through the company running the sheltered workshop so in our experience folks are not given much choice or control in where they work.	3/17/2015 7:46 PM
99	Transportation, independent living and respite	3/17/2015 7:43 PM
100	we are hearing disable	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
101	I don't understand his ?	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
102	Disimination of information regarding available services. Affordable, accessible housing. Financial assistance. Reliable transportation. Employment training and opportunities. Support for families & caregivers.	3/17/2015 5:15 PM
103	Education: There are MAJOR problems with k-12 "special education" system that need to be addressed. These problems include stereotypes, discrimination, restraining, wrong aggressive tactics as punishments, suspensions, lack of community building, segregation, bad teachers. The first thing that could be addressed, is simple education to teachers and staff about the DD community, self determination, disability rights, and disability pride, so that teachers stop treating students like non-humans. Employment: Major lack of jobs for people in the community. There seems to be ample amounts of job training programs, but the jobs they are placed in after are either unpaid, or underpaid. They need equal opportunity employment! and not with Goodwill or something like that! Equal pay! Self-Determination: DD/ID folks should be able to be in leadership positions, know their community and peers, and have an understanding of their community needs to make decisions for themselves but also on boards, committees, task forces, etc!	3/17/2015 4:53 PM
104	Harbor Regional Center help, education, home visits and resources	3/17/2015 4:23 PM
105	Education	3/17/2015 3:26 PM

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106	I help this young lady (now 51) who needs a social worker to help her. she has been robbed twice and taken advantage frequently.	3/17/2015 3:11 PM
107	AI Although I am not a person with an intellectual/developmental disability, I am an advocate with in the disability. There is a great need for all of the above services, however, the services I have checked are the most important because these provide a foundation to be laid for every person with a person with an intellectual/developmental disability to be able to live a good, healthy, happy and satisfying life.	3/17/2015 3:09 PM
108	Need for day program that is not babysitting; need for support in the entire process of finding and keeping employment; need for housing that provides both support and respect.	3/17/2015 2:45 PM
109	Well over half of our work at an independent living center involves housing.	3/17/2015 2:34 PM
110	More early intervention along with more support thru schools meeting each individuals levels of education. More health options dental and vision support.	3/17/2015 1:45 PM
111	lack of qualified respite providers. Transportation issues	3/17/2015 11:59 AM
112	Supported employment opportunities are needed for meaningful employment that is satisfying for the worker. Independent living and supported living opportunities are not available in south Orange County CA. No housing available in Irvine and in southern Orange County.	3/17/2015 11:23 AM
113	Working on community committees to further employment.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
114	Many consumers want to work but they cannot get there due to the lack of public transportation. As well, consumers wait over a year to get into affordable housing.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
115	My daughter needs and uses extensive help with housing, living independently, help "translating" the world around her so she can participate in it, figuring out bus lines, etc. she also relies heavily on her people with the Regional Center and Lifeworks.	3/17/2015 7:35 AM
116	We are a small community and our business owners are very much involved but there are not enough jobs to go around. We have Rec nights through ARC but not many opportunities for weekends or weekend activities. Transportation if good during the week but there is no transportation weekends for our people to get around outside program.	3/16/2015 8:24 PM
117	Not enough QUALITY respite workers. Not enough QUALITY adult programs for individuals with behavior needs. Not enough QUALITY group homes. Programs need to be better funded to insure QUALITY.	3/16/2015 5:37 PM
118	I have encountered numerous people that have encountered difficulties with medical devices such as walkers and wheelchairs and the difficulty to have them looked at or fixed leaving that person not being able to leave their home or using and unsafe or in situations where it takes many months to even be assisted.	3/16/2015 3:13 PM
119	I have to drive everyone in my family everywhere because we are not within a mile of a fixed route and 2 members could not wait at a stop without a bathroom and supervision.	3/16/2015 12:11 PM
120	Not enough choices for ILS/SLS. Weed out services/programs that are no longer relevant or reflective of best practices. More employment support options. Promote collaboration amongst stakeholders. Housing affects everyone; we need to be at the table whenever affordable housing is the topic. Providers can't. to be stretched to the breaking point w/ unfunded mandates. (See On the Brink report of the DDS system).	3/16/2015 10:12 AM
121	Housing, SE	3/15/2015 10:18 PM
122	Early intervention programs that provide quality programs/resources so the children have a solid foundation to build a healthy life. Respite for the parents, so as to maintain a balanced, happy family unit. Quality Assurance... It's challenging to determine what services are available for a child with special needs. We spent a great amount of time searching for such services.	3/15/2015 3:18 PM
123	education, transportation, respite	3/15/2015 11:06 AM
124	Recreation, Housing, Formal and informal community supports	3/15/2015 9:52 AM
125	in home respite	3/15/2015 3:37 AM
126	In Transition program for my 19 y/o daughter. Great service.	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
127	Heath - should be able to EASILY get all care that they need...Medical, dental, vision.	3/14/2015 5:02 PM

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128	The clients with aggressive behaviors are having a difficult time accessing resources that meet their needs. Transportation is not equipped for our clients; Day program services are very limited or do not work with the service provider in the best interest of the client. Rate of pay for services is not sufficient to supply services needed by current population	3/14/2015 5:01 PM
129	It is extremely difficult for my consumers to get jobs that pay minimum wage. And it is becoming almost impossible to find Section 8 housing in San Diego, and for people without Section 8, rents are out of reach. Transportation corridors are limited and even worse on weekends.	3/13/2015 11:17 PM
130	The Council does an amazing job of making me feel that I matter. They help tremendously when it comes to individual advocacy -- by offering suggestions and guidance when individuals and their families seek support and understanding about options available to them.	3/13/2015 2:58 PM
131	Housing in the community. You can't close DC's without community housing. You can't have Supported or Independent Living Services without housing. There will be no full inclusion without housing. AND, housing take money. Recreation is needed for everyone. Especially for adults who are beyond the school age. Adults with autism need something for them in each community.	3/13/2015 1:47 PM
132	I've received respite care, early intervention services, educational assistance, and community support for my family member.	3/13/2015 12:40 PM
133	Difficulty finding employment- lack of Dept of Rehab assistance is a major barrier Accessing formal and informal community supports is difficult- everyone point to the other agencies t provide assistance to people Self Determination- will it every become a reality for people to chose it!	3/13/2015 9:43 AM
134	Programs to allow my child to become more independent. Transportation which is a plus for working parents knowing that they have safe transportation to and from programs or work.	3/13/2015 9:10 AM
135	As a parent of a special needs child, we find that the services provided are very helpful to us. They provide emotional and physical support to our family. The caretaker have provided relief to our family and mental support.	3/13/2015 9:06 AM
136	The students that I currently work with need more life skills including jobs/training, support from the community services, and life skills English and math.	3/13/2015 8:54 AM
137	I am the parent of a 12 year old boy with Down Syndrome. Early intervention & education has been very valuable. Respite is valuable for parental breaks and knowing our son is with a caregiver that knows how to interact with our son and keep him safe.	3/13/2015 8:22 AM
138	Not enough respite providers as they are drastically underpaid. The 2009 budget trailer bills also took away funding for some very important and needed services for people with disabilities.	3/12/2015 9:20 PM
139	My daughter is 16 years old and is currently in school and the family receives respite services. Hopefully there will be a good opportunity for her to live in a safe home and have a good care provider.	3/12/2015 9:09 PM
140	Need for more work programs and tailored day programs and behaviorists that will follow through with their assignment !!!	3/12/2015 9:08 PM
141	There isn't enough trainings in my area and my respite hours are very little	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
142	More respite hours and transportation services are really lacking. Our daughter cannot drive and we spend every evening taking her to activities. We can never go on a vacation longer than a couple of days.	3/12/2015 7:49 PM
143	My 20 yo son is in Supportive Living. Is job is an unpaid internship.	3/12/2015 6:43 PM
144	Respite is the most pressing need , would be lost without it !	3/12/2015 6:04 PM
145	My son received early intervention in school and attended a non-public. Received a certificate of completion. Found a supported job. Lives with supported assistance in his own apartment. Regional Center has been and continues to be the key element in order for his life to work: And, it takes a lot of Advocacy as a parent and for him as a participant. The stress has left a mark in both of our lives!	3/12/2015 6:01 PM
146	My child is a young adult who is struggling as he tries to get a job. Although he is in an educational environment which encourages students to look for jobs the concept and the steps he needs to take seem to either be confusing to hi or overwhelming.. A young adult with intellectual disabilities struggles with trying to "fit in" and they struggle with when to ask for help and when they think they are suppose to be independent.	3/12/2015 5:47 PM
147	Respite and early intervention	3/12/2015 5:28 PM

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148	Once a consumer turns 22 there are very few job or leisure opportunities available. They are cut loose from services they were receiving since childhood.	3/12/2015 5:17 PM
149	Services are far from home. A van service used to pick up my son for his after school care, but when funding for that program dried up there was no transportation to the only other program that would accept him.	3/12/2015 4:44 PM
150	My child receives ABA and Respite care. He also receives OT and Speech from a local school but is unable to obtain these services over the summers because school is out.	3/12/2015 4:07 PM
151	Over the years our daughter has received services ranging from day programs, transportation, respite and opportunities for community inclusion.	3/12/2015 3:49 PM
152	Respite Care, emergency funding \$ for medical supplies, educational advocate---(no longer), advice to navigate system, social groups, etc.	3/12/2015 3:40 PM
153	respite care	3/12/2015 3:39 PM
154	ILS	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
155	We utilize respite services (which are a true blessing), as well as transportation services for our disabled daughter. We have never had safety/Abuse Prevention but it is our biggest fear and we would like to see programs in this area.	3/12/2015 3:21 PM
156	Insufficient affordable housing for people with DD. No support from the state. No access to Section 8. People are forced to live in congregate settings solely because of available housing.	3/12/2015 3:14 PM
157	Respite has been such a great help to me enabling me to have caregiver time to recover from the great needs of service for my child with a disability. Education is so very important. Employment and the planning involved for that is of value for ensuring that all checks are in the box as we travel to the employment time frame.	3/12/2015 3:09 PM
158	Respite	3/12/2015 2:49 PM
159	My child is in ARC San Diego and receives IHHS. Life for her would be very difficult without these services	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
160	Respite! Regional center picks and chooses who and how many hours To give. child care, to expensive for any 1 income family to afford.	3/12/2015 2:42 PM
161	Service needs that people get are not as well as they could be. Better transportation, housing, more money for more activities at day programs would be great for people.	3/12/2015 2:06 PM
162	lack of affordable housing options, clients with more significant needs needing housing that can meet those needs, fair wages, more paid work options, not enough monitoring of services due to lack of staff and funding to accomplish this at the necessary level	3/12/2015 1:56 PM
163	very minimal at best. It seems as if information is being hidden and not shared with people who request help.	3/12/2015 1:52 PM
164	Statistics show that there is still a great need to increase competitive employment positions for persons with ID's. Parents have voiced their concerns that w/o competitive employment or an increase in SSDI their children will not be able to afford housing. MTS and NCTD lost funding for their training programs for people with disabilities and there are few alternatives for affordable transportation.	3/12/2015 1:50 PM
165	I receive an MTS Compass card, served in the Self-Determination Unit, and receive ILS services.	3/12/2015 1:36 PM
166	socially isolated, living in poverty, lacking access to basic health and dental care	3/12/2015 1:34 PM
167	I have heard that once those in the DD population are in their group homes (evenings and Weekends) there is little if any recreational opportunities. I also think that something needs to be in place so that if a person is ill and can't go to work or to their sheltered workshop, there is a way for them to stay home with a level of supervision that is necessary for their needs.	3/12/2015 1:32 PM
168	Education & Early Intervention: Services are important not wait until the youth is out of school to provide benefits counseling, financial literacy, asset development, etc. Parents should be required to complete this step to assist the government to educate, promote and evaluate the best interest for their youth with disabilities. Disability awareness is not promoted properly to the communities, employers, educational facilities, faith institutions, corporations and community leaders. In today's globalized marketing, we still don't see people with disabilities been displayed in billboards, television shows, media, posters and etc. Remember if you want people with disabilities to fit in today's society, you need to have them be part of the daily lives of individuals. People will recognized them as contributors to our labor force and society when they see them as part of their lives.	3/12/2015 1:28 PM

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169	The need for Supported Employment Services is evident in the lives of our clients. With the minimum wage increase, employers seem to be wanting more bang for their buck and our clients' earning potential is a direct result of available work in the community. Some of the clients will never be capable of integrating into the streamline of working in the community, especially without support.	3/12/2015 1:27 PM
170	People are not getting the support they need to get jobs.	3/12/2015 1:24 PM
171	Difficulty accessing community programs(generic programs, after school, childcare, youth development) due to disability	3/12/2015 1:19 PM
172	Schools are not preparing students with disabilities to become members of the work force. Children are not getting IEPs to help them progress forward rather getting IEPs that reduce schools responsibility and funding	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
173	poor health services, no dental or vision services, no transportation in rural areas after 7:00 PM, not enough subsidized housing and difficult to employee	3/12/2015 10:40 AM
174	Education - I have found that without the proper education/knowledge individuals are often unable to make the best decision. Employment - Living at or below the poverty level restricts an individuals ability to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the rights provided in the Declaration of Independence and our Nations Constitution. Employment can open doors of opportunity. Self-Determination - I am a firm believer of the independent living philosophy of nothing about us without us. Every one needs to be equipped with the knowledge, skills and ability to determine their own destiny.	3/11/2015 10:04 PM
175	My adult son is employed and doing well, but needs a better understanding regarding self safety and protection regarding extortion and sexuality. Another huge need is in the area of health. His meds cause weight gain, but there are not "built in" exercise routines within his day (day program)	3/11/2015 8:54 PM
176	most medical transportation is gone in our area doesn't take Medi-cal any longer. No one tells you what services are out there you have to research it yourself and even then are told they don't do this anymore.	3/11/2015 1:37 PM
177	Employment is limited by the communities lace of understanding about peoples abilities. Housing is difficult to find and maintain due to limited availability. Transportation via public bus system is very limited on Saturday and there is none on Sunday.	3/11/2015 12:12 PM
178	lack of affordable housing and wheel chair accessibility. Have to drive for two hurs to get dental care as son has to be asleep to have dental care and had 22 cavities and teeth pulled by the time he was able to get an appointment. Takes a year to get in for care. Services being cut to the bone and workers paid low wages so he has a constant turnover in his care that jeopardizes his health conditions and he ends up in the hospital for lack of training by staff.	3/11/2015 10:57 AM
179	More housing for developmental disabilities	3/10/2015 9:12 PM
180	Serving people in employment I often found that these workers need an additional amount of support to keep transportation, maintain adequate job performance, and the handling of daily life challenges. With a little more help, they ofter maintained a great deal of autonomy and engaged fully in the local community.	3/10/2015 3:26 PM
181	With so many Developmental Disabilities, effective early intervention reduces the needs for services later in life and also improves outcomes. Advice that my parents received, testing I had, and therapy such as swimming really helped me emerge strong and capable.	3/10/2015 3:00 PM

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Q4 How can the State Council better help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Give more funding to DOR to help and provide our children support and training until they're capable on their own with their chosen employment.	4/13/2015 11:25 AM
2	housing other than care homes, more supported living on their own. training to get jobs help support the day programs already in place.	4/13/2015 11:15 AM
3	Make families aware of what services are available. It is so difficult to transition from school into adulthood.	4/13/2015 8:22 AM
4	A lot of programs are struggling due to the low pay for employees. There is a lot of turnover in many agencies. We need to get better funding for the programs we have and pay better so we can keep employees.	4/12/2015 8:10 AM
5	Talk with someone on an individual bases.	4/9/2015 3:05 PM
6	Provide support, education and opportunities in these areas. Conduct activities ensuring that all parts of the service system are working in concert toward collective goals and objectives. Promote new thinking on the values underlying services and supports. Bridge the disconnect between Sacramento and real life.	4/9/2015 10:49 AM
7	More education, a lot of people still don't know about the State Council.	4/9/2015 9:03 AM
8	By providing local grants that immediately meet the needs of the community. By empowering the Regional Advisory Council with the ability to serve the community through advocacy opportunities.	4/8/2015 4:09 PM
9	They can supply more funds and resources to help mentally disable people	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
10	Advocate for more stable funding with cost of living increases for services. Keep the lives of our folks in the forefront of legislators.	4/8/2015 8:18 AM
11	funding for dental and vision	4/7/2015 6:15 PM
12	Listen to us.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
13	Increase in funding for services. The income for residents do not meet the challenges residential programs face when increases in minimum wage, pay roll taxes, liability insurance, food, gas etc costs rises while the pay for care decreases.	4/7/2015 7:30 AM
14	Help with transition from high school to adulthood. Heard there are not much out there for adults w/severe delay once they are out of the school system.	4/6/2015 9:15 AM
15	Advocate for the whole system. It appears we are only fixing things piece meal. We need to look at the system and see how this system can be run more efficiently and effectively. The infrastructure definitely needs to be revamped.	4/6/2015 8:54 AM
16	Be a clearinghouse for information and ideas and get the word out to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Address 'paternalism' within the system and encourage independence and dignity for those who have their own lives and desires and wills and plans.	4/3/2015 2:03 PM
17	Continue to hold forums, visit programs and speak with participants and their families. Talk with service providers and community members.	4/2/2015 10:11 AM
18	Continue to offer and share the information in all areas to best fit the needs of the individuals as a unique individual.	4/2/2015 9:34 AM
19	Continue to advocate for services based on the current needs of our population, including wage increases for those who work with our family members.	4/1/2015 8:46 PM
20	Proactively develop housing, supportive services, employment and vocational training, recreation, and community integration options for the massive numbers of adults rising up through the system.	4/1/2015 7:25 PM

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21	Please listen to the parents and non profit advocates who are dealing with this on a daily basis. Think of this as an opportunity - like Lanterman - to do something that really makes a difference.	4/1/2015 5:19 PM
22	More funding is needed from the state and federal government to make sure that services and supports continue to be available, especially since we the families will not always be here to help care for them. We are draining our personal resources to support our adult children with disabilities.	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
23	See #3	4/1/2015 12:29 PM
24	CREATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS AND FLEXIBILITY FOR THOSE WHOSE NEEDS DO NOT FIT NEATLY INTO ONE CATEGORY AS WELL AS ADEQUATE FUNDING AND TRAINING FOR SUPPORT STAFF. ALSO THE LACK OF BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT FOR ADULTS RESULTS IN MANY DD INDIVIDUALS BEING UNABLE TO MAINTAIN A STABLE ENVIRONMENT REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE OR WHAT DAY PROGRAM THEY ACCESS. THE CUT-OFF BASED UPON CHRONOLOGICAL AGE IS COMPLETELY CONTRA TO THE NEEDS OF THE DD POPULATION. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE CUT OFF JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE IS A LEGAL ADULT, BUT WE CUT OFF BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING ON THAT BASIS BECAUSE ????.	4/1/2015 9:57 AM
25	We need a safe state wide option for difficult guys like my son with autism and mental illness. I am thinking state facility with much oversight and the ability for residents to get outside and move on a daily basis.	4/1/2015 9:45 AM
26	Supported living or temporary shelter (hospital) for dual-diagnosis or extreme behavioral challenging individuals that pose a danger to self and others.	4/1/2015 9:11 AM
27	Keep pushing the agencies to help based on what the families are saying the consumer wants/needs.	4/1/2015 8:46 AM
28	It is quite scary because our children are vulnerable and could be taken advantage of very easily. We need individuals who could provide opportunities for our children to get transportation w/o fear of whoever assists us will bring any harm. I would like to see perhaps a group of family caretakers, or individuals who have been touched by this disability to assist one another in arranging some type of services for each other w/o causing undue financial hardship.	4/1/2015 7:57 AM
29	Partner with local colleges and universities to provide health services at reduced fee or free. The AB9 People 1st Advocacy Conference in 2013 was fantastic.	4/1/2015 7:29 AM
30	Get more free programs with people with disabilities. Social programs, How to live independently program, Housing program,	4/1/2015 6:00 AM
31	See above.	3/31/2015 9:37 PM
32	Create awareness for all programs and help individuals be where they choose.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
33	ensure that Regional Center follow the law, and actually allow families to develop IPP's. They often do not tell families about available services, and when families find out, they delay, and deny.	3/31/2015 8:20 PM
34	Lobby for improved funding and knowledge about the need at all levels - state, county and city	3/31/2015 7:46 AM
35	yes	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
36	By asserting a zero-tolerance for evictions resulting in homelessness for people with developmental disabilities.	3/30/2015 5:05 PM
37	Recruit doctors to take continuing education courses freely available (from I think the Kennedy Center on DD website). And help develop additional trainings	3/30/2015 3:29 PM
38	Work on public / private partnerships to fund gaps and develop solutions.	3/30/2015 1:02 PM
39	Provide adequate training for those caring for others with autism. Give financial and professional incentives for support providers to continue in the field.	3/30/2015 12:02 PM
40	The State Council should partner with community colleges and summer camp programs to offer some tax benefit or stipend for supporting a focus around inclusive learning and opportunity. The State Council should partner with public school districts in the same manner that ESL to those that need it and mandate the 41 Developmental Assets to the broader curriculum through Health or PE class.	3/30/2015 11:41 AM
41	Additional funds to support individuals/children with special needs, more work opportunities	3/30/2015 8:48 AM
42	Be part of the answer not a hurdle to overcome	3/30/2015 8:11 AM
43	More things that are TRULY TAILORED for the individual at the Adult Day Programs. With budgets always being cut, I'm surprised they are even staying open, PUT MORE MONEY INTO BRINGING UP PROGRAMS.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM

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44	IHHS wages better than fast food jobs.	3/28/2015 3:06 PM
45	Build safe, affordable places where they can live. Support businesses willing to employ them. Help in early years is a plus, or course, but there is an older generation who COULD be employed and productive and paying taxes INTO the system rather than taking it out.	3/28/2015 10:04 AM
46	Fund RC and service providers adequately. Build homes for our DD adults.	3/28/2015 9:03 AM
47	help us develop better responses to crisis of adolescents with extreme behaviors so that they are helped and their families have support in the home to keep everyone safe; allow SLS staff to utilize CPI training methods that include hands on guidance to safety if needed and if approved by IPP team for certain situations. Help us get approval more easily for SLS to begin so that money isn't lost on rent or mortgage for empty homes while approval is being awaited for many months. Help us develop better daytime programs that will engage our adult children, possibly with some level of family volunteer support.	3/27/2015 11:55 PM
48	We need to restructure the entire system to vastly expand the supports available for adults with autism, focusing on adult day programs (supported employment, when viable), and supported housing options customized for the complex, intensive needs of adult autism.	3/27/2015 10:11 PM
49	Please provide child care of special needs kids.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
50	Increase the rates so that compete staffing can be hired and retained providing consistency and quality services.	3/27/2015 3:30 PM
51	Secure more money for transition to adulthood and early intervention services.	3/27/2015 2:42 PM
52	continue to advocate for state of the art programs from cradle to grave. This vulnerable population needs to be heard from, and the council needs to make sure these voices are heard.	3/27/2015 11:41 AM
53	Identify disabilities and work with various groups (IL Centers for example)to streamline assistance that address their needs.	3/27/2015 7:31 AM
54	Adults services, support	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
55	Possibly provide resources that we can pass on to our students.	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
56	Request that the Regional Centers include employment as an outreach activity. Regional Centers should be graded on their ability to find suitable employment for these individuals.	3/26/2015 1:26 PM
57	Increase hour quota for respite care	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
58	Provide more services	3/26/2015 9:29 AM
59	Demand that providers Identify strengths and weaknesses of these individuals. Educate their advocate or parent, so they will be prepared to counter the one size fits all pattern we see in many of our schools and programs geared to assist the student/client	3/24/2015 2:28 PM
60	I do not know wnough about this Council to answer this question. I am willing to learn more	3/24/2015 2:22 PM
61	Provide Housing and employment.Also provide summer camps for Special need kids.	3/24/2015 2:05 PM
62	Put in more training for parents and caregivers on how to increase their independence.	3/24/2015 10:06 AM
63	Providing alternatives to a traditional high school diploma. Offer classes that will benefit them. Auto shop. Wood shop. More ROP classes.	3/23/2015 6:16 PM
64	Focus on fewer areas, maybe 3. SCDD sponsored legislation on employment first and self determination were excellent for leading the state in a positive direction. Continue with leadership in legislative arenas. Consider working on legislation to make regional centers more consistent throughout the state & to make DDS function as an overseer of RCs.	3/23/2015 5:17 PM
65	Have a representative at every school to communicate between school staff , the student and the family re: school services, goals, next steps, homework, therapies etc. Families need to be involved constantly. Provide opportunities for music, sports, art, dance, reduce isolation, promote inclusion in high school sports and clubs. Train and use student tutors at all grade levels. Use lots of them in all classrooms... even "regular ed" kids could benefit from a "study buddy". The kids who are tutoring will learn from it.	3/22/2015 9:10 PM
66	Advocate for them to get the appropriate services needed.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
67	Make available more recreational activities and places they can get together with their peers.	3/22/2015 4:17 PM
68	The State Council can start providing direct advocacy to families and individuals with developmental disabilities	3/21/2015 10:22 PM

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69	Please train, counsel and teach (ALL) teachers responsible for teaching a class with students with disabilities or special needs, from elementary all the way to high school so a child can be encouraged about learning and enjoy learning and therefore succeed in his/her academics, and be able to obtain a good quality paying job. Do not only (pass) the student because the State requires this because of the student's (age) many students are not ready to go on to the next grade level i.e., from elementary to high school. Many times these kids are not emotionally or intellectually ready to move on to the next grade, and they end up not enjoying school and learning.	3/20/2015 5:01 PM
70	Fund OT services to assist with vocational assessing including a direct observation component. Increase funding for OT's to have a larger stake in job matching and self-determination specific to the individual's medical disabilities Increase funding through habilitative services	3/20/2015 1:31 PM
71	I am not sure.	3/20/2015 1:28 PM
72	Ensure that children with disabilities are adequately served between the ages of 0 to 3.	3/20/2015 1:02 PM
73	Make sure that advocacy continues. Parents and adults need help to be stronger advocates for their family members. They can only do this if they get assistance from a state council group.	3/20/2015 11:39 AM
74	How to get help more support. to cook more who needs more transportation on weekends.	3/20/2015 11:26 AM
75	By working collaboratively with other agencies in OC (RCOC, DMC, & OCHA) as well as community leaders to achieve mutual objectives for developmentally disabled adults in Orange County in the areas of employment and housing.	3/19/2015 11:47 PM
76	They are doing a great job	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
77	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM
78	More resources, less red tape for case workers at Regional centers (administrators are a huge barrier to consumers receiving services because they are driven by the dollar figures & not what is in the best interest of consumers),	3/19/2015 9:12 AM
79	More support and get funding - don't keep cutting from this area of great need.	3/19/2015 5:48 AM
80	Help advocate for more funding for Regional Centers and other such agencies that are helping the population.	3/18/2015 4:52 PM
81	There needs to be information and awareness in the employer community, so that local employers feel more compelled to take a chance and hire someone with a disability. There seems to be a disconnect between our clients and potential employers in the community.	3/18/2015 2:49 PM
82	provision of funding for programs to educate parents of services available for these community.	3/18/2015 10:50 AM
83	Simple!!! Return the Area Boards back to their previous model.	3/18/2015 10:39 AM
84	Housing and services that keep them living independently in their community	3/18/2015 9:44 AM
85	Make affordable housing accessible to the intellectual/developmental disabilities.	3/18/2015 8:54 AM
86	Background checks on all people that work with people with disabilities. Outreach to low income Black inner city communities. Protection from harm. Training for everyone that comes in contact with special needs people.	3/18/2015 8:51 AM
87	Provide more employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Maybe provide incentives to companies that hire people with disabilities.	3/17/2015 8:42 PM
88	Oversight over regional center services and SLS companies.	3/17/2015 7:46 PM
89	I don't have any idea what the State Council does to help the intellectual/developmental disability individuals	3/17/2015 7:43 PM
90	we are hearing disable	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
91	awareness from police etc	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
92	Provide incentives for companies to hire more people with disabilities. Provide education to our communities about disability. Find more job training programs. Provide more opportunities for independent living. More funding for supports.	3/17/2015 5:15 PM
93	Implementing more leadership roles for people with dd/id, training them for leadership roles and self advocacy, working with school districts for cultural competency training.	3/17/2015 4:53 PM
94	The State Council can help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by keeping them in mind when making decisions.	3/17/2015 4:23 PM

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95	More education for parents to bring awareness of services.	3/17/2015 3:26 PM
96	Listen, listen, listen.	3/17/2015 3:11 PM
97	The needs of someone with a intellectual/developmental disability, as anyone with any type of disability begin at birth and continue throughout their lives. These individuals and their family need financial help as well as support with information and/or services for their individual needs.	3/17/2015 3:09 PM
98	Advocating for services, supports and training that lead to individuals being able to live independently in their community.	3/17/2015 3:03 PM
99	Provide funds to pay for videos to be made to illustrate the capabilities that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities do have.	3/17/2015 2:45 PM
100	How about encouraging regional centers, etc. to hire more of us? "Nothing about us without us!"	3/17/2015 2:34 PM
101	Open more doors for them to have the most independence as possible. Living on their own.	3/17/2015 1:45 PM
102	Better quality control when hiring workers who provide support/assistance for people with idd as well as better training for those who are hired to support/assist.	3/17/2015 11:59 AM
103	Empower Regional Offices to have more funding and decision making power to address unique individual needs of that specific area. Trust the people living in their own communities to know what their needs are. Empower the people living in their own communities to address and meet those needs by supporting local State Council area offices and boards.	3/17/2015 11:23 AM
104	Continue to work collaboratively with schools.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
105	Continue to be advocates at IEP and IPP meetings and to lobby for expansion of generic resources such as public transit.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
106	The State Council can keep the needs of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities front and center. The disabled often cannot advocate for themselves, but with their needs accounted for, they can become a vibrant part of the world around them. Getting over the hurdle between the world as it seems to them and the world as it actually ticks along around them can be very frightening. Often, families can't be of much help because the more help they give, the more helpless the disabled feel. Help from the greater community has a much more empowering effect and does the double duty of communicating a much needed sense of acceptance to the disabled.	3/17/2015 7:35 AM
107	Maybe advise us how to obtain a workshop where our folks could earn a wage. Such as a sheltered workshop.	3/16/2015 8:24 PM
108	More uniform funding, for example San Diego County seems to offer less and pay workers less.	3/16/2015 5:37 PM
109	taking a look at how long it takes for a person to get a OT visit scheduled, to the time it takes to be seen, the time it takes the person to be assisted could be very lengthy...	3/16/2015 3:13 PM
110	Poway School District should actually cooperate in establishing and facilitating goals in a person's IEP that can be carried through other programs after school age that assists with formal and informal community supports, Quality Assurance and jobs. Can you help with that or are Poway Special Ed students always to be held prisoner to a school district that disrespects and hinders it's students?	3/16/2015 12:11 PM
111	You do an amazing job; our local office (N. Valley Hills, formerly AB 6) is a valued support. They have provided unparalleled advocacy support...I am grateful as are the folks we serve and their families.	3/16/2015 10:12 AM
112	Increase the budget and creative housing options	3/15/2015 10:18 PM
113	The State can provide funding for programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	3/15/2015 3:18 PM
114	increase training requirements for staff working with the disabled	3/15/2015 11:06 AM
115	Continue providing resources in these areas.	3/15/2015 9:52 AM
116	Provide households with additional respite hours and make the process easier for families	3/15/2015 3:37 AM
117	Better medical help.	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
118	More financial support. As a family member/care provider our family has been very negatively affected financially since by DD brother came to live with us after the death of our mother. Why should my retirement be in jeopardy because I have taken on the responsibility of my brother. Of course my parents should have made plans for him....but they didn't.	3/14/2015 5:02 PM

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119	Advocate for service providers to receive better services from the regional center; proper funding;	3/14/2015 5:01 PM
120	continue individual advocacy so that no family or disabled person feels alone and unsupported.	3/13/2015 2:58 PM
121	Advocate. Throughout the system we need more money. For housing, for employment, for MediCal & Medicare, etc. If we don't serve those within the DD system, the entire society fails.	3/13/2015 1:47 PM
122	Provide advocacy help in their communities and beyond Become a leader in this field so systemic change can occur when the SCDD gets behind an issue Keep local input by keeping regional office open	3/13/2015 9:43 AM
123	More programs, funding for transportation and job opportunities for the above individuals.	3/13/2015 9:10 AM
124	We would like to see more hours provided to the child in need.	3/13/2015 9:06 AM
125	ensure that the local state council offices remain intact so that consumers can have more direct and immediate support from an advocacy agency.	3/13/2015 8:58 AM
126	Give kick backs or tax breaks to companies who hire students/adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities.	3/13/2015 8:54 AM
127	Health insurance would not pay for therapies needed such as speech or occupational therapy. Schools will only address "education related" needs. So there ends up being a gap where therapies are needed but no resource to pay for the services.	3/13/2015 8:22 AM
128	Advocate for fair wages and to restore funding to programs that families need to remain healthy and thriving.	3/12/2015 9:20 PM
129	Make the medical waiver system more user friendly and making a system that provides accountability . Every year when we must reapply there are always issues that arise and our services are in jeopardy - there is no one accountable to when mistakes are made.	3/12/2015 9:09 PM
130	Advocate for clients who can not speak for themselves.Our son has autism and is not able to speak for himself. He had a problem with a vendor and could not explain what was bothering him so we tried to contact your agency and other agencies and we received no help because it was required that he advocate for himself!!	3/12/2015 9:08 PM
131	Listen to the advocates	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
132	More employment opportunities. Now if the individual can't perform to a certain level they can't be employed.	3/12/2015 7:49 PM
133	State budget does not adequately support job coaches & supportive living companions. This is forcing people into Adult group programs which do not support individual interests, desires and capabilities for a rewarding life.	3/12/2015 6:43 PM
134	Please don't cut respite hours !	3/12/2015 6:04 PM
135	The advocacy component within Regional Center does not function properly. It is so poor in terms of advocacy that family is pitted against the institution. In my experience every effort is being made to exclude family advocacy and yet family (in our experience) is usually that first and last resort. When shove comes to push, my son, always turns to us (his parents and siblings) for support 24/7. We don't take holidays, vacations or breaks from helping our differently abled son.	3/12/2015 6:01 PM
136	Helping them create 6 months goals and three steps they need to take to reach these goals then follow up after the 6 months to see if they have reach their goals.	3/12/2015 5:47 PM
137	Early intervention programs such as First 5 are important. The sooner they have service the better chance of having ordinary lives.	3/12/2015 5:28 PM
138	Be stronger advocates for the aging population	3/12/2015 5:17 PM
139	Keep on doing what you are doing. You have helped so many of us with severely disabled children get through crises. I would not have survived without you connecting us to the right resources and helping us through information overload and defending our rights.	3/12/2015 4:44 PM
140	Fund programs that help people with disabilities be included and educated on how to be as independent as possible	3/12/2015 4:33 PM
141	My son would greatly benefit from social programs. Many children with Autism need help in learning how to interact with others and this is something that is lacking in Ridgecrest.	3/12/2015 4:07 PM
142	Provide funding for more resources and services. Many of the service providers are underfunded/understaffed for the numbers of people they are trying to serve. It is difficult to find and retain capable caring staff when competing with public companies offering better pay and benefits.	3/12/2015 3:49 PM
143	From a parents outlook: a clear picture of services, advocacy, opportunities for success. More funding.	3/12/2015 3:40 PM

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144	More opportunities for recreation. More opportunities for job training.	3/12/2015 3:39 PM
145	Take a stand regarding Regional Center's unchecked power	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
146	Provide funding for programs that support individuals and families with these types of disabilities.	3/12/2015 3:21 PM
147	advocacy	3/12/2015 3:14 PM
148	More of an intimate direct counsel and interaction.	3/12/2015 3:09 PM
149	Reduce the amount of red-tape for legal citizens to obtain services	3/12/2015 2:49 PM
150	Support these needy people	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
151	Looking into regional and having a set standard for services given. Regardless of income.	3/12/2015 2:42 PM
152	They can give them more benefits, money to Day programs so they can enjoy being in their community.	3/12/2015 2:06 PM
153	Help with the people who were put in place to help/serve the people, The state has given money to use, please use all the money on the people instead of paying the gate keepers.	3/12/2015 1:52 PM
154	If the SC can assist key stakeholders with lobbying for increased RC staff and services (and the funding that would necessitate) much could be achieved.	3/12/2015 1:50 PM
155	Develop training materials for clients on the importance of taking responsibility and follow through	3/12/2015 1:36 PM
156	advocate for more service dollars	3/12/2015 1:34 PM
157	Ensure that providers actually focuses on the individual. Many of the sheltered workshops that I have seen tend to offer group activities at specific times, with no choice making ability by the consumer and no alternative options. Also, there should be drop-in visits to various programs, workshops, job-sites, so that what is observed is reality, not "show and tell".	3/12/2015 1:32 PM
158	More participants attending the monthly meetings.	3/12/2015 1:28 PM
159	Please continue to advocate for the services for so many individuals who are just trying to enjoy a life with the opportunities that we all are able to enjoy for ourselves in our communities.	3/12/2015 1:27 PM
160	look at the way the state spends it's money. if less than 2% is spent supporting individualized employment, there is room for vast improvement.	3/12/2015 1:24 PM
161	keep vendor rates competitive Promote a positive image of people with disabilities as active members of their communities	3/12/2015 1:19 PM
162	work with school systems to foster work and educational skills.	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
163	advocate transportation in rural areas, propose an increase in subsidized housing and educate employers on the advantage of hiring people with disabilities. Advocate for improved health coverage	3/12/2015 10:40 AM
164	By not using a cookie cutter approach in service delivery, one size does not fit all. Seek new and innovative approaches to service delivery that would empower consumers, their family members and care providers.	3/11/2015 10:04 PM
165	Provide more opportunities for community inclusion in the-area of health and recreation. Provide built in trainings for individuals with autism regarding sexuality and money/physical safety. Most of the trainings out there are for intellectual disabilities, and the learning style of people with autism is often times at a different level then what is offered. I would also like to see more community awareness trainings at health and fitness oriented businesses.	3/11/2015 8:54 PM
166	Being more aggressive about issues and working more closely with client rights attorney's at regional centers and their supervisors regularly, with monthly phone conferences.	3/11/2015 8:19 PM
167	create a manual on what agencies are out there and what services they can provide (not want to) and how to get those services, for parents to use. everything seems to be secret and you are only told what they want you to know.	3/11/2015 1:37 PM
168	The state council could help with getting support staff agencies rates increased as they have not been increased for over 10 years.	3/11/2015 12:12 PM
169	Provide funds for dental clinics in rural areas to have the ability to provide anesthesia. get the government to provide more funding in rural areas for housing. support Self determination and the programs that support independence. Worl toward a fair wage for caregivers.	3/11/2015 10:57 AM
170	Help them be more independent out in the community	3/10/2015 9:12 PM

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171	By facilitating training, employment options, and full inclusion thinking as a paradigm change.	3/10/2015 3:26 PM
172	Be a stronger advocate for the rights and services of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Make sure that community is always at the table and part of the discussion. I see Disability Rights California and the ARC at meetings but not State Council on Developmental Disabilities.	3/10/2015 3:00 PM

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Q5 What kind of training would you like to receive?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Support training from an educated and experienced job coach to whatever career the child is capable of doing.	4/13/2015 11:25 AM
2	I don't need any additional training at this point, but I would like to see more education on person-centered practices in action, social role valorization, promoting awareness of whether practices match with stated values and goals, and training on how to truly include people with disabilities and their families in all aspects of the service system.	4/9/2015 10:49 AM
3	All parents should be given a high quality educations rights training and training on the studies showing inclusion demonstrates higher academic results for all groups of students, regardless of severity. Also, training on IEP goals. Lastly, on legal advocacy and how we can affect change at the state and federal level.	4/8/2015 8:01 PM
4	How to manage/use ABLE accounts. The advantages/disadvantages of Self Determination.	4/8/2015 4:09 PM
5	Work training	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
6	We have the training we need and Alpha Resource Center provides updates frequently.	4/8/2015 8:18 AM
7	not for me at this stage of our child's life, but for all school age parents, more IEP training	4/7/2015 6:15 PM
8	To get a better job.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
9	n/a	4/7/2015 7:30 AM
10	More education provided regarding how support staff can improve our skills and understanding. How to deal with particular disabilities or stressful situations are examples of potential material to cover.	4/6/2015 3:20 PM
11	To train teachers, personnel, and first responders. Safety in the community. How to work w/kids w/autism and other special needs. How to help siblings of special needs.	4/6/2015 9:15 AM
12	Better guidance from DDS on all topics.	4/6/2015 8:54 AM
13	An entire 'overview' training for 'new' parents of children with developmental disabilities. Give us a longitudinal look at the system. Developmental disabilities aren't new and the system of services and supports isn't rocket science, but it's complicated and daunting at the beginning of the lifelong journey facing families. If we had a global peek at what's in store, we could plan and train our children accordingly. We'd be better able to recognize and navigate the system better. We'd become better, more effective family advocates.	4/3/2015 2:03 PM
14	Any training that is available to the individuals to help them in knowing the sources to becoming as independent as possible.	4/2/2015 9:34 AM
15	I would like a clear description of what options are available for my sons as they become adults.	4/1/2015 7:25 PM
16	No training is needed. More programs, opportunities, etc. is what is needed.	4/1/2015 5:19 PM
17	I would like more information on how to advocate more effectively for the above.	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
18	More information about what is available. No one, even North Bay Rehab representatives, seem to know what's really out there.	4/1/2015 12:29 PM
19	How to support/educate students with a developmental and emotional disability (ED), when the ED portion has more impact on the success of the individual.	4/1/2015 9:11 AM
20	None.	4/1/2015 8:46 AM
21	IDK	4/1/2015 7:57 AM
22	Would love to see some local training opportunities in Positive Behavior Support. TCRC does great Person Centered Thinking/Planning training. If this isn't available statewide... it should be.	4/1/2015 7:29 AM
23	Independent living program like learning how to live independently on the weekend.	4/1/2015 6:00 AM

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24	I am very knowledgeable.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
25	ils	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
26	How to map the chain of decision-making controlling barriers to secure, reliable inclusion in home communities for people with developmental disabilities. How to compose an effective appeal for person-centered-performance quality.	3/30/2015 5:05 PM
27	Navigating the system	3/30/2015 3:29 PM
28	Understanding the funding vehicles available to support my son with autism. Understanding the State's process to making my voice heard.	3/30/2015 12:02 PM
29	I am a great lobbyist. I have a professional career as a Development Director in Human Services and if there is training available on affecting policy then I would be open to it.	3/30/2015 11:41 AM
30	Vocational computer skills general education that is taught in a way that they learn best.	3/30/2015 8:11 AM
31	My son is very low functioning but is eager to do things when it is at his level. More opportunities for those who are low functioning. YES, it does require a 1-1. That's what I do everyday to move him through the day and show him how to do things, why should it be any different at an Adult Day Program.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
32	How to find good facility for our sons needs after we can no longer take care of him.	3/28/2015 3:06 PM
33	How to sort through the housing options on behalf of my loved one AND be able yto do that for others as well.	3/28/2015 10:04 AM
34	Training? How to handle the absence of adequate housing for our DD son who has no possible income source other than social security. I know in order to save money the SCDD wants adult DD children to live with their parents until the parents pass - but this is not a humane solution for the child. (Let alone the parents who didn't ask for a DD child, and the subsequent responsibility the SCDD imposes).	3/28/2015 9:03 AM
35	How to work proactively with service providers; how to be an SLS provider; how to utilize self-determination; management of benefits of adult child with dev. disabilities	3/27/2015 11:55 PM
36	As a parent I have received ample training on all issues related to caring for someone with severe autism.	3/27/2015 10:11 PM
37	Parental traing to handle special needs kids. Respite for parents in child care of special needs kids.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
38	Just require time to provide the required and appropriate training to staffing.	3/27/2015 3:30 PM
39	Independence with some supervision	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
40	Job skills: interview, on line application, social skills.	3/26/2015 1:26 PM
41	Cpr first aid	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
42	What ever I need; I especially would like to resurrect the mentoring of parents who have intellectual difficulties to help them have a quality experience raising their child/children	3/24/2015 2:22 PM
43	How to care for kids with disability who has behaviour problems and other challenges.	3/24/2015 2:05 PM
44	Special education law	3/23/2015 6:16 PM
45	Behavioral training to learn how to encourage my son, 23 yo, to be even more independent. He rides the trolley, bus and walks in the community on his own to 3 different volunteer jobs (set up by family) working 5 days per week, 4-6 hours per day. But, he still need more skills for full independence.	3/22/2015 9:10 PM
46	Training on navigating the system.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
47	I don't want trainings. I want direct representation	3/21/2015 10:22 PM
48	Self-determination research Reimbursement process for habilitative services	3/20/2015 1:31 PM
49	More training for whole teams on how to teach the skills needed. More coordinaton between regional center and schools.	3/20/2015 1:28 PM
50	Trainings where families understand the difference between school-based services and medically-based services. Too often, there is a misconception that therapies in the school district are the same types of supports as medically based services. Therefore, required medically-based services may be discontinued since there is a perception that school-based services are free.	3/20/2015 1:02 PM
51	advocacy training	3/20/2015 11:39 AM

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52	Learn hoe to take the bus on my own more around the world.	3/20/2015 11:26 AM
53	None at the moment.	3/19/2015 11:47 PM
54	Job	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
55	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM
56	My disable child would like to receive training in life skills and work.	3/19/2015 5:48 AM
57	Networking for job development.	3/18/2015 2:49 PM
58	How is the State Council addressing the crumbling Developmental Services System.	3/18/2015 10:39 AM
59	group home placement options	3/18/2015 9:44 AM
60	n/a	3/18/2015 8:51 AM
61	I would like to find a job.	3/17/2015 8:42 PM
62	Information about what is available to individuals. Regional Centers seem to offer limited services and what you get depends a lot on who your case manager is. People aren't informed about what's out there so they don't know what they can ask for.	3/17/2015 7:46 PM
63	I don't have any idea what kind of training the State Council is willing to train me for	3/17/2015 7:43 PM
64	any job training	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
65	How about a brain transplant	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
66	More knowledge of services available to my clients.	3/17/2015 5:15 PM
67	cultural competency training	3/17/2015 4:53 PM
68	I would like internet technology training.	3/17/2015 4:23 PM
69	Financial services for adults with disabilities	3/17/2015 3:26 PM
70	Self Determination, Advocacy and Employment.	3/17/2015 3:03 PM
71	Talking points in communicating with various players. Also a short class for ourselves in making our own videos.	3/17/2015 2:45 PM
72	How ILCs could reach out to the I/DD community, which has historically been underserved because the regional centers view I/DD as their turf and have a great deal of political clout.	3/17/2015 2:34 PM
73	I think it is important for each individual in whatever field they are in the importance to become more rounded of the knowledge of what is available to people to help guide them in whatever direction they are wanting to pursue.	3/17/2015 1:45 PM
74	as a family member I'm fine. But those who work with pwidd in homes or day centers need to be better qualified and trained initially as well as ongoing cme courses.	3/17/2015 11:59 AM
75	How to best prepare young adults for knowing about and accessing local resources for community support and services. How to work and keep benefits like SSI and health insurance. Strategies for friendship development and recreational activities for adults in their communities. How to access housing that has 6 to 10 year waiting lists. How to advocate and create more housing in southern Orange County. Special Needs Trusts and ABLE savings, how to most effectively establish and use them to enhance quality of life after parent's death.	3/17/2015 11:23 AM
76	Safety. Transportation. Employment options.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
77	I'd like to see training offered to RC staff and vendors that involve consumer participation and lead to insights that help RC staff and vendors work with and treat our clients with dignity.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
78	As a parent I would like to have more info on how to help get more weekend programs going.	3/16/2015 8:24 PM
79	I have plenty of training. Time is in short supply. Stress is in high supply.	3/16/2015 5:37 PM
80	I, along w/ our organization, are a part of many training opportunities, both providing training and receiving training. I wish the folks we serve could get some financial support to participate in more organized self advocacy events...helping them to see/learn about the "bigger picture" outside of their local areas. Always appreciate local, 1/2 day type trainings on best practice topics focused on inclusive opportunities.	3/16/2015 10:12 AM
81	Behavior Mod	3/15/2015 10:18 PM

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82	It would be helpful for families who've just learned their child has special needs, to know where to turn for services. It would also be helpful to learn how to better manage a family, when faced with caring for a child with special needs.	3/15/2015 3:18 PM
83	better understanding of what services are actually available . Often, families are told they cannot have services when in fact they can. Case managers are not all on the same page.	3/15/2015 11:06 AM
84	Available and affordable housing and how to research for them in San Diego county.	3/15/2015 9:52 AM
85	Behavioral	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
86	Training on what support services are available - where to get them, financial assistance, etc.	3/14/2015 5:02 PM
87	n/a	3/13/2015 2:58 PM
88	Computer recycling. Goodwill would not take my adult autistic son because he did not have "enough social skills". Well, then, I guess the deaf aren't employable because they can't hear -- etc!	3/13/2015 1:47 PM
89	Communication on trainings available across the state/ maybe a e-letter from SCDD SCDD sponsored conferences on specific issues across the state	3/13/2015 9:43 AM
90	No training need at this time.	3/13/2015 9:06 AM
91	Training I don't need. I need resources and money to run the program I envision.	3/13/2015 8:54 AM
92	Education regarding upcoming transitions to high school, then adult life.	3/13/2015 8:22 AM
93	How to know what services are available to my daughter.	3/12/2015 9:09 PM
94	Ways to help my son and stay sane	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
95	Our daughter should get job coaching	3/12/2015 7:49 PM
96	Employment	3/12/2015 6:43 PM
97	Advocacy support and training for our son and for us. People First is fine but, its expensive.	3/12/2015 6:01 PM
98	How to access the latest services for people with disabilities so that we can explain these new services or laws to the person with the disability.	3/12/2015 5:47 PM
99	More ABA programs	3/12/2015 5:28 PM
100	Preparation for the transition as our child ages out of school. I also think you should give some training to the Regional Center caseworkers as the most recent bunch seem to be sweet but woefully ignorant. I wonder if there present training consists of telling them to verify how many IHSS hours we have and then call if a day.	3/12/2015 4:44 PM
101	How to help my son with autism learn to work around his challenges	3/12/2015 4:33 PM
102	I would love to learn even more about the self determination process, not only for my child but for other families that will one day be taking part in it.	3/12/2015 4:07 PM
103	N/A	3/12/2015 3:49 PM
104	Parental training, follow-up support, etc. Ways I can ensure I am providing my child with the best chance to succeed.	3/12/2015 3:40 PM
105	job training.	3/12/2015 3:39 PM
106	Advocacy	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
107	How to navigate through the system in order for my son to have the most opportunities for success.	3/12/2015 3:09 PM
108	None	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
109	I was trained when I started my job. I do person centered training yearly and other trainings to best support the people that come to my Day program.	3/12/2015 2:06 PM
110	direct training and supports which is individual for each person, with that said there are many subjects that are very applicable for many people. Safety in areas of internet use, money, strangers, health, community awareness, friendship boundaries etc.	3/12/2015 1:52 PM
111	How to evolve from formal supports to natural supports.	3/12/2015 1:36 PM

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112	none	3/12/2015 1:34 PM
113	How to file a complaint against a teacher, principal or district?	3/12/2015 1:28 PM
114	None	3/12/2015 1:27 PM
115	Successful advocacy for change.	3/12/2015 1:24 PM
116	how to create inclusive environments everywhere	3/12/2015 1:19 PM
117	IEP advocacy	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
118	none	3/12/2015 10:40 AM
119	Options counseling. Best-practice models exploration.	3/11/2015 10:04 PM
120	For my son, healthy living/active lifestyle trainings that encourage and inspire a life change. Training that is autism specific around sexuality and safety	3/11/2015 8:54 PM
121	I would like to train the state board.	3/11/2015 8:19 PM
122	what agencies are supposed to be doing for our adult child and how do we access them.	3/11/2015 1:37 PM
123	training on various disability and their effects on the person, family/care givers, employers and community.	3/11/2015 12:12 PM
124	government staff do not seem to be sympathetic to disabled needs. Need more training for staff that provide services tot he disabled, especially the folks that provide daily care.	3/11/2015 10:57 AM
125	I don't know	3/10/2015 9:12 PM
126	Data review as a status check on how these populations are doing. What is the growing edge of change in the service models used to support these community members with whole life and community engagement needs.	3/10/2015 3:26 PM
127	Preparing advanced directives, power of attorney, other documents to ensure my wishes are carried out if I am incapacitated.	3/10/2015 3:00 PM

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Q6 What else would you like the State Council to know?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Protection for our children with their rights to co exist with the community and protection of parents like me who is committed lifetime to help, support and advocate for their best interest. .	4/13/2015 11:25 AM
2	Gone for Good is a great program that doesnt get enough funding or recognition	4/13/2015 11:15 AM
3	I think California does a better job than most states with their programs but there is always room for improvement.	4/13/2015 8:22 AM
4	We need to work with our legislators to rebuild our DD system.	4/12/2015 8:10 AM
5	They were great before. Why did you make the changes.	4/9/2015 3:05 PM
6	Many good things are happening, but there are also many events of people with good intentions being beaten down by a large, unwieldy, complex system. Perhaps highlight some of the success stories while supporting people to work through the situations that are not working.	4/9/2015 10:49 AM
7	My fear along with many of my colleagues is that with the new regulations many people will no longer have meaningful employment. I fear that we will see a lot of people who currently work or go to Vocational training programs such as Supported Employment Groups not having that option due to Vendors closing their doors. Leaving people at home or day programs.	4/9/2015 9:03 AM
8	The arbitrary nature of hour limits on services or differences between regional centers (one covers a training or service while the other does not) seems unfair.	4/8/2015 8:01 PM
9	I think the local Regional Advisory Councils are very important and have a good pulse on the needs of the community. I think there is power in their partnering with Regional Center and other agencies with similar focus.I would like to see the Regional Advisory Councils have a strong voice in selecting membership. I further feel the Legislative Advocacy work of this group has a tremendously successful impact in awareness of the State Council through their work with local legislators and their visits to their offices; I would hate to see this relationship stop.	4/8/2015 4:09 PM
10	It helps so much to have companies like Goodwill helping mentally disable people get jobs.	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
11	To remember that the lives of folks with DD, just like those of us who don't have disabilities at the moment, are made happy and positive in many individual ways. Health, safety, food and shelter are important but it is often how well support people listen and implement programs which makes life worth living or not for our folks. Stable financial resources and respectful working conditions will really help our system of DD Supports work for all people.	4/8/2015 8:18 AM
12	End of life issues for aging clients	4/7/2015 6:15 PM
13	That I want to be on the board.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
14	There are many people who might consider jobs in this sector, but with such low wages they are unable to do so or cannot stay in these roles long.	4/6/2015 3:20 PM
15	Can't wait for Self-Determination to take effect. Hopefully will be able to help child progress.	4/6/2015 9:15 AM
16	Not only are the people we serve are affected, so are the providers, direct care staff, and regional center staff. We are not able to staff the positions so projects are always delayed. We are having a hard time just keeping up.	4/6/2015 8:54 AM
17	You people are our 'union' and you need better marketing. Tell us what you do. Ask us what WE do and how you can help. Keep asking us. And ask our kids. Represent.	4/3/2015 2:03 PM
18	How wonderful it is and how much the individuals teach us in our everyday life and how they make me realize, how important and lucky each and everyone of us are to work as a whole.	4/2/2015 9:34 AM
19	We love our kids, but we are tired - tired of limited services, tired of always having to fight for every last crumb from every siloed agency with which we interact.	4/1/2015 8:46 PM

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20	Do not delay! This issue must be addressed today. These young people are already in the system - we know who they are and what their needs are from the regional centers and the schools. It is incredibly irresponsible to only shut down the (bad) previous options of institutionalization without creating viable alternatives for those who need help.	4/1/2015 7:25 PM
21	That actions, implementations of programs, etc. means more than sending a survey. Hope you'll walk the walk!	4/1/2015 5:19 PM
22	Sooner or later the community is going to have to take care of our adult children with disabilities, when the family members who are doing it are deceased. It would be better for everyone if you start now. Otherwise our children will be sick, hungry and homeless and someone else will have to do it for them.	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
23	See 3, 4 & 5. It would be great as a parent to not always feel like I'm re-inventing the wheel when it comes to my daughter's health care, work, inclusion. Thanks for "listening".	4/1/2015 12:29 PM
24	THE NEEDS OF THE AUTISTIC POPULATION DIFFERS FROM ANY OTHER DD DEMOGRAPHIC IN TERMS OF BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS AND HOUSING. THE MODELS OF HOUSING AND SUPPORTS THAT WAS DEVELOPED AROUND A POPULATION HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARDS INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IS NOT ADEQUATELY SERVING THE AUTISTIC COMMUNITY. NEW MODELS NEED TO BE DEVELOPED AND FUNDED WHICH REALISTICALLY ASSESS AND SERVE THOSE WITH AUTISM.	4/1/2015 9:57 AM
25	Training for children and family services about disabilities is needed. Many cases of abuse go unsubstantiated due to lack of sufficient assessment ("not a good witness") or lack of sufficient placement.	4/1/2015 9:11 AM
26	nothing at this time.	4/1/2015 7:57 AM
27	The Abuse Reporting rules need to be reviewed. Service Providers are inundating police departments and the Ombudsman office with meaningless reporting. It is diluting the REAL abuse reporting.	4/1/2015 7:29 AM
28	Recreation program on the weekend for people with disabilities.	4/1/2015 6:00 AM
29	That getting services from RC has been a battle, ever since my son was diagnosed.	3/31/2015 8:20 PM
30	It's really scary not knowing the future for my son. Please don't neglect this group of population. Please don't take advantage of them since they can't say for themselves. Please support them.	3/31/2015 7:57 PM
31	jobs	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
32	Homeless People with Developmental Disabilities is very bad on every level. No one can be for it. Use every influence on the DOJ, HUD, courts, legislatures and municipalities to lay out the extreme costs of neglecting guarantees and subsidies sufficient to assure adequate housing for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	3/30/2015 5:05 PM
33	The regional center system is flawed and broken. The basic organizational design makes them not accountable. Until they are accountable nothing is going to change	3/30/2015 3:29 PM
34	I had not heard of the State Council. Inform the public of the function of the State Council and how to get involved in making a difference.	3/30/2015 12:02 PM
35	I think at the middle school and high school level there is a real lack of peer inclusion and education on the value of inter-connectedness for the disabled. Social Capital is something to spend time on so that services don't over take community building.	3/30/2015 11:41 AM
36	It would be beneficial for all to know the needs of the Regional Centers, in terms of future Program Development. As a Service Provider, many of us have the expertise to facilitate others, or our own agencies, in the expansion of services. Unfortunately, there is no current EFFECTIVE mechanism in place. Regional Centers need to be inclusive and use the resources at their fingertips!	3/30/2015 10:00 AM
37	Work with the various groups to get a real look at how desperately changes r needed	3/30/2015 8:11 AM
38	So much come back to the proper training of all involved. Theory is great, but so few actually know how to work effectively with this population, to help them move forward. It feels like they are just being babysat!!! Don't get me wrong, I do appreciate all the help that I have received, I'm just frustrated. Thank you for listening.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
39	All the services provided are much appreciated. It greatly helps the other family members pursue normal life activities which they might otherwise be unable to do so. Jobs, School, Education, etc	3/28/2015 3:06 PM
40	Figure out how to streamline. Combine the parts of the puzzle that make sense. Build a website with a strong user interface.	3/28/2015 10:04 AM

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41	Answer the elephant in the room question: Who is responsible for housing the RC defined DD adult who has no chance at earning a meaningful income. The parent or the State? If it is the State, then announce that the state has not lived up to its obligation, at the expense of the DD adult and family.	3/28/2015 9:03 AM
42	Am very concerned about the lack of services for adolescents with extreme behavioral needs. It seems that the entire system is dependent on families continuing to care for their adult children. If that is the case, then more services should be provided in the home, including extensive behavioral support staff who come and stay there up to several times weekly, if deemed necessary. provide support for groups of families who are trying to brainstorm solutions to the housing crisis and to the adolescence and beahvioral crises.	3/27/2015 11:55 PM
43	The State Council has done nothing at all to point out the elephant in the room – the state's soaring DDS autism population, a group that is intensively disabled and will require lifelong care in tailored settings and with highly trained staff. There are now about 5,000 DDS autism births per year in the state, and soon autism will be half the DDS caseload. What has the State Council in the face of this massive public health disaster, one that will require billions of dollars annually to provide the additional programs, housing and staff that will be needed? Nothing.	3/27/2015 10:11 PM
44	Thanks for the services.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
45	Services for elderly and the unanticipated needs of increasing dementias require stability and consistency in their circle of supports. This will always be a barrier with current rates and the expectation that DAP will provide 7+ hours of service and supports within a 5 hour program design.	3/27/2015 3:30 PM
46	Need does not end at 22	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
47	Utilize more social media to make CSCD more accessible to all families.	3/26/2015 1:26 PM
48	Increase the pay scale of respite care givers who are personally hired by clients through Premiere care	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
49	I know that budgetary restraints are involved in providing a full range of program options for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. I also know that when our state legislator tried to cut budgets for our VI children's programs, we communicated with our CAPVI/NAPVI parents in the Northern California/Sacramento area about the problem and they showed up on the States Capitol lawn with their children on the day of the vote. We also contacted local news outlets about the problem. Guess what? They did not cut the budget for VI programs.	3/24/2015 2:28 PM
50	As a parent of two disable kids we struggle for Medical to cover pescription meds prescribe by their Psychiatrist to help them sleep and calm them down for them to focus at school.TAR send my Docs to the Insurance but still denied.Very stressful for the parent	3/24/2015 2:05 PM
51	Tough battle. Teachers need your help. Remember it la not about money. It's about our future.	3/23/2015 6:16 PM
52	Develop a clear vision for where SCDD can make a positive impact. Dont try to take on too many different goals. Focus	3/23/2015 5:17 PM
53	People with developmental disabilities need more opportunities to be part of school "life" and community "life". It is really sad to see so many youth sidelined, eating lunch alone, sitting alone, not included socially. I would like to see a "quality of life" measure checking out how "happy and fulfilled" are the students?	3/22/2015 9:10 PM
54	Please add more staff to advocate.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
55	Students with disabilities need innovative work experiences. Being a bagger, custodian, etc is important and appropriate for many of our guys. If funding were increased for service providers like OT to engage in habilitative supports like above, individuals may be far less dependent on state services.	3/20/2015 1:31 PM
56	we appreciate all the help that you have given our community. With IEPs and IPPs, it has been a huge help	3/20/2015 11:39 AM
57	How to know how to budget so we could save money to go to confrences and spend the night at the hotel for lots of meetings like state ride go to choices for one day.	3/20/2015 11:26 AM
58	As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a successful private practice in Costa Mesa, I would like to see better access to quality outpatient mental health services by psychotherapists who are well-trained in working with the developmentally disabled adult population in Orange County, as many have co-morbid diagnoses.	3/19/2015 11:47 PM
59	Nothing	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
60	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM
61	These individuals have a lot to contribute to our society, support them!	3/19/2015 5:48 AM

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62	There is a very concerning lack of research that identifies the most efficient and effective strategies for training young adults with DD and ID. I would like to see more grant money allocated for adult-specific treatments and supports, so service providers can be more effective in creating sustainable growth and change with their clients.	3/18/2015 2:49 PM
63	I would like the education of parents of people with this disability to be more informed of available services in each community. I would also like more funding for accessible transport an housing that should also be affordable.	3/18/2015 10:50 AM
64	The recent changes to the Area Boards is appalling. The idea that Area Boards can no longer provide advocacy services to people with developmental disabilities, and shifting the burden to Disability Rights California is irresponsible. DRC will not take individual advocacy case. I believe the State Council failed.	3/18/2015 10:39 AM
65	Everyone that works with this community should be trained how to do it right. Services should not be based on color of skin. Get people off of the streets and into homes.	3/18/2015 8:51 AM
66	I could try to talk to legislators about the plight of the intellectual/developmental disabled community.	3/17/2015 7:43 PM
67	Thank you for all you do.	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
68	I have Huntingtons disease	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
69	Not only is it the right thing to do, but by funding programs that lead to employment and independent living for people with disabilities the government saves money in the long run because the result is less people relying on the government for their long term care	3/17/2015 5:15 PM
70	I would like the State Council to "listen," not just hear people with disabilities. And I request that the State Council "consider" our viewpoint(s).	3/17/2015 4:23 PM
71	Employment assistance is one of those areas where friends/family have relatively limited ability to help the client.	3/17/2015 3:33 PM
72	Approach local governments to help community members aware of service for individuals with disabilities	3/17/2015 3:26 PM
73	Your doing wonderful work I know its very hard.	3/17/2015 3:11 PM
74	Working to solidify integrated (non-segregated) k-12 education environments, greater access to accommodations on college campuses, equal pay for equal work in employment and securing accommodations for everyone to cast a private ballot in elections are the keys to sustainable independence. These help all other issues succeed as well.	3/17/2015 3:03 PM
75	People with disabilities need the support of the State Council to help open as many doors as possible, to be as successful as the person standing next to them. We must support one another.	3/17/2015 1:45 PM
76	employees who provide support/assistance should be required to take yearly ongoing courses.	3/17/2015 11:59 AM
77	Housing is a huge need. Successful community integration with friendship network building is needed. I would like to see "green" eco friendly housing projects built with low cost building material. Straw hay bale homes can be built rapidly and extremely inexpensively. They are extremely energy efficient and last forever. People with disabilities can participate in the design and construction of their own homes. Universities can compete to build energy efficient homes on state owned land to demonstrate to the public, how to build the homes of the future. Persons with disabilities can help educate the public on energy efficient home building that is good for everyone. Please research TERI in Oceanside, CA. See why it is so successful and how they can be used as a model for other group living situations throughout the state. They are doing many things right and client satisfaction and quality of life is very high there.	3/17/2015 11:23 AM
78	You are important!	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
79	The Regional Center has been a huge help to us for years. To have the same caseworker for our daughter for more than 10 years has made all the difference to her and to us. This is truly valuable. Also, the oversight and assistance of the Area Board representative. I think even more could be done if the caseworkers had more time with each client. Make sure the number of caseworkers is kept high enough to handle all the cases and do it well. Money put into assisting the intellectually/developmentally disabled is money well spent. It's not a luxury for our communities but a necessity. Thank you.	3/17/2015 7:35 AM
80	We live in a great area but...we are away from the city and all the opportunities for a wider range of opportunities for work and socializing away from program.	3/16/2015 8:24 PM
81	What I would like to see is some sort of longer term respite so my family could take a vacation, or travel to a family event, once a year. Getting respite workers is difficult at best, especially if you have an adult child with behaviors.	3/16/2015 5:37 PM
82	We appreciate you and your work!	3/16/2015 10:12 AM

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83	More money for services.	3/15/2015 10:18 PM
84	It is challenging enough to raise a "typical" child in today's society; but when you add the layer of a developmental/intellectual disability, it makes managing a happy, healthy family nearly impossible. Help these families, with support that will foster healthy families, as well as competent children and adults in the long run.	3/15/2015 3:18 PM
85	The quality of interactive training for staff in service delivery needs to be greatly improved. Last year, changes were made in that direction for residential care for the elderly. The same needs to happen for the disabled. Too much of the funds are going into the wrong pockets of hospital CEOs while funds are not being allocated for residential care itself.	3/15/2015 11:06 AM
86	Could provide more information to conservators, especially conservators of older clients, it would be good if they would get more involved in advocacy. How to support the State Council to advocate for more public transportation on the weekends, especially Sundays.	3/15/2015 9:52 AM
87	Keep up the great work!	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
88	As the sister of a DD person it does not seem fair that my family is now responsible to care for my brother. We get only 12 Respite hours per MONTH. My dad was a veteran of 3 wars and now I can't work because I have to care for my brother. We need more help.	3/14/2015 5:02 PM
89	Service Coordinators often spend less than 10 minutes with the clients at quarterly meetings and often are rude toward RSPs. Service Coordinators often do not know the difference between a 4A client and a 4I client. They often mislead services a client needs for placement then make threats if the RSP doesn't take the client. Some negotiated rate homes are not being utilized for the most difficult clients and could be moved to lower level of care thereby providing available beds for those in need.	3/14/2015 5:01 PM
90	DDS needs to eliminate/revise the Annual Program Fee and the Parental Fee Programs. The CA State Auditor reviewed the Parental Fee Program and issued it's report on January. The filings were appalling to say the least. https://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2014-118.pdf Assemblymember Eggman (Stockton) will be submitting legislation to change the Parental Fee Program based on the auditor's findings.	3/13/2015 3:40 PM
91	I don't know that I trust SCDD to actually become effective in the field of Developmental Disabilities- from my view- I don't see SCDD "at the table" with the mover and shakers- that needs to change. The area boards were effective tools to keep the communities engaged across the state- I hope that doesn't end.	3/13/2015 9:43 AM
92	Providing training programs for those with learning disabilities that do not qualify for State funded programs or Disability. I find that to be a challenge for many who have teens or adults with slower learning abilities but do not qualify for programs.	3/13/2015 9:10 AM
93	Our district has made huge strides in early intervention as far as life skills and job training, we are not there yet but I must say every year we get closer and closer to what our students need. More financial support would always be beneficial to our students who are needing services such as paid internships, job training, and even bus passes.	3/13/2015 8:54 AM
94	Providing the money to help special needs children and families should be a priority	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
95	Please help develop some other housing choices. The plan in Poway needs to move faster. The young adults need to find homes before their parents get to old to take care of them and their placement becomes an emergency.	3/12/2015 7:49 PM
96	Politicians do not understand what the local regional offices mean and what responsibilities the Regional Centers are completely ignoring.	3/12/2015 6:43 PM
97	Please don't cut respite hours !	3/12/2015 6:04 PM
98	Taking the family out of the equation will only aggravate the current problem. A functioning family is key to success. My son has been very successful but, it took a village!	3/12/2015 6:01 PM
99	Is there a way to combine technology and independent skills were a game can be created to teach the skills that young adults need. They would be learning while having fun.	3/12/2015 5:47 PM
100	I have two special needs children at home and have fostered for 13 years. I have fought for services and especially early intervention and respite care for my children birth and foster. My Autistic son would not be high functioning if it wasn't for early intervention service, and I would be stressed if I didn't have respite. Parents need time away to relax and exhale.	3/12/2015 5:28 PM
101	You are fabulous and appreciated!	3/12/2015 4:44 PM
102	People with disabilities aren't a list cause. They just need more time and help to reach their full potential.	3/12/2015 4:33 PM

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103	The Kern Regional Center doesn't seem to be run very well. I know that the local staff is not to blame. Last summer my son was denied a summer program that he has always participated in, the reason KRC stated that it was denied was "they don't pay for child care" the program was never called child care and it is paid for all year long. When I requested the appeal packet it was given to me in the wrong order, if I wouldn't have read through it carefully I would have submitted the page that says I don't want to file an appeal. The documents were also mostly illegible. They were copies of copies of copies that were very old. These are legal documents that are given out in a manor to confuse the parents. We won the appeal but are now being put through the wringer for services this coming summer. Why is it ok to do this to the children who are in need of help?	3/12/2015 4:07 PM
104	We appreciate all that our family has received! We hope this type of service to our most needy and deserving individuals and their families can be a priority in California going forward!	3/12/2015 3:49 PM
105	Many parents with special needs children are single parents. I am a mom and have had to quit my job to care for my disabled and now medically fragile child. How do I ensure that services won't be taken? My child cannot be left alone and it is not an option to have the state care for her. How do we live outside the poverty level? I fight for everything she gets, yet she deserves so much more. I deserve more; the option to return to work is not feasible, for my child to get the care she needs.	3/12/2015 3:40 PM
106	Listen to the clients more	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
107	Individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities thrive on routine. The biggest disruptor in our daughter's life is when there are changes in the staff in her adult day program. There is high turnover in these positions--it is a difficult job but so very important to the people that they serve. We advocate for fair wages, continuing education and benefits for staff with direct interaction with the disabled consumers. Please restore funds that have caused cuts to day programs, IHHS, respite and transportation workers. They serve a very underserved population and our society and our state should support them adequate funding for these programs.	3/12/2015 3:21 PM
108	I appreciate all of your initiatives and interest in helping us with services and knowledge that is so needed.	3/12/2015 3:09 PM
109	Reduce the amount of money given to illegals in this state so you can better service the citizens that need assistance - those who have a legal right to be helped.	3/12/2015 2:49 PM
110	We are grateful to the California taxpayers for their generosity	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
111	People with disabilities are people, they need to keep or get more health benefits, The people that come to my Day program really enjoy them self's while they are there. We do physical therapy with them, and do all daily living activities. They really love to be integrated in to our community, buy going to parks, shopping, and just socializing with community member's. To be able to do all the things they enjoy they need to have funding for Day Programs.	3/12/2015 2:06 PM
112	I would like San Diego Regional Center to be accountable for giving people information out right, stop hiding services, put all information on their web site calendars, which the calendars are now empty.	3/12/2015 1:52 PM
113	With high turn over of Regional Center Staff and direct care staff, there is a shallow understanding of what self-advocacy is, and how professional can better support clients to be effective self-advocates.	3/12/2015 1:36 PM
114	local offices are the best resources for knowing what communities need -	3/12/2015 1:34 PM
115	Employment for persons with developmental disabilities (DD) should be meaningful and provide a living wage. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people with DD could be earning comparable wages as their coworkers. A recent program on the news spoke to an advocate in Connecticut (who found a way to have the movie theater in town be operated by persons with developmental and other disabilities). What this person said is people with disabilities need less trips to the park and other outings and more meaningful jobs.	3/12/2015 1:32 PM
116	Please restore cuts to Supported Employment Agencies and continue to keep this topic on the forefront.	3/12/2015 1:27 PM
117	great folks to work with on difficult issues.	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
118	Are large health and social service institutions the best providers of services?	3/11/2015 10:04 PM
119	Develop media relations and stand up to regional centers and the state whilst incorporating self-advocates in the day-to-day duties and processes of the state council.	3/11/2015 8:19 PM
120	when you do a tailored day program thru regional center, there is no support on how to set it up or any funds to purchase needed items for the program.	3/11/2015 1:37 PM
121	Thank you for all the efforts you have made for folks with disabilities.	3/11/2015 12:12 PM

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122	Social Security office in Ukiah CA is not user friendly to the disabled. Long phone waits, no live person to interact with. staff not disability friendly, really a bad experience. One size does not fit all, not all folks can live safely independently and need licensed care to protect them. Not all funds should go to self determination but some to small homes that provide family setting. Many have nursing needs and with the wrong care or in home support folks who lack training it can mean hospitalization and death. Not all fish swim in same direction, there needs to be a continuum of care that meets the variety of care needed. Small homes, mentor homes, independent living.	3/11/2015 10:57 AM
123	Don't really know	3/10/2015 9:12 PM
124	Areas if advocacy that independent living centers can engage in to better support these populations of California residents.	3/10/2015 3:26 PM