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**ITEM 4.**

**APPROVAL OF**

**MINUTES**



**DRAFT**  
**State Plan Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jonathan Clarkson  
Nancy Clyde  
Janelle Lewis  
Rebecca Donabed  
Carmela Garnica  
Sandra Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

No members absent

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Aaron Carruthers  
Bob Giovati  
Michael Brett  
Janet Fernandez  
Dawn Morley  
Natalie Bocanegra  
Benita Baines  
Mike Clark

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nancy Clyde (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Clyde (SA) started with introductions.

**4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2014**

It was moved/seconded (Smith) (SA), (Lewis) and carried to approve the December 1, 2014 State Plan Committee minutes with the following correction: Adding Mrs. Lewis as attending the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.  
(All in favor with no abstentions. See attendance list for voting members)

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **6. GRANTS**

Chairperson Clyde (SA) asked Deputy Director Bob Giovati, about the timeline for statewide grants submission. Deputy Director Giovati replied that the 2015-2016 Request for Proposal applications/instructions for Cycle 38 was in development.

Aaron Carruthers, Chief Deputy Director, spoke regarding a related handout, asking about clarification of goals. The Committee also agreed that a tool kit should be developed providing assistance to parents regarding how to obtain proper services for a child newly diagnosed with I/DD. Staff will develop an RFP.

## **7. FUTURE STATE PLAN MEETING DISCUSSION**

The Committee determined it would hold future meetings on an as-needed basis. Meeting frequency may increase as updated information is obtained, allowing the committee to formulate goals and objectives from this new data.

The next SPC meeting will take place on April 16, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **8. MTARS UPDATE**

Chief Deputy Carruthers provided Committee members with a progress update on the implementation of the corrective action plan (CAP) stating that to date SCDD has submitted 49% of the deliverables identified in the CAP.

## **9. TIMELINE FOR REVISING CURRENT STATE PLAN**

Janet Fernandez, SCDD HQ Staff, mentioned that the regional meetings for the State Plan are being organized in an on-going effort to solicit public input.

Staff requested permission to pose the following two questions to AIDD:

- A) SCDD has streamlined objectives for the current state plan; does AIDD want the Council to streamline the goals as well?
- B) Does it make more sense to streamline the goals for the current State Plan, or the next State Plan? Staff will obtain answers to both questions and report back.

The Committee asked that if the goals were also streamlined, would it have to be done by May 2015. Ms. Fernandez responded that if we were to change the goals, we would have to justify the changes, and do a new Comprehensive Review Analysis. Also, the past and current data up to May 2015 would have to be summarized. In addition, these goal changes would have to go through another 45 day public comment period, and then be presented to the Council by August 2015. The Committee agreed that the best course of action was to streamline the objectives and not the goals.

## **10. 2017 – 2021 STATE PLAN TIMELINE**

The Committee requested clarification on the 2017-21 State Plan Proposed Development Timeline Chart located in the SPC Packet on page 12. Chief Deputy Carruthers then explained the titles on the chart.

The Committee reviewed the 5-yr State Plan Development: Open Meeting and Survey Questions. This information was presented to the Committee in a handout. The five suggested questions constitute the meeting prompts for the regional meetings. Following discussion and debate, the Committee agreed to the following questions:

1. Please check up to 3 areas of greatest need for services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. In the areas you checked, describe the service gaps that you have experienced.
3. How can the State Council better help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
4. What kind of training would you like to receive?

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5. Of the 15 listed goals, choose up to 5 that are most important to you.
6. Of the 15 listed goals, choose up to 5 that are least important to you.
7. What else would you like the State Council to know?

The Committee also added more information in the “Service Areas” and “Who Are You?” columns of these survey questions.

Below is a table illustration of the items:

<b>Service Areas (Please check up to 3)</b>	<b>Who are you? (Please check one)</b>
Child Care	Someone with an Intellectual and Developmental Disability
Education & Early Intervention	Self-Advocate
Employment	Family Member/Advocate
Formal and Informal Community Supports	Community Advocate
Health	Educational Service Provider
Housing	Community Member
Quality Assurance	Service Provider/Vendor
Recreation	Regional Center – Staff
Safety/Abuse Prevention	Other
Self-Determination	
Transportation	

The Committee discussed the functions, capabilities, and limitations of Survey Monkey in regards to the proposed survey questions. Committee members stated they would like to review the Open Meeting & Survey Questions before they are finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.



## DRAFT

### State Plan Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

#### Members Present

Jonathan Clarkson  
Robin Hansen  
Janelle Lewis (FA)  
Sandra Smith  
(Acting Chair) (FA)

#### Members Absent

Nancy Clyde (SA)  
Rebecca Donabed (SA)  
Carmela Garnica (SA)

#### Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers  
Bob Giovati  
Benita Baines  
Michael Brett  
Janet Fernandez  
Dawn Morley

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current Chair, Nancy Clyde (SA), not in attendance, Sandra Smith, SPC Committee member, is the acting chair. Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

#### 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was not met.

#### 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Chairperson Smith started introductions.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015 MINUTES

Robin Hansen mentioned she attended the February 2, 2015 State Plan Meeting, and asked for that to be reflected in the minutes.

Due to lack of quorum, this item was tabled to the next meeting.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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## 6. OVERVIEW OF PPR AND STATE PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE

Janet Fernandez, SCDD staff, stated the PPR and State Plan Amendment Update was submitted on-time, given our extension to March 2, 2015. She mentioned there were some follow-up questions from AIDD which were answered by staff.

Regarding Town Hall meetings, the results are reflected in the following handout: 5-yr State Plan Development: Regional Meeting Survey Response. The full hand out can be seen on the SCDD Website on the following link:

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Regional%20Meeting%20Results.pdf>

Acting Chairperson Smith (FA) queried Deputy Director of Regional Offices Benita Baines regarding communications with the Regional Office Managers in respect to meeting progress.

Janelle Lewis (FA) said it would be good to have an updated email distribution list to more efficiently distribute information.

Chairperson Smith (SA) said the community is showing an interest in the Surveys from the Sacramento Office.

Mrs. Fernandez discussed the deliverables on the State Plan Amendment.

Chief Deputy Carruthers said a distribution list could be created pertaining to information on the Town Hall Meetings. He also stated that any Council member is welcome to attend any public meetings. If the Council requests the member attend, then travel would be paid for by the State Council. However, if they request to go on their own, the Council would not pay.

## 7. MTARS UPDATE

Chief Deputy Carruthers discussed gave an overview on MTARS. He outlined our corrective action plan, including deliverables, outcomes,

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objectives, and timelines. He also discussed SCDD hiring issues, Council demographics, and how the regional office track calls requesting individual advocacy services. He further mentioned our improved relationship with AIDD and how it had led to improved cash flow.

Committee recommended staff check to see where the Disability Rights California gets their revenues and how they use their funding.

## **8. DISCUSSION OF SURVEY RESULTS AND REVIEW OF POSSIBLE CLOSING DATES**

Mrs. Fernandez began briefing on the various survey handouts that were presented to the committee:

- 5-yr State Plan Development: Mail-in Survey Questions: Staff only received three responses to this mail in survey which were hardcopies. The full handout can be seen at the SCDD Website on the following link:

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Mail%20in%20Surveys.pdf>

Small Spanish Survey Monkey Report: State Council received two responses throughout the State in Spanish. Mrs. Fernandez has sent out another request to ask the English and Spanish Survey Monkey Report to be sent out again. The full handout of the Small Spanish/English Survey Monkey Reports can be seen at the SCDD Website on the following links:

Spanish Version

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Survey%20Monkey%20Spanish.pdf>

English Version

- <http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Survey%20Monkey%20Spanish.pdf>

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Robin Hansen requested Mrs. Fernandez send her the Spanish/English/and other links so she can send it out.

- Acting Chairperson Smith (FA) asked how we could improve our response rate. 5-yr State Plan Development: Regional Meeting Survey Responses Handout: The full hand out can be seen at the SCDD Website on the following link:  
<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Regional%20Meeting%20Results.pdf>
- Committee is happy with Survey Monkey.
- The committee recommended that staff create a paper/electronic form to get distribute vital Town Hall information. Ms. Nieblas would be the staff member to handle this.

Mrs. Fernandez stated we want to have the Town Hall Meetings done by the end of May 2015. However, the survey links can remain open as long the committee directs.

## **9. 2017 – 2022 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND TIMELINE**

Mrs. Fernandez briefed the committee on the timeline:

- Online and moving forward.
- Committee would like a summary of the material Ms. Fernandez has. Acting Chairperson Smith (FA) stated she would like to have the documents that Mrs. Fernandez is working on.
- Mrs. Fernandez recommended the committee members start reading the material for potential goals for the next State Plan.
- We are now getting more grass roots feedback.
- Committee asked if we can create a proposed timeline at the next SPC Meeting. Staff would complete this for the next meeting.

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## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Since there is no quorum, there is a recommendation for the next meeting to be either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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# **ITEM 6.**

# **TIMELINE**

## FFY 2017 5-Year State Plan: Tentative/Proposed Development Timeline

Start Date	Task	Responsible Parties	Finish Date
October 2014	<b>Comprehensive Review Analysis:</b>	Council SPC All Staff	January 2016
October 2014	1. Identify/assemble list of potential data sources to determine statewide needs (e.g. NCI, activity reports, QA results, previous PPRs, town hall meetings/public input/testimony/surveys, etc.)	All Staff SPC Council	November 2014
November 2014	2. Collect data from identified/other sources	Council All Staff	June 2015
June 2015	3. Assemble data into <i>Comprehensive Review Analysis</i> format	HQ Staff	Aug 2015
Sept 2015	4. Review CRA results with ITACC & AIDD (Matney & Cruz) 5. Revise, as necessary	HQ Staff	October 2015
October 2015	6. Review CRA 7. Submit to Council for review/approval	HQ Staff SPC	December 2015
November 2015	8. Review/approve CRA	Council Exec Committee	December 2015
September 2015	<b>Development of 5-yr State Plan</b>	SPC & Council HQ Staff	July 2016
September 2015	1. Develop 5 broad Goals & 10 specific, measurable Objectives 2. Review for measurability (based on federal criteria) 3. Submit proposed Goals/Objectives to Council	SPC HQ Staff	December 2015
December 2015	4. Review proposed Goals/Objectives 5. Provisional approval, pending public review/comments	Council	January 2016
January 2016	6. Public Comment Period (e.g. website, town hall meetings, etc.)	All Staff Council	March 2016
March 2016	7. Proposed revisions developed, based on public input 8. Review measurability of Goals/Objectives w/ AIDD/ITACC 9. Submit revised State Plan Goals/Objectives to Council	SPC HQ Staff	May 2016
May 2016	10. Approve final set of State Plan Goals/Objectives	Council	May 2016
April 2016	11. Complete final State Plan draft 12. Submit to SPC for final review/approval	HQ Staff SPC	June 2016
June 2016	13. Submit full 5-yr State Plan to Council for final review/approval	SPC Council	July 2016
July 2016	14. Submit full 5-yr State Plan to AIDD, via DD Suite 15. Establish statewide work plan & submit to Council for review	HQ Staff	August 15 2016
August 2016	16. State Plan review/approval of work plan	AIDD	September 2016
September 2016	17. Execute revisions to 5-yr State Plan, as necessary (AIDD Revisions) 18. Convert 5-yr State Plan to plain language & disseminate (e.g. website, emailing, newsletters, etc.) 19. Clarify activities & reporting requirements w/ Area staff	HQ Staff SPC	October 2016
October 2016	<b>Implementation of 5-yr State Plan</b>	All Staff	September 2021
November 2016	1. Review of October monthly activities – Cumulative Report	Council	November 2016

**ITEM 7.**

**OVERVIEW OF  
SURVEY  
RESULTS**

# State Council on Developmental Disabilities

## 5-yr State Plan Development: Regional Meeting Survey Responses

People with disabilities know what they need to be independent and an active part of their communities. The purpose of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is to make sure that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families get the services and supports they need.

SCDD wants to help and we need information from you. Please fill out and send us this survey.

### 1. Please check up to 3 areas of greatest need for services for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities?

Service Areas (Please check up to 3)	
85	Child Care
167	Education & Early Intervention
286	Employment
145	Formal and Informal Community Supports
196	Health
225	Housing
75	Quality Assurance
141	Recreation
117	Safety/Abuse Prevention
127	Self-Determination
210	Transportation
8	Other: More person-centered, in-depth education/training (finances and law); Aging population; Self-Advocacy;

Who are you? (Please check one)	
68	Someone with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability
258	Self-Advocate
347	Family Member/Advocate
39	Community Advocate
21	Educational Service Provider
16	Community Member
106	Service Provider/Vendor
31	Regional Center - Staff
33	Other: VMRC Board Members; unidentified; SLS Instructor; SELPA administrator; SLS Manager; FRC; FEC; EO; Auburn People First; School Administrator; Public Health Nurse; CA Mentor;
919	Total Respondents

## 2. In the areas you checked, describe the service gaps that you have experienced.

### 1. **Childcare:**

- 1) Gap in services
- 2) Need respite for long term so I can get away for a week. The providers need to be professionally trained.
- 3) Lack of childcare and after school care
- 4) The issue of Day Care, and the difficulty people have obtaining it, was brought up by one member of the group.
- 5) Childcare issue with Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center.
- 6) Day care for child care
- 7) A lot of centers don't want kids with special needs & don't have the proper skills.
- 8) There are no Respite Services available here. Have never used respite care: Not sure how to access it, what the limitations are, what is expected of us.
- 9) Child care
- 10) Education is used as daycare instead of its name.
- 11) More child care for DD people
- 12) Limited resources in child care

### 2. **Education:**

- 1) At 3 all services are cut and depending on when they end and when the new school year starts there is a gap in service delivery. Example my child turned 3 in April and school didn't start until September so for 5 months no services.
- 2) Lack of speech and social skills training
- 3) The services at school are provided when and how they want not always what is best for student
- 4) Services are based on diagnosis not always on what the student really needs.
- 5) Parents are overwhelmed by the process and not knowing how to find out about the system/process. Suggested to have advocate go to meeting with them.
- 6) More training beyond the basic IEP is needed
- 7) Gap in knowledge/services if you come into the system via adoption
- 8) If inclusion is mandated, why is it not enforced?
- 9) More information is needed on policies and procedures
- 10) Disability Rights California resource shared
- 11) Funding & Accessibility
- 12) Early intervention is important
- 13) Education and Early Intervention should be separate Goals/Topics
- 14) Gaps in receiving speech therapy for children under three.
- 15) Behavior services for children with disabilities other than autism need to be funded.
- 16) A "personal information" goal should be in IEP's.

- 17) Our School District in Tehachapi has very serious problems. SELPA does not listen to complaints, or does nothing. Regional Center provides very little services.
- 18) Early Intervention for people with "DD"
- 19) Early Intervention- provide more resources to intervene and educate early in a child's life so that services do not have to play catch up
- 20) Education that works for everybody
- 21) What are post-secondary options? Project College
- 22) the laws need to be changed to make attorneys more accessible for special education due process cases
- 23) Education and early intervention.
- 24) Information provided to parents from school district for the denial of eligibility.
- 25) Education, Employment, and Safety/Abuse Prevention: Delays to gain access to appropriate services - the process is very slow.
- 26) Need to develop or create ways to teach people with 1/DD basic math & reading skills so they can pass entrance and exit exams for H.S. and College.
- 27) Education/Early Intervention, Health, Safety/Abuse prevention: Not enough information.
- 28) Concerned about education: Sierra College is transitioning into a Jr. College
- 29) Limited resources in education/early intervention
- 30) IEPs- not serving a deaf child with ASL
- 31) Technology training
- 32) The school system, not wanting to send deaf student to school for the deaf in Bay area (financial)
- 33) not enough aids to help the teacher w/ students
- 34) OT, assessment for young and following their life span
- 35) Education for all- community members and clients
- 36) Disconnect from transition to adult services, a common core for special education, more social skill training and focus self-determination skills, sexuality education, and increased resources
- 37) affordable day care, information about available programs that serve children with special needs, tools for day programs to support children with special needs, delays in diagnosis
- 38) Delays in getting services started, no understanding of timeline.
- 39) There is a need to have primary care providers to note signs of developmental delays and make appropriate referrals such as neurologists and speech therapist.
- 40) Comments like "they'll grow out of it" must end.
- 41) Adult services are not going to meet the needs of transitioning students. Post-secondary programs have poor vocational services
- 42) There is a need to connect and coordinate the services, particularly between school and adult services. Schools need to better prepare students for employment and utilization of services. Better assessments and use of assessments to drive planning is needed. It would be optimum if through assessment a profile of the person can be developed that can shape and direct services throughout life. There is a need to better see the whole person and true use of circle of support planning to achieve quality of life. Better focus on socialization and building social networks is needed.

### 3. Employment:

- 1) Transition from school employment (workability) to out of school employment, typically when workability ends so does job. It is seen as a disincentive to keep individual on without funding
- 2) Need to build partnerships, use yelp reviews to create jobs and give feedback to employers who are hiring people with disabilities
- 3) There are no events currently that recognize employers hiring people with disabilities
- 4) In South Bay they are forming a business advisory committee
- 5) There needs to be more of a dialogue with employers about what the needs are and get creative with building collaborations- create new jobs and truly customize employment
- 6) Good transition plans for students is critical
- 7) Educate and train staff in supported employment
- 8) More employment options
- 9) Better job coaching to help support and facilitate employed people.
- 10) Lack of competitive employment options – lack of education and self-determination; lack of adequate transportation options.
- 11) Effective job development and support for creating and being successful in employment.
- 12) Employment continues to concern her
- 13) Little meaningful employment
- 14) There always could be better employment possibilities
- 15) Not adequate employment opportunities or even how to identify them
- 16) There are very limited programs in Stanislaus County that offer employment training. The programs that are available have little or no funding to grow.
- 17) Employment must be inclusive or provided in an inclusive setting.
- 18) Not enough opportunities for proper employment.
- 19) Workability is not made available to students on academic track. If they are, it's not well supported.
- 20) Lack of employment training and opportunity. DOR only supports career or education passed with a 2.0 GPA.
- 21) Create more jobs
- 22) When placing applications for employment or housing I have observed that consumers don't get call backs especially for employment opportunities.
- 23) He forgets to do things and he does not have experience
- 24) Many of the consumers I have worked with do not have their high school diploma, therefore it is hard for them to find employment.
- 25) How to gain and keep a well-paying job and be educated in how we can function in our community and know how to not be taken advantage of because people are mean and take advantage of people like me.
- 26) Job opportunities in the rural areas.
- 27) Not many employment opportunities in our area {Mammoth Lakes}. Very limited housing options for adults w/special needs.
- 28) More jobs: getting hired and keeping jobs.
- 29) Working with the Department of Rehab is very difficult and complicated.

- 30) Need a change in culture about employment- many people think they “can’t” work or think they will lose their benefits.
- 31) Finding employers willing to hire people is difficult
- 32) Families can be a barrier to employment
- 33) Pushing Employment First Policy is making some day programs concerned and frustrated.
- 34) Employment is affected by lack of transportation availability
- 35) People need to get jobs in the community. We need more money than we get at the workshop.
- 36) At the workshop they don’t get paid enough.
- 37) I am not happy with 3-6 hours of work. I don’t like it. My dream job is supported employment with a job coach.
- 38) I want more hours
- 39) It is hard to get jobs.
- 40) The government needs to give more money back into the system
- 41) My income needs to stay at a certain range so that my benefits are not impacted- if not I can lose my medical and other things
- 42) More job coach resources.
- 43) Not enough job opportunities for DD.
- 44) Clients wanting to work but not having the means to secure a job.
- 45) Employment -lack of agencies, discrimination and honesty.
- 46) Increase involvement of Regional Centers in transition to adult life and to assist with employment.
- 47) Employment/Community Supports/Housing: my son is 16;I foresee these service areas as future needs.
- 48) Need for community/business worksites & integration into community business.
- 49) Only ONE service for customized employment.
- 50) Difficulty finding a job.
- 51) Customized employment
- 52) Difficulty finding a job because of gaps in Executive Functioning
- 53) Employment, Transportation
- 54) Employment assistance other than Goodwill Industries.
- 55) More employment access.
- 56) Lack of jobs
- 57) No jobs that lead to community jobs
- 58) There should be more programs to help individuals obtain jobs they desire and are given training/education
- 59) More jobs, more money in the budget for jobs
- 60) Employee training and education
- 61) More job opportunities
- 62) employment options are limited
- 63) More understanding of each individual and situation. More employment.
- 64) Difficult to find employment
- 65) Employment; very few job opportunities for people with DD in our area
- 66) Can’t find work

- 67) Employment is very important, it gives you something to look forward to
- 68) More training and job supports as well as learning more job skills
- 69) Technology training
- 70) Alternative employment options such starting a business is difficult
- 71) DOR operations are ineffective. There are long delays in opening cases and formulating vocational plans. They do not inform of available employment training and resources.
- 72) There are few jobs in rural communities.
- 73) What opportunities will be available for those with low production rates as sub-minimum wage work opportunities will be eliminated?

#### 4. Formal & Informal Community Supports

- 1) Full inclusion and education
- 2) It's important to have the community support so that other goals can be met
- 3) If a student has a Certificate of Completion prior to the age of 22, and all the "boxes" are checked, they should be able to enter an adult program, and not be forced to remain in a transition program.
- 4) Need more services for older adults.
- 5) Safe, with a quality program, service enriched residences for adults with dd. A community residence.
- 6) Consistent problem of one system passing to another, e.g., Kaiser vs CCS.
- 7) Transitioning to adulthood, there is a lack of support for teaching independence, self-advocacy.
- 8) Most of the time, the service coordinator doesn't see client needs, just wants to follow policy.
- 9) Train all service coordinators
- 10) There are not good quality programs. The ones we've been offered are bad.
- 11) Came in-between our family schedule for accommodation when we have other business to take care of while he's at home
- 12) Show on special skills, work as teams and learn from other
- 13) Transparency of available resources.
- 14) The fact that Regional Center no longer funds therapeutic horseback riding to the students who benefit and need it the most.
- 15) More services in Spanish
- 16) This is important. Helping people one on one is a real need. Trainings are helpful but some issues need immediate assistance.
- 17) Info on generic resources is important. Having that info translated into other languages and in plain language is a must.
- 18) I feel I have too many paid supports and I am weak in natural supports
- 19) Groups are good as a support
- 20) Not enough advocacy when something goes wrong.
- 21) Lack of services: support for depending on needs. A child's needs change and getting additional services as the needs arise are extremely difficult. How can this be resolved? Also, vendors who provide services and supports to families and those services are not being supported by KRC.
- 22) Programs available to support living after 18
- 23) Support to live on your own without a roommate

- 24) Training that does not lead to employment
- 25) Young child care
- 26) Self-advocacy
- 27) Trouble in college because lack of child care
- 28) Extremely limited care facilities and housing for DD clients.
- 29) Parents call to see how to get their child involved in an activity and meet other people. What kind of services can they get?
- 30) We need more information about what it's expected to be like
- 31) Parent and community resources and support
- 32) Hard to explain
- 33) Because I live in Gasquet, my support can only come get me for shopping once a week. If I have an appointment, that will come and get me
- 34) I want to get out in nature and sit. When they give the ticket, I'm supposed to give it to the machine. Activities
- 35) Very rural community with much poverty
- 36) Not enough programs to help people like me
- 37) mobility at the beau, restaurants that can deliver
- 38) Lack of local resources/ more out of town referrals
- 39) Group making sure businesses are doing their jobs. Fun indoor activities during rainy weather
- 40) Autism - Community supports needed
- 41) As someone who works & volunteers in the special needs arena, specifically adults, I see the "x'd" items needing assistance in these areas on a daily bases
- 42) I have not received information on any of these areas from Redwood Coast Regional Center
- 43) closed the B&C b/c more education & inspections by state
- 44) Slowness of supporting changes to make self- determination more available to all. Community awareness would help in all areas (services)
- 45) Service availability is limited for severely disabled, and no services available
- 46) Senior services for those with developmental disability are limited.
- 47) There is a need to support individuals who do not have cases open at regional center.
- 48) There is a rural / urban disparity in program availability.
- 49) There is a need for services for individuals who do not have cases with the regional center.

## 5. Health

- 1) Need more healthcare for DD people
- 2) Quality & Ease of Access
- 3) Supporting people in living healthy and active lifestyles
- 4) Access to dental clinics
- 5) Inform parents of low income and (EL) English learners
- 6) Gaps in who to turn to for help with MediCal Waiver, respite, IHSS
- 7) Hard to find doctors that accept health plan
- 8) Few medical providers
- 9) Integrate people in the community with more support.

- 10) Problem obtaining medical equipment. Son with quadriplegia. Need a special car seat for him now that he's older. Have been waiting over a year.
- 11) Service coordinators don't truly look at client needs.
- 12) Monitoring healthy needs and well-being of an individual
- 13) Self-abuse through mental health services, meds evaluation and receives (illegible)
- 14) More access to health care and information regarding coverage
- 15) Improve rural health care so that people do not have to travel far to get the treatment they need.
- 16) A more proactive approach to health and affordable gym memberships
- 17) Lack of Doctors and Specialists
- 18) Transportation- having to travel further to see doctors and specialists.
- 19) Better health care for everyone and supportive health care
- 20) Be able to get to doctors and specialists
- 21) Paying for doctor visits
- 22) I need to learn about going to the doctor because I am going to move out soon.
- 23) There needs to be groups for emotional support
- 24) Medical/Medicare are messed up- confusing. The managed care plans are complicated and trying to find the right one that works with what I need due to my disability.
- 25) Dentists are hard to find
- 26) Health- Home health equipment
- 27) Health -lack of good understanding Doctors with no patience.
- 28) Dental (Medi-Cal) benefits are horrible.
- 29) Lack of quality medical doctors in Sacramento.
- 30) No Optometry or Dental coverage
- 31) Affordable health care
- 32) Medical doctors being trained on how to deal with 1/DD children.
- 33) Better medication coverage.
- 34) Mental health services.
- 35) Lack of affordable wheelchairs.
- 36) Mental health for ASD
- 37) Health
- 38) More doctors that accept Medi-cal
- 39) Need more wheelchairs. I have Medi-Cal/Medicare and they help with wheelchairs
- 40) Health
- 41) Loss of good doctors. Appointments are hard to get in a timely manner
- 42) In the former facility where our client lives, their dentures, toe nails, hygiene were not given attention
- 43) Both individuals experienced poor or no care @ the board and care they were at/ The state finally closed the B&C because more education & inspections by state
- 44) No one helped me with my hearing aid, ran out of batteries. My toe nails need to be cut.
- 45) My nails need to be cut
- 46) Health/wellness training
- 47) Access to healthcare
- 48) Better healthcare

- 49) Better delivery of ABA services and attention to complex medical and safety needs. There are no Spanish speaking OT services in South County
- 50) Doctors who take Medi-Cal
- 51) There is a need to provide mental health services for individuals and families.

## 6. Housing

- 1) Lack of accessible and affordable housing
- 2) Housing and adult services in general need to be discussed more.
- 3) No accepting applications
- 4) Lack of Housing forces people in group homes to share rooms
- 5) There always could be better housing
- 6) Lack of low income housing
- 7) No homes for adults with developmental disabilities if parents aging and person requires full-time care. Told “no openings” for the last 4 years.
- 8) Parents have many concerns about where their developmentally delayed/disabled child will live, how they will pay for it, who will help them.
- 9) Housing –options of converting parent’s house to apply for government grants.
- 10) Lack info on getting affordable housing. Problems with manager
- 11) No housing for residential program lack of transition.
- 12) Not enough suitable housing for low income DD individual
- 13) More housing: HUD housing has a long list, make affordable housing easier to get.
- 14) We have almost no housing available in our rural areas.
- 15) A real need in the foothills for accessible & affordable housing options. Many capable people who could and want to live on their own can’t find or afford a place and end up in a group home.
- 16) Housing is expensive and limited. There are not enough or few shelters.
- 17) Low income housing has a long waiting list and is very limited
- 18) Housing- affordable
- 19) Very limited housing options for adults w/special needs.
- 20) Cost of housing is too high
- 21) The wait list for section 8 is really long
- 22) Housing -lack of support, client's needs not met or they're put on hold.
- 23) Lack of low income housing in Elk Grove
- 24) A list of resources that is updated for low income housing.
- 25) Clients being on a budget and not having access to low income housing.
- 26) Housing: Increase all levels of placements. Semi-supervised apartments.
- 27) Lack of affordable housing.
- 28) Housing for ASD people
- 29) Accessible housing
- 30) Assistance with affordable housing/obtaining a housing waiver/send alerts when the list is open for
- 31) Section 8
- 32) housing options
- 33) More housing for people with DD

- 34) Not enough affordable housing
- 35) housing for consumers
- 36) I would like to see more housing assistance
- 37) Housing; long waiting list for housing does not make it easy for our clients
- 38) Housing costs are very high for low income
- 39) We need affordable housing, having a place to live is important
- 40) Cost and affordability
- 41) No low income housing available.
- 42) The cost of housing is not affordable
- 43) Give consideration to location of housing. Insure public resources and viable transportation are available in the neighborhood.

## 7. **Quality Assurance**

- 1) Protecting benefits such as Social Security
- 2) Vendor Quality Assurance
- 3) If I get a service it is important it is done right
- 4) When in the community it is a struggle to get things done like exercise
- 5) My service coordinator could be a better help
- 6) I want help finding better jobs
- 7) Help building responsibility skills
- 8) I need help learning to speak for myself with parents and others

## 8. **Recreation**

- 1) Consumer described her demonstrating bad behavior and changing her attitude with recreational activities, which helped her stay busy.
- 2) There are not enough recreation programs.
- 3) Community events and activities
- 4) Recreation in Auburn

## 9. **Safety/Abuse Prevention**

- 1) Abuse of people should be talked about
- 2) Safety/abuse prevention
- 3) They lack knowledge on how to protect themselves against abuse and knowing if they are being abused.
- 4) First responders, like police and fire fighters and medical personnel lack disability awareness.
- 5) Not enough education on safety/abuse Prevention
- 6) Pedestrian Safety
- 7) Always a concern and on-going training should occur
- 8) Upcoming CHOICES conference (Safe CHOICES) is a good example of getting information out there.
- 9) More emergency services
- 10) Need more services to address abuse in the community: counseling and training.

- 11) Safety/Abuse prevention is ESSENTIAL!!
- 12) How to help a student/child with abuse issues.
- 13) Safety issues at work.
- 14) Child and Adult protective services does not handle abuse cases for 1/DD very well.
- 15) Fear of crazy student while living near a university campus.
- 16) Financial abuse of people w/ DD.
- 17) Landlord taking advantage of DD tenant.

#### 10. Self-Determination

- 1) Self-determination gives people the independence they need to reach goal areas
- 2) I think self-determination should start during early intervention. Good quality early intervention, help parents and students to learn how to advocate – access services and resources.
- 3) Self-determination from the beginning.
- 4) Self Determination is taking too long to come to our area
- 5) A lot of misinformation on this new program- many vendors are concerned. Many self-advocates don't understand what it means or how it works.
- 6) The regional center should be more engaged in this area.
- 7) I don't feel self-determined. I want to be.
- 8) We need to spend money wisely
- 9) Self-determination is very important

#### 11. Transportation

- 1) Safe/comfortable bus stops: General public safety & accommodation that tie into accessibility issues and compliance
- 2) Critical to being able to work and be a part of the community.
- 3) The lack of decent transportation was again brought up.
- 4) lots of problems for individual services
- 5) Transportation is difficult, especially for people who use wheelchairs
- 6) Transportation is an ongoing issue for most of us
- 7) More consumer awareness on bus/public transportation
- 8) how to take public transportation
- 9) Transportation service that parents can rely on.
- 10) Transportation is not offered, more social programs, respite cut by 60%, single mom, no family in the area
- 11) We have been trying to get help for transportation for a year
- 12) transportation that is accessible.
- 13) More buses: improve rural transportation to meet need.
- 14) Here in rural Humboldt Co. the public transit stops running very early in the evening which means many people are stuck at home, including Sundays when service is so limited it is hard to use.
- 15) Always an issue in the mountain counties. Evening and weekend service schedules are nonexistent and going to a city (Stockton/Lodi/Modesto) is difficult

- 16) More transparency between VMRC and vendor community on transportation contracts, and conflict resolution policies.
- 17) Many self-advocates like the drivers. More of an issue with drivers seems to be in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.
- 18) Lack of accessibility with transportation
- 19) More covered bus stops- providing comfort and safety
- 20) Transportation – improving
- 21) I can take the city bus all the way to Viejas where I work
- 22) If they could coordinate the compass card to the MTS para-transit rides that would be so much easier
- 23) The bus does not offer services during the hours I need it. Especially on weekends later in the day. They stop at seven so I have to go home early.
- 24) Sometimes the buses do not come
- 25) It is important to know how to get around
- 26) The bus system has limited hours
- 27) I cannot afford the tickets to ride transportation.
- 28) Short hours getting to and from places. No night time transportation.
- 29) Transportation gaps in certain areas; slough house...
- 30) Transportation is inadequate everywhere.
- 31) Transportation -not enough buses.
- 32) Transportation -asking about my guide dog.
- 33) Transportation -you can't go to other parts of Sacramento.
- 34) How do people get transportation?
- 35) Issues with Paratransit
- 36) Assistance with getting places on the city bus
- 37) Lack of bus transportation/taxi
- 38) Income restrictions prevent people living in the complex of their choice
- 39) Travel for people with DD is difficult
- 40) More busses
- 41) Transportation is poor
- 42) Cross the board transportation
- 43) Limited resources in transportation
- 44) Transportation; can't get there from here
- 45) Transportation for many families in rural pockets of county can limit their access to services.
- 46) Buses should run every half hour
- 47) Transportation; need to give free bus passes
- 48) Transportation- difficult for folks to access after work hours because bus system
- 49) learn and understand reading to be able to know rules and regulations of traffic, how to read maps, and knowledge of direction where the bus is going then determination is accomplished
- 50) Transportation is important for getting to different places and better access
- 51) especially for minors, to and from programs

## 12. Comments from Family/Self-Advocates:

- 1) I got pay only .48 and .88 cents at WATCH every 2 weeks- not a lot of money
- 2) I want to have a job in the community
- 3) Yes I experienced this
- 4) Both transportation and employment
- 5) Not finding jobs in the community without losing SSI, knowing how to look and find jobs being able to live in an apartment with low income without Section 8
- 6) Health- my anxiety
- 7) It takes too long to get home on MV (transportation)
- 8) It takes too long on the bus in the afternoon to get home
- 9) Need a job
- 10) I need help for money management
- 11) More buses at night to get home, more community health fairs
- 12) House
- 13) My trouble is because I go to WATCH (day program) I am not happy there and I need to get out now because I'm getting married this year and I do not think that WATCH is the right place for me anymore because they will not let me do what I want to do.
- 14) Employment- more understanding with money management
- 15) MV Bus
- 16) City Bus
- 17) I am saving up money to get my apt
- 18) I can't get certain places
- 19) No transportation- stuck at home
- 20) Only have MV transportation
- 21) Transportation I would like help in the community
- 22) Transportation is a big issue because of ramps and not enough of them
- 23) I want to get a job but it is very hard
- 24) Haynes Bus (a residential care home transportation)
- 25) Childcare, education & early intervention
- 26) Housing
- 27) There is not enough support in our area
- 28) Not being informed of services available.
- 29) For E. (my son) it takes sometimes too long to be seen especially for the dentist. For my other two daughters more understanding from my doctor. They need a crash course.
- 30) None as of yet.
- 31) Students are required to have a diploma in order to participate in a work study program. If doesn't get diploma young adult has to wait till 21. Need an alternative. Need a young adult social group transportation for social activities in the Coachella Valley.
- 32) I see Employment being a issue in the future. Son needs to be more self-efficient feel better about himself.
- 33) I hear the same problems exist that I had w/supports. IRC ducked out during the most important phase of my son's life. Teens. Had to depend on Kaiser. They did the best they could.
- 34) We don't lack support but could be given more information to better their safety-health & community meetings.

- 35) 1-Not being informed ahead time 2-more things to do 3-Everybody's needs to have it. It's awesome.
- 36) Including family members in trainings
- 37) there is too much emphasis on employment and person-centered planning
- 38) She thinks that these topics are not realistic for people like her son. She feels there should be more focus on coping skills and supports for parents who choose to keep their adult children at home. She wants more teleconferences for family members who can't get out easily.
- 39) The transition services are of poor quality

**13. Comments from Service Provider/Vendors:**

- 1) No support for employment programs. HUGE gaps in transportation availability
- 2) The school system needs more education on how to deal with behavior issues of children with disabilities
- 3) Misinformation and no clear communication
- 4) Would like to find more businesses open to employ our clients. More vocational/volunteer opportunities
- 5) ILS not allowed to "get into" employment w folks we serve- however- services are inadequate, lack imagination, and refer to 1 hr per week "jobs" as "employment" huge quality of life issue- self-esteem, money. I have a client who has been in "job readiness" at a Day Program (WATCH) for 4 years- she has no resume, no interview skills and NO JOB! As her ILS worker- I am told to "stay out of it" but it affects her every day- I am teaching her to advocate for herself- but we need to stipulate that lives are slowly eroded by these marginal practices. The question of segregation was settled a long time ago...maybe

**14. Comments from Community Members:**

- 1) Clients that live in our rural communities have difficulty getting services. There are too few agencies and private advocates or attorneys that can assist them. Adults and children that want to direct their own services have difficulty obtaining those services.
- 2) Community supports especially socialization.
- 3) Making sure information is understandable language
- 4) Transportation is poor, housing options and employment options are limited

**15. Comments from Regional Center staff:**

- 1) Living in a small community, housing is very limited, and also transportation
- 2) Need more training how to ride the city bus. Staff need to be fluent in American Sign Language
- 3) Having an option other than respite through VMRC would be very useful. Also trying to find competitive employment for consumers who need some accommodations (shorter shifts, working certain areas of the stores etc.) Dentists are very needed. The surgicenter in Atwater closed so our consumers are left with the Salida Surgery Center or UCSF.

**16. General Meeting Comments:**

- 1) There was conversation about the transportation concerns, such as the lack of cabs in this area. Many of the participants cited concerns about health services, and the lack of medical

- professionals willing to accept Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal. One individual spoke about needing an Optometrist as well, since he was having difficulty locating one.
- 2) Early intervention –timely processing of referrals.
  - 3) Housing- Need KRC cooperation to locate/secure placement of dual agency children.
  - 4) Not a lot in our area limited services.
  - 5) Very limited opportunities for persons w/disabilities in the area. Same is true for every category list in #1 above.
  - 6) Educacion,salud,recreacion,pedge de apoyp comunitario.
  - 44) Lack of self-advocacy skills and resources.
  - 7) More businesses: or the ability to start your own.
  - 8) Service Animals- being able to afford care for the animal and actually getting these service animals to those who need them
  - 9) We don't lack support but could be given more information to better their safety-health & community meetings.
  - 10) Not being informed ahead time 2-more things to do 3-Everybodys needs to have it. It's awesome.
  - 11) Training for self-advocacy
  - 12) Client wanted education program but had no day child care
  - 13) Accessible assistance for processes agencies (how to support help).
  - 14) There seems to be difficulty with getting support to parents.
  - 15) There also seems to be large variances in quality.
  - 16) None yet, as a parent of a three year old, knowing of play groups would be helpful.
  - 17) Students not being able to get access in areas of need.
  - 18) Transition options
  - 19) Quality assurance
  - 20) Progressing moderately.
  - 21) "They" really need to join your group- SCDD *doesn't* listen.
  - 22) More monitoring of SLS programs to ensure they are providing the clients with enough staff.

### 3. How can the State Council better help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities?

1. Training is needed to help families be connected to the community, parents tend to rely on one another
2. Parents find it hard to have to dig for information especially when agencies who are supposed to support families are not sharing the information as it should be.
3. For new parents coming in it is very overwhelming
4. Organizations are just doing their job.
5. More conferences focusing on education are needed.
6. Need a road map of how to navigate getting started in the system
7. Need to create better ways to share information and get the word out to families and expand the network
8. Join CAC for a forum of connectedness
9. Hold gatherings without a fully structured day so parents can share info and walk away with information and a new network of connections.
10. School districts tend to see parents as hostile perhaps holding community conversations with someone who can represent the parents to bridge communication gaps and build community amongst the families and districts.
11. Better response to state political situations that affect people: having a bigger voice.
12. Slow response time to big issues.
13. Meet more frequently so the decision making body can speak
14. Giving more importance and support to committees
15. Encourage more people to join! □
16. Outreach and outreach training-streamline the process to make it more user friendly and more simple.
17. Promoting financial independence and decisions with funded services.
18. Push Self-determination
19. Transparency
20. Supporting healthcare accessibility in all areas
21. Get more information out to families about resources available to them and how to access them.
22. Act as a liaison between the LEA's and Regional Center
23. Outreach and clear information in different language to our families
24. Individual advocacy and assist with IFSP, IPP and informal meetings, mediation and fair hearings
25. Help in individual cases is critical, otherwise our most vulnerable people and families are at risk in critical ways. Some families and clients need someone at a meeting with them to get the services they need and to learn how to advocate by example.
26. Not sure
27. Individual advocacy is needed. Self-Advocates frequently need assistance with advocacy issues, especially in the IPP process
28. Do not know
29. Provide more funding in order to expand services
30. Have Dena keep coming to the board meetings and self-advocacy meetings to know what is going on

31. Have a great conference for people like CHOICES
32. Train consumers & families, individually and a group
33. Not many services for adults once no longer school-aged. Don't want them sitting around the house.
34. Parent has 2 adult children who need 24-hour supervision. Both "moderate." "They weren't accepted into supported employment because they are not potty trained. So they are at home. All programs regional center has shown us are awful. Many parents facing the same situation. Why can't they at least continue to provide speech therapy? Physical therapy?" Parent has respite hours, but there's lots of turnover because the pay is so low.
35. Parent of 18-year old toured a vocational training program. There was not enough staff, no safety, not enough supervision. "This was no place for a child to develop and be happy."
36. At son's program, there was physical, mental, and emotional abuse. Since then, parent has kept son at home. Notified the regional center. "How is this possible to have them at home and not in a program? Regional center says to try a residential facility. Do you think I'm going to trust one after this?"
37. Need more Quality Assurance. When regional center checked on a program, they thought it was OK. Parent asked service coordinator "Would you put your child in such a program?" The regional center is supposed to visit every 2 years and day programs know when they are coming so they prepare.
38. In the Southgate/Huntington Park/Bell Gardens/Paramount, there are no physical therapy or appropriate recreational programs.
39. Not enough programs for adults to learn vocational skills.
40. Need more volunteer opportunities. Regional center says it's our job to find them.
41. One parent recently moved to San Fernando Valley; son lives in Norwalk. Mom wants son to be moved closer to her. "Housing is a big issue."
42. Job placement – emphasis seems to be mostly on those people diagnosed as either high or low functioning, not those that fall in between.
43. Need more focus on education. Schools are not doing full psychological evaluations, just summaries. They need to be supervised more closely.
44. Kids not being prepared for life after school, such as college, jobs, advocacy. Schools aren't training them. There are more services available for young kids.
45. Go to Sacramento and open up more supported employment opportunities.
46. Create a hotline for issues that come up "after-hours."
47. Restore IHSS hours. Provide letters in Braille.
48. Restore recreational services. "Our kids aren't that accepted. My 18-year-old son likes to play in toddler areas, but is told he can't be there." Need specialists in recreation services. "When recreation services were removed, his abilities regressed."
49. Have more listening sessions. Online surveys. Have a place on your web site for immediate feedback regarding service issues.
50. Continue having workshops. 24/7 Hotline
51. Better outreach to Spanish-speaking communities, plus all other languages
52. Develop a single plan of action for families/individuals to help manage multiple agencies involved
53. Increase support to persons seeking needed county and state help. Show how to demonstrate needs.
54. Proper housing for quality living
55. DOR needs to be improved. Those with hidden disabilities need as much support as those with visible disabilities.

56. College DSPS offices aren't streamlined to appropriately support those with learning disabilities.
57. Have a Hotline: phone or email available for parents to communicate their issues immediately.
58. Provide the support, according to needs of the client
59. Do more outreach to Spanish speakers
60. Train all service coordinators
61. The state council will provide necessary needs for the developmentally disabled people like establish more day programs, safety parks for recreation and for outdoor activities.
62. Being educated in how to better help people like me who has intellectual/development disabilities so they can better understand our needs as people.
63. Teaching them to behave and treat well like normal disability person
64. By providing all the service and help state council can give day care, help with transportation, help getting health insurance
65. Job readiness trainings
66. Making sure adults with intellectual disabilities get the life skills training to be successful in community setting.
67. Provide families with info access help for their loved ones
68. Training, come to area more. School issues help with How to get more access to help, and services.
69. Fund for recreational activities that help develop fine and gross motor skills.
70. Perhaps ongoing involvement in local area - Tehachapi.
71. Allow or oversee the vendor approval process. KRC doesn't support vendors that support or provide services to families. We need more support for families so that they are able to support and care for their child at home.
72. Open/promote vendorization in Vocational Education, Work-related social skills/communication, job shadowing/coaching, Career counseling, job developer, independent living/financial education, etc. School services Regional Center Services.
73. My community is an hour from Bakersfield. We live in the small rural community of the Kern River Valley.
74. Am grateful that the Hearts Connection staff brings a staff member in items per month for info motion & education. I have the means to travel to Hearts Connection parent support groups in Ridgecrest & Bakersfield, many in my community do not. I spend the majority of my time trying to get the local school district to meet my son's needs. Is the educational community aware of the parents rights. Can the school district be better educated on how to meet the spec. Needs community?
75. By continuing to provide training to service providers (vendors).
76. Hacem mas fonos p/comunidad,cambios en las regulaciones.
77. Community outreach and training. On rights, RC policy, New Legislation, Mental Illness. letting the client know of all the programs or choices that they have.
78. Education on life choices for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
79. Help people find out more about medical services and how to pay for them.
80. Make sure we let you know about more resources and things that can help you.
81. Provide one on one training to help the person and/or family advocate on any issue they encounter
82. Continue to support conferences such as CHOICES annually
83. Continue to support the self-advocacy movement locally and statewide
84. Train educators, students, families about options after high school in all part of life

85. jobs
86. legislation/advocacy: system change
87. educate/train: more self-advocate groups
88. Community events and outreach. Inclusive recreation.
89. Legislation on mandatory trainings for employment and how to work with individuals who have intellectual/development disabilities.
90. More access to in home supports service
91. More information on addressing an aging population: keeping health and independence in mind.
92. I believe they are doing what needs to be done.
93. Keep us informed as to what we can do to help.
94. Help with building self-esteem
95. Offer DD people easy access to information and resources for low income housing in safe neighborhoods.
96. Employment resources
97. Resources for DD people that reward them for self-determination.
98. More support groups in the community.
99. Provide more education and integration in schools.
100. More advocacy. I change for proper medical and dental benefits and care.
101. More programs with instructors that can assure the people that are trying to learn get assistance.
102. Be supportive and provide trainings in areas of concern.
103. Share timelines and processes for accessing services.
104. Better communication with parent centers regarding their initiatives, state plan and the outcomes.
105. Continue to provide family assistance.
106. Bring resources to the school districts and make sure they get that information out.
107. Provide assistance when there is a conflict between agencies and the family.
108. To look to see how to??
109. Awareness
110. Community programs
111. Improve employment opportunities.
112. Better preparation of incoming teachers- general education and special education.
113. Comprehensive autism approach, treatment and opportunities for adults going through transition.
114. This free Due Process workshop helps.
115. Training
116. Create more workshops and make them available in more areas.
117. Educate! Parents and teachers.
118. Provide Advocates.
119. Transition from being with parent to independent living
120. Fully fund services 1/DD they require.
121. Listen to what 1/DD have to say, be a part of the community of 1/DD.
122. Provide better access to jobs with a more financial future.
123. Provide more training on advocacy; how to advocate for the things you need.
124. Approve self-determination project.
125. Provide better programs for health care and housing.

126. More support on how to better reach your goals (self-determination)
127. \*Do random visits with clients that receive SLS programs- not scheduled visits, and only with the clients.
128. Extra help in school and extra time to get things done.
129. Special training and learn how the different areas work, share information.
130. More dentists available in the Sacramento area.
131. Get to know who they are serving.
132. Helping with the south area People First program.
133. Listen to us and help us when we need it.
134. To be there for us and to listen to us when we are talking, to better serve our needs.
135. By teaching the general public and politicians about 1/DD
136. Better direct education to give students a future.
137. Train law enforcement to work with people with DO.
138. Get funds for self-advocates to attend conferences.
139. Help with education to help facilitate getting a dream job.
140. Community
141. Transportation
142. More one on one training to educate in preparation of employment
143. Get more work
144. Help people with disabilities
145. Getting more jobs, help them with other things.
146. As our children get older, assistance with finding programs for young adults/adults.
147. Inter-agency (including school districts) communication. \*\*There are a lot of programs and resources, but no clearinghouse to find the information.
148. Educate members of service team: authorize others to help as volunteers.
149. Educate client about finances.
150. Continued outreach
151. 1-9 sub-contracting services to groups that are doing it for the money.
152. Train and educate DO people so they can find jobs and live productive lives.
153. Transition to adulthood
154. Continue to be a resource of information that we need to acquire
155. Advocacy training
156. Make the Self-determination more accessible
157. More wheelchair accessible housing
158. more employment options for higher functioning people
159. Better job training and housing
160. Self-determination programs
161. Try to expand hours and options needed
162. Early support and resources for parents
163. Qualification w/ appropriate special education for deaf and hard of hearing, with teaching methods and communication skills
164. Include the school Administrator to know deaf culture
165. Provide support/counseling to families in home beyond the IFSP

166. Support to DD after high school
167. Make more fun programs more education more jobs.
168. More training, provide funding for 1 on 1 job counseling.
169. More opportunities to volunteer.
170. Invest in more housing and employment resources. Independent group home settings. Independent work place' services employment.
171. I want to go out. Provide more transportation and training on safety for staff.
172. Anticipatory guidance for parents.
173. More meetings.
174. More Q/A in town to help individuals with DD and homeless.
175. Provide programs to help people like me.
176. By providing more housing opportunities.
177. Offer more programs.
178. Clothing/health/"clubhouse" safe place.
179. Have all businesses be required to hire a person with disabilities and people over 55
180. I'm opened minded to anything being offered.
181. Start monitoring development as soon as deficits/concerns are identified.
182. Training staff on Autism
183. Don't reduce services that have all worked so hard over the years to obtain. Backwards steps hurt us all.
184. Employment training center.
185. \* To provide all answers to question 2.
186. In the 3 areas I checked help develop programs & distribute info. to clients through Redwood Coast Regional Center.
187. \*More monies provided to mentor for funding will result in better & more care.
188. Group homes or facilities should have high standards and should be inspected monthly. To check the living condition, grooming & hygiene, food quality of care. Hire more mentors- they offer better care, better home, more fun and activities for clients.
189. \*Private homes make better family environments or mentor relationships & skills training better, FAR better than group homes. Foster care system needs better stability before and during transitioning out.
190. By checking on us
191. check on us
192. Please provide the above (learn how to read and also understand traffic laws)
193. Help advocate and help assist with legislation.
194. Be there to just listen.
195. Give people options and resources to help people communicate medical needs.
196. Bully awareness.
197. Collaboration (3 comments): eliminate "silos" between IHSS, DDS, DOR. Identify conflicts in social security rules and regulations. Connecting natural circles of supports between providers, families, individuals. Individual to individual connections.
198. Education and Information (1 comment): inform municipalities and businesses.
199. Resource Development (1 comment):

200. Advocacy and Facilitation (2 comments): Transition to employment. Train teachers and families about adult services.
201. Quality Assurance (1 comment): Improve transportation. Concerns about staffing of services.
202. Collaboration (2 comment): Eliminate barriers between service entities. Greater outreach to underserved communities.
203. Advocacy and Facilitation (1 comment): Offer support when approached by families.
204. Resource Development (3 comments): Promote more employment including corporate jobs and more housing.
205. Education and Information (1 comment): Promote the implementation of social skill training public schools, its vital for employment.
206. Contribute to the efficiency of services that match services to needs of individual throughout his or her lifespan.
207. There is a need for a 211 type service for individuals and families. A central online resource and information hub is needed that can link families' needs to services, professionals, providers, and academics
208. Coordinate methods to acquire private sector funding.
209. Professionalize the work force.
210. Promote social opportunities.
211. Reverse our thinking and reach out and secure support from existing community based organizations and non-profits that serve needs outside of developmental disability.

**212. Comments from Family/Self-Advocates:**

- 1) Work on jobs
- 2) Yes they should
- 3) Advocate for more money from the state
- 4) Help advocate about independent living
- 5) I would like help with work while on the job. Help presenting my needs to an audience
- 6) Being comfortable, having a voice speaking up for myself
- 7) Better bus drivers, they are mean
- 8) Get better MV bus drivers who are nicer
- 9) They can get me out of the WATCH Program and get me started on a job. They can support me in my future life as a woman and a good wife
- 10) Get transportation on the weekend. I am on the transportation bus in San Andreas
- 11) To help me go out to community events/shopping
- 12) People First
- 13) Continuous training
- 14) Help me save money
- 15) Help me get Driver's Ed
- 16) Continue trainings
- 17) More help with finding my voice in the community
- 18) The State Council has always been a great service- area board 6 is very involved with CHOICES & SAC6

- 19) Transportation- Dial-a-ride we need more help with this
- 20) Affordable housing
- 21) More activity
- 22) Work skills training
- 23) We don't talk about abuse prevention
- 24) Guide to community resources
- 25) Come to Tehachapi and meet with parents, help us, provide legal help, the school district thinks they are above the law and no one (officials) is doing anything to help. SELPA is useless.
- 26) Based on need, (make the regional center) help families not on who has the most \$ to hire lawyer to fight for help
- 27) To reach out clients living in the rural communities by providing service that they can get or access.
- 28) To meet the needs of the clients, language and social needs.
- 29) Individual Advocacy
- 30) Provide more services in our area
- 31) More information and training for medical professionals.
- 32) For them, themselves be educated. I know they don't deal with it but for them to know there are families like this.
- 33) Put you in touch with People who can tell you were to get resources. Keep getting the information out there for parents & schools.
- 34) Police Inland Regional: case managers Even though they're u busy". Hire me!
- 35) I believe they are doing what needs to be done. Keep us informed as to what we can do to help.
- 36) Need more self-advocacy trainings
- 37) Families are not informed of why services are terminated or have to change
- 38) Insure plans and agreements are followed through on.

**213. Comments from Service Providers/Vendors:**

- 1) Continue to exist and support/advocate for the members of the disabled community.
- 2) Maybe go into elementary schools and help educate the teachers and aids to better meet the needs of the children
- 3) Provide persons with disabilities with more information on how to live everyday life
- 4) More community events like health fairs
- 5) To have a regional office available and open

**214. Comments from Regional Center staff:**

- 1) Advocate for more funds
- 2) Need more training to work with staff to interact with community
- 3) There is always age limits for certain programs. We are never informed within proper timelines. There is always a cost out of pocket, lack of rural programs.
- 4) Health- Metal Health, Continuity of Services. Education – Consistency of services. Employment – Limited

- 5) Many of my parents are low income field workers. Workers that have difficulty providing child care. Mental health services for our clients are so difficult to find, and our clients are extremely underserved. Both children and adults.
- 6) Requests for additional supports/1 on 1 in child care. Speech services with Fresno Unified School District. No funding for recreational services.
- 7) Child Care- there are no day care agency directed towards our clients. Parents struggle to find care especially after school care. Health- Lack of psych/mental, nuero services that accept medi-cal. Recreation – CVRC no longer able to fund social activities. Our clients loved going to camps etc.
- 8) Transportation supports in far rural areas of Fresno. Some areas where my clients reside such as Orange Cove for example have a difficult time gaining access to services, especially adults.
- 9) There are limited employment for clients who want to work. Clients tend to have a lot of medical needs and finding doctors that will take their time w/the clients as well as take Medi-cal is hard. Independent clients are limited to housing in bad areas. Clients are limited with recreation due to lack of support.
- 10) Medi-cal application process; Medi-cal approving behavioral services for kids with autism. Schools not providing adequate support for kids with autism.
- 11) Waiting period for Medi-cal funding for behavior services for a child diagnosed w/autism. Employment opportunities for people who have ID.
- 12) More flexible transportation will assist adult clients – especially those living independently in community to access recreational/social activities. Stable primary care physician: psychiatrists that will take Medi-cal/Medi-care. More affordable housing, i.e., SLS vs adjusted like CCMRS. Also Sevin houses SLS setting for clients.
- 13) Limited employment opportunities outside of janitorial or yard work. Lack of continuity in community supports. Huge need for camps/sports/clubs for the kiddos on my caseload.
- 14) Finding jobs for our clients is very difficult & also helping find transportation to take clients to jobs, medical and recreation is almost impossible.
- 15) Section 8 takes a long wait. My client with legal record can't qualify for government housing. But he has paid his debt to society.
- 16) Our clients have limited resources when it comes to finding healthcare professionals that take Medi-cal. Transportation is also limited in our area especially rural area. We have talented clients but not much work opportunities. We need more resources in these areas.
- 17) You need to be assessable out to family out in the community. Work with second language speaking families. Maybe go door to door.
- 18) Clarity with services – simplification. Autism services for adults.
- 19) Help provide referral & advocacy for mental health services, especially as services in the valley often refuse to serve Regional Center clients.
- 20) Be more mindful & pro-active in promoting more resources for our DD population.
- 21) More education to the community about our clients and their needs.
- 22) Provide more recreation activities for adults, and children. More parenting classes. More school services for kids with autism. Classes on autism for non-english speaking families.

- 23) Help create more jobs for people who have ID or collaborate w/businesses to hire more people who have ID. More services in schools for children diagnosed w/austim. More parenting classes. Internship opportunities.
- 24) Too many kids in classes. Kids being moved from one school to another. Kids build friendships and then gone. Homes in poor & dangerous enviroments.
- 25) Realize we are dealing with real people. Districts cutting programs
- 26) Perhaps provide more educational services for community, especially health care professionals.
- 27) Develop better jobs that don't limit people to janitorial or yard work. We need a better network for recreational activities that are affordable. Research options for better psychiatric & mental health for dually-diagnosed individuals.
- 28) The State Council can provide us with names/numbers of resources in the community that serve our clients. If the state council can help develop resources for our clients it would be great (especially those in the outline areas).
- 29) Possibly visit community living facilities as an extra set of eyes to look at home by people who aren't there frequently. Assistance with accessing Mental Health.
- 30) Understand our limited resources. Help us and our clients advocate for these resources in the area.

**215. Comments from Community Members:**

- 1) Provide direct advocacy services to our under-served communities.
- 2) Do a great job/effort to let the community members know that you are a great resource for them. Community Supports- more support to remain in the community living food quality of life.
- 3)

**216. General Meeting Comments:**

- 1) One man asked how he could change jobs. He appreciated the job he had, but stated that he did not want to do janitorial work all his life. He asked how he could get a job in an office, for example.
- 2) Multi-agency meetings – facilitate multi-agency meetings in Kern with the highest referring agencies and KRC management.
- 3) Counseling services. A book of resources. How to manage benefits.
- 4) Resources in Area? Antibullying programs. How to self-Advocate. Peer Counseling. Somebody to contact nearby for assistance and diplomacy.

## 4. What kind of training would you like to receive?

1. School districts tend to see parents as hostile perhaps holding community conversations with someone who can represent the parents to bridge communication gaps and build community amongst the families and districts.
2. Create a book describing IEP process- (DRC website info was shared as existing resource)
3. Have more panel presentations
4. Have a new way to get feedback from families so they can share information and suggestions- BLOG
5. Lack of resources when individuals are transitioning from ER to Mental Health Aftercare services. A gap in services exists- lack of info- poor discharge planning
6. Parent, Families and caregivers- advocacy training
7. Paramedical training
8. Community access and education training
9. Making sure trainings are in plain language and well understood by all.
10. Communication about available trainings-Mail and websites
11. Making sure trainings are available to everyone
12. Trainings with DOR
13. Student led IEP training
14. Committee member training
15. Physical education training
16. More training about Regional Center Services
17. Training on the legal requirements of the Lanterman Act as it pertains to transition to adult services
18. Resources available for low income, self-determination
19. Inclusion, least restrictive environment, in general ed class
20. Training of regional center staff to educate them on transition, and parts of the Lanterman Act.
21. Teaching people how to do a person-centered plan (and being the focus person before you lead one) was suggested as a future training.
22. More training for families that are English learners needs to be provided.
23. What trainings are being done for regional center service coordinators regarding transition?
24. Any training is great
25. How to encourage creation of different housing options
26. Special workshops at VMRC pertaining to housing etc.
27. Vocational training to be able to work
28. Transportation- they aren't nice sometimes. We need to hold them accountable
29. Changes in special education.
30. Paralegal services.
31. Behavioral training.
32. Life skills – how to get a job, find recreation, transportation.
33. Being safe in the community.
34. Trainings for law enforcement to better manage people with developmental and behavioral issues.
35. More about IHSS reductions and funding.

36. Difference between high school diploma and Certificate of Completion. "We sometimes have to make choices without having the full understanding of what it means."
37. Training about what resources are there. What type of programs are out there?
38. What services can a regional center provide? "They always say 'we're not responsible.' So what are they supposed to be doing?"
39. The services we get are because we have to go to hearings. You need money to pay for an attorney. It's not fair.
40. Safe community access
41. Health safety/abuse; quality assurance
42. Patient rights under all systems (medical, regional, etc)
43. Law enforcement training
44. Give each family the laws of different agencies
45. How to navigate the laws
46. Help with preparing young adult to transition: SSI, Media-Cal, other entitlement programs, DOR
47. Train our kids how to self-advocate for themselves
48. Housing options – government and parents
49. Medical, mental health training, special education training
50. Educational & Religious training
51. I would like to be trained on a job that pays well so that we can have a sense of self-worth and know we can provide for ourselves.
52. Health training to let people stay healthy and happy
53. Different ways and techniques to provide child care, how to have better health, and help to provide transportation
54. He cannot attend any kind of training because he cannot concentrate in his brain
55. Training on how to prepare consumers for different types of job settings
56. Abuse prevention
57. Training as to other resources available in case of a family emergency for our daughter while the person taking care of her is not available- options
58. First responders and medical personnel need to be trained on disability awareness.
59. How to handle school issues, get more services. More training in IEP's.
60. Informational meetings like tonight's could be helpful.
61. More assistance and support for families regarding transitions to adulthood, after high school, how to get a job, interview process for less severe clients, this should also include bill paying and banking.
62. More disclosure regarding appropriate services and resources in our community.
63. Training on transition to Independent Living.
64. Please always looking for the latest research. Can there be a forum or any type of meeting where we the parents can meet and hear successful, local, independent living, Regional center clients. Would like more frequent educational forums, seems like there is just 1 per year in Bakersfield.
65. Provide a resource list of the local community partners who help special needs children/adults learn independent skills. Training on accessing services and what is available.
66. Informacion referente como guitan el proceso largo, lento y tedioso, en caso de una requisicion p/servicio a los hijos discapacitados.

67. Better ways to understand the laws and to use them with the consumers. Ed, Early Intervention and Safety Abuse Prevention.
68. Medical professionals getting more training
69. More abuse prevention trainings
70. Job coach trainings
71. Disaster and CPR training
72. More training for individual who work with children with developmental disabilities to promote early intervention.
73. New and Innovative employment ideas and strategies
74. Self Determination program- the nuts and bolts
75. How to support and/or start self-advocacy groups
76. Abuse prevention
77. Learn what is happening across the state on all service areas listed above
78. How to outreach effectively to legislators
79. Increase supported living options
80. Vendor- make a stringer collaborative vendor association- provide training to them on best practices
81. More training on self-employment or other skills
82. Art training/collaborations with other art groups
83. Pre employment training: how to get prepared for interviews, need for more customized trainings, more career based trainings: supportive training
84. Self-determination and rights trainings: helping individuals find their voice.
85. Training on money management/life skills/independent living
86. Computer technology training/with or without /troubleshooting
87. Facilitation and leadership trainings: recruiting community leaders
88. Abuse prevention training: provide tools and collaborations to help disseminate the signs of abuse and how to prevent it
89. Health classes: how to be and stay healthy
90. Sex Education
91. Computer Training
92. Job Shadowing- on the job
93. Language training: ways to find community resources on how to learn a different language.
94. Opportunities to explore ideas in the community.
95. Work training
96. Abuse prevention training
97. No thanks.
98. Training on taking responsibility
99. Training on how to be better at following up on our own
100. Recognizing mental health issues in individuals with DD.
101. How to find good doctors and entitlement programs.
102. Understanding Medi-Cal/Medicare
103. Learn/training in what is available to the consumers.
104. Information to agencies on education, employment and housing.
105. Conflict management

106. On the job training; review job duties/issues that benefit the consumer.
107. Seminars, websites, handouts, tutorials (video).
108. Self-determination
109. How to access community agencies/services.
110. How to help keep students safe and get them the emotional health they need.
111. Daily/hourly interventions to deliver as a parent.
112. To consistently support what is taught in school.
113. What resources are available after high school and how to get them to access community colleges and or vocational schools
114. Legal advice
115. Student progress and how to measure the progress.
116. Education and early intervention.
117. Resources available to parents.
118. Teachers need training on the resources they have available, to better serve parents.
119. Transportation planning
120. Training for general education teachers on inclusion.
121. Learning all the programs that are available and how to compare them
122. More training of all subjects.
123. Employment to enhance job skills and experience.
124. Better training for customized employment.
125. Informational videos and speakers.
126. How to get out of sheltered employment and into community jobs.
127. How to explain that I'm not getting the services I need.
128. Leadership, flexibility, beauty tips.
129. How to obtain transportation.
130. Self-determination, self-advocacy.
131. Informal supports
132. Dealing with depression, anxiety, ASD
133. How to live more independently.
134. Self-determination.
135. How to talk to people about my dog.
136. Housing- how can we negotiate a pet deposit?
137. More information on: Health, Safety/Abuse Prevention, Transportation.
138. Training on how the state council works and how to help others with 1/DD.
139. How to eat healthy.
140. To get a real job, like a store (retail).
141. Cooking
142. Training for jobs that have good wages and health benefits.
143. Teach about life skills, let them speak for themselves.
144. More education on mental emotional reactions (without it, it causes additional problems and makes the present health problems occur more often.
145. Education
146. Self-determination

147. Self-advocacy
148. Childcare
149. More job training. How to write a resume. How to complete an application. How to interview.
150. Self-determination
151. How to navigate the city bus system.
152. Services and Rights
153. Conservatorship, how to navigate government programs, Medi-Cal, Social Security, Alta, Community programs.
154. How to access and qualify for government programs.
155. How does SCDD interact with Regional Centers?
156. How in-home services work. How are they monitored? Who qualifies?
157. Self-advocacy
158. Conservatorship
159. Education for DD people
160. Job seeking
161. Services available after 18
162. Training for parents to help children go through life stages.
163. No matter the training, encourage presence of the DD community
164. Job training
165. How to make transportation better
166. Self-determination
167. How working affects SSI benefits
168. Advocacy training
169. Advocacy
170. Training on Alta Regional services
171. How to measure bench marks and goals that the school follows
172. More information on the different kinds of DD
173. A lot so we can get out and learn.
174. I would like to learn a different language.
175. Navigating the social security/disability systems. How can I learn to help people with their issues.
176. Walking; physical education.
177. Computers.
178. Job development, money management, organization skills.
179. Spanish class and knitting.
180. Computer, reading, math, hygiene, meds, training.
181. How to run a self made business.
182. I would like regional center clients to leave the transition program at age 22 with employment. This just isn't happening like it should.
183. Developing community "stars" with alternative abilities.
184. Autism
185. Education of what is available, what choices there are for all.
186. Educational training when clients become or has a violent behavior.

187. As listed above: Daylong workshops especially for parents & team members of clients (for me especially home- based – family -SLS)
188. None, we both are at doctor level in education. Need more financial.
189. \*We have enough training with Mentor. Financial support would be better.
190. \*Whatever makes me a better mentor for various adults with Intellectual disabilities as well as physical.
191. Reading and learning.
192. food service
193. Wellness training.
194. Training for people to learn how to work with people with I/D D
195. Manners and Respect Training
196. On the job training
197. Trainings for doctors on working with individuals and how certain conditions affect people who have developmental disabilities
198. How to attain services
199. Leadership
200. Rights
201. Legislation
202. Advocacy
203. person centered planning in education
204. direct hiring of individuals
205. community based organizing: staff and individuals, school staff able to train parents, supporting dating and relationships
206. Navigating the system
207. getting started
208. providers and primary caregivers are trained of system so they can give reliable referrals.
209. Teaching advocacy skills.
210. Offer advocacy training for families whose children do not have cases open with the regional center.

**211. Comments from Family/Self-Advocates:**

- 1) Real job Training
- 2) Money management
- 3) Yes for trainings
- 4) Being able to ride the public bus with assistance
- 5) Help with basic need at home like doing laundry, budgeting, cooking
- 6) Training for bus drivers
- 7) Training for the MV drivers
- 8) Better transportation and getting around on my own. Teach me about being a good wife and partner for my husband to be.
- 9) Due to my situation- I need help finding places/areas that I can go to
- 10) Roommate, help with medication
- 11) None

- 12) I will like to live on my own
- 13) Bus trainings
- 14) Help me get more training to be more independent
- 15) More Independent living services
- 16) Helping with finding a job
- 17) In the future live on my own and learn to cook
- 18) Be more responsible
- 19) Job training. Help to get a job
- 20) Learn how to cook
- 21) Educating people about what is abuse
- 22) Transportation tx
- 23) Recreation options
- 24) More emphasis on vocational skills & transitional training. Residences in Tehachapi are sparse.
- 25) Independent living skills, reading/writing/math for my son.
- 26) Training on Self Determination. Annual community meeting to let communities know what's been happening and what's upcoming. Most families don't understand what Sequoia Board is about or do.
- 27) I would like to see classes (i.e. cooking, sewing, homemaking) made available
- 28) With 3 with autism I would appreciate- They will be Teens one day. The stages to come scare me.
- 29) How to meet with vendors who can help the quality of life for persons with disabilities. How to prepare my son for post teen.
- 30) How to advocate effectively! Effective training.
- 31) No thanks.
- 32) Comprehensive in home ABA Training
- 33) Advocacy Training.
- 34) IEP Training.
- 35) Emergency Preparedness

**212. Comments from Service Providers/Vendors:**

- 1) I would like to see more social security benefits education and training
- 2) I would like to see more classes on how to deal with ADHD
- 3) More trainings on how to be more independent
- 4) Support for ALL areas!
- 5) Need more support services and get all staff course to learn sign language

**213. Comments from Regional Center staff:**

- 1) Any that is available
- 2) What services are available to the families we are working with. Where the family can go for help/assistance.
- 3) Advocacy groups within area client lives specific to needs and especially with education law.

- 4) Medi-cal & bx services
- 5) Break down of what services you provide/how you can help in the gaps listed in #2.
- 6) Behavior interventions need to be strengthened.
- 7) Behavior training to help with those clients with mental health issues.
- 8) Money management classes, Independent living classes. Classing for non-english speaking parents.
- 9) Child care options for parents who have children with ID. Medi-cal/managed care.
- 10) School programs, district issues, Benefits
- 11) Clients w/physical limitations require more financial assistance to adapt home to make more accessible.
- 12) I would like more direct/clear plans for how to access community resources.
- 13) Knowing what kind of services or support you provide.
- 14) Help with accessing IHSS
- 15) More access to public transportation. Work programs for our clients and local business (not day programs). Work with city and county official to bring these services to our community.

**214. Comments from Community Members:**

- 1) Self-Directed services to all communities, including remote communities.
- 2) Child welfare staff and foster youth attorneys – training on IEP's, 4731 complaints and Lanterman Act.
- 3) Civil Rights

**215. General Meeting Comments:**

- 1) The group all agreed they would like more information about health services and benefits, and several indicated they would like information on how to obtain “real” jobs. (The unemployment in this area is over 30%, and for people with disabilities, it is even higher).
- 2) ABLE Act-Age limit 26 not in effect yet. How to transition to young adult services. What services are available for young adults once they exit out of the school program?
- 3) Job training, soft skills-life skills social skills understand disability benefits & how to manage.

## **5. What else would you like the State Council to know? (You may use the back of this page to write more.)**

1. Mandatory POST training for law enforcement with people (getting academies and all entities on board)
2. Address bullying in schools and among educators
3. Address more in home support issues
4. Supporting the need for service animals- providing resources regarding benefits and accessibility to service animals.
5. Any reduction in services to people with disabilities will tax other public services and always be detrimental. Increasing services will always relieve burdens on jails, emergency rooms, etc.
6. A large number of parents do not know about developmental disabilities and which disabilities qualify for services like regional center. Sometimes our (EL) families and low income are not able to get access to health, medication, access to housing – especially it is hard to afford rent, is hard to afford medical services and medication.
7. English learners need help giving resources to parents – teach the students to ask questions – start them early learning how to advocate for themselves.
8. Head Start is going to be using sixth graders to work on advocacy skills with the younger kids.
9. Community needs some place to turn!
10. It helps to build confidence in parents when you have support at the first couple of meetings when you are new to the system.
11. The technical assistance that was provided to her a few years ago was so beneficial to her, because parents are not considered when changes occur.
12. There is a huge need for individual technical assistance from the Council.
13. Her daughter was not selected in the pilot program for self-determination, so she did not get to focus on the things that she wanted to with her daughter.
14. Please add more possibilities for individuals with disabilities.....need funding please!!
15. Our services keep getting cut. How are we supposed to live in the community without help?
16. Need more of these listening sessions. We each represent hundreds more people who could not come.
17. Need more use of social media and Facebook for immediate communication.
18. Provide stipends for people to come to these meetings. Some are using respite hours or paying for child care to come here today.
19. Why won't the regional centers tell us about these meetings?
20. A lot of us don't use the internet or social medial. Make sure to use all means, high-tech and low-tech. I learned about this meeting from another parent. The regional centers won't educate us.
21. The changes in special education/pre-advocate advocacy
22. There needs to be interlinking between systems, whether it is one social worker per an individual.
23. Multiple problems and communication with Media-Cal, regional center, school districts, etc when patient needs prescription meds, medical equipment
24. Better day programs
25. Pay for private recreation

26. Listen to the community and do more meetings like this. Have a more effective way to respond to complaints
27. Train all service coordinators
28. How we can help ourselves in becoming productive citizens in our community and how to find and keep a job to be able to support ourselves so that we can feel that are contributing to our community.
29. The same as I say on above
30. That more information about the service areas (listed above) should be advertised more so people can get the training/help individuals need.
31. Note that the families taking care of their children are having some difficulty caring for their loved one especially when the people looking after them has medical emergency and need someone to care for the loved one while at home or not able to be alone. Lives with most of the time. But there are a few instances when things change like bus schedule, her sister has to be on her job for emergency. There are also occasion when Nora is not available when she stays at her dad for doctors apt (illegible) medical center tries to post a great difficulty for me the mother because she really try to grab all my attention and at times can be stressful. Marie has behavior problem and can post a great difficulty for my (illegible) Marie's sister is single and so if she ever get married knowing that I will not have full support system from her. What can I expect from you for help? If she lives independently will I get a support system in place for her in her unit? With a minimal help for her sister if she get married what can I expect from you?
32. Increased operational and POS funding for Regional Centers to hopefully offset the demand for intake, assessment, and case management services proportional to the broad expansion in diagnostic criteria for certain disabilities.
33. I would like to see more cooperation between KRC and FEC/FRC. Because KRC doesn't feel the need to provide support to families of clients, we have lost the support and services/availability of our Resource Specialist at HEARTS Connection so we are not getting as much support@ schools and IEP's. This should be a automatic link if we are all here to support the child. Why are we paying someone who doesn't want to provide services to our families? Who's interest does he have? Solutions: Remove and replace current director of KRC. Reinstate vendor contacts that support families and services. Train KRC Staff properly. Monitor all decisions made by KRC Staff and Director. Bottom line: we need to support the entire family unit in order to provide adequate care and support for clients. A Happy Health home makes for a successful happy healthy child/client!
34. Training on How parents can prepare for IEP meetings.
35. Safety training RE: bullying in the schools Training RE: all aspects of RC services.
36. Provide a resource list of the local community partners who help special needs children/adults learn independent skills. Training on accessing services and what is available.
37. Muy Buena idea que traigan personas que nos orienten felicidades.
38. The meetings are very informative.
39. Thank-you for all the funds, Help and support you have already provided for the disabled.
40. Lack of accommodations and inclusion at community colleges
41. We appreciate all the work of the SCDD through the area boards now regional offices- the individual and unique needs of each community should be remember as SCDD re-organizes
42. SCDD needs a better user friend website. The Area Board 6 website was really helpful. Since it shut down, its hard to locate items specific to our area.

43. Real concern about the lack of individual advocacy- since SCDD is not allowed to provide this service and Disability Rights CA is responsible- but don't help many of our consumers- what are we to tell people?
44. Years in the field and I really haven't heard positive things about SCDD. The area boards are work horses. Don't want to see that end. Maybe SCDD needs to get their image out there – become a “people” organization opposed to a bureaucracy organization.
45. Thank you for the opportunity to give input. The on-line survey should help people give input who couldn't make it to the meeting.
46. New job skills
47. Follow up on workability and TPP
48. Jobs for senior citizens
49. Better education and training for jobs
50. training the trainer: how to adapt materials and presentations
51. navigating the fortress that is social security and disability: more user and customer friendly
52. Follow up on Northern CA Special Olympics chapter: Can we get that started up?
53. Don't forget about Del Norte County!
54. People helping each other out with jobs and out in the community
55. Arts and Crafts classes
56. Mediation services
57. Transportation: availability is an issue and interferes with employment, health and recreation.
58. Nutrition: being healthy and staying healthy. Tying this idea into cooking classes.
59. Cooking and Baking/ Cake decorating classes
60. Parenting classes and Family Planning- tailored and more hands on.
61. Classes on how to deal with difficult children as a parent- counseling and therapy as a family.
62. Self-employment using hobbies and talents: maybe finding a place in the community to sell art and other creative work.
63. Resources are needed for low income housing for DD people- to promote independence.
64. To get more involved with people with disorders so that they understand how difficult it is for consumers with disorders.
65. Agencies would be better equipped to assist clients if we had proper information to pass along to clients in need.
66. To listen to consumers with DD, to better understand their issues and concerns!
67. Early intervention services 0-3 are not accessible in rural areas. Not enough slots for ABA- long waiting lists or no lists.
68. Training on getting more supports to families.
69. Transition/transition/transition
70. If a dentist requires visits every 6 months, make sure the treatment is available.
71. People need to have washer/dryer in their apartment.
72. Make sure people have transportation
73. Need to bring awareness about the problems of sub-minimum wage, it should be temporary or eliminated.
74. We support them; we would like them to support us!
75. I would like to be on the board.

76. Help individuals gain access to employment and or post-secondary education.
77. How to serve people with service dogs and guide dogs, how to deal with them.
78. I'm very interested in receiving more information in the mail about services and programs.
79. We need more accessible parking.
80. I have a lot of energy to do things, and help others out when they need assistance.
81. At American River College, banks and restaurants there is a pole in the middle of two doors, my wheelchair can't get through.
82. Teach people to speak up for themselves and ask questions. Make sure people with DO are on committees and decision making boards.
83. Recreation
84. DO people need a lot of help in college so they can get a degree
85. Problems with getting a sign language certificate, the college is too far.
86. Needing a backpack with first aide contents in case of an earthquake.
87. Help to get a job.
88. How to look for other (support?) staff.
89. Announce events sooner via email
90. Retentions need.
91. Ending the physical isolation of the North Coast counties with the rest of California. Specifically – Health/Transportation issues for Del Norte county to rest of state, Bay Area, etc.
92. I'd like to see them make more money.
93. There are too many people without proper supervision advocates, and families not enough support. To make DDI. Feel important.
94. Stop domestic violence.
95. Bigger office/more stuff.
96. Peer counseling and supportive living skills programs.
97. That rural California has different needs than more populated city areas w/ resources. We all matter. To ignore the needs of those in rural areas hurts us all.
98. \*To Provide Question #1 to clients.
99. More inspections of B&C facilities & Quality Assurance of each person in the facility, monthly if not weekly like mentor standards.
100. \*More funding for Mentor
101. Developmental Disabilities are often CREATED by “nurture” not nature. Children of foster care need a better system before they become ill adults and societies responsibility.
102. I like where I live now.
103. I like to play baseball
104. Have a conference in Northern CA
105. Self Determination
106. More money and fundraising to support people first conference
107. Supporting day programs in arranging direct hires for individuals at jobs.
108. There is a lack of services at colleges.
109. Build a network between regional center and families.
110. There are no programs in rural areas.
111. The system is not adapting nor is it prepared for the autism bubble.

- 112. Employment skills in technology (IT), and computers is not happening.
- 113. Social difficulties are core of all problems. Aging parents are not able to continue to provide care. Educate both new parents and older parents to empower their children and serve as advocates.
- 114. Consider a One-stop for referrals and take advantage of technology and social media.
- 115. Within schools at earliest grades formalize programs that promote social skill building and training between special education students and their non-disabled classmates.
- 116. The entire community needs to “own” its responsibility to the neuro-typical and disabled. No person should be isolated.

**117. Comments from Family/Self-Advocates:**

- A. We need more money now
- B. I am grateful for this conference today
- C. I appreciate this conference!
- D. I’m a determined young woman who will not give up on what I want. I’m going to stay firm and will not let people get away with me
- E. I need to learn more about SAC6 (Self Advocacy Council 6)
- F. You could help me when I’m out having a good time as in the public
- G. No
- H. Area Board is so awesome and they really care about the people they help. They been by my side a 100 percent
- I. Help with budgeting my money and not spending it badly
- J. Help each other
- K. Public sensitivity to disabilities.
- L. More dissemination of info about community options & accommodations.
- M. Promoting employment – meaningful – using my education.
- N. What is the Chain of Command? Where do we go when school district & selpa & Regional Center do nothing?
- O. I am a single mom of a 27 year old w/mult. disabilities & medically fragile. I work a full time job but use all of my vacation & sick leave for my sons appointments & days when there is no program. Kern Regional Center just cut my respite by 60%.
- P. Meetings at night after work.
- Q. I would like to see individual advocacy reinstated.
- R. Our first responders would also benefit of a crash coarse. My boy will be a man one day. He is still non- verbal. I wouldn't want to bury my boy as a teen. The officer laid off so easy. Please also all medical staff I hope they can know the signs. Programs or maybe groups for Marriages and Siblings. 80% dirvoce rate. We can change that.
- S. Stuff.
- T. Accessibility to public buildings like the bank
- U. (Spanish) In South Monterey County there is no occupational or speech therapy available. There is a lack of education and early intervention services. There is a need for more providers to serve the community.
- V. The advocacy work that staff does is important and cannot be taken for granted

**118. Comments from Service Providers/Vendors:**

- A. It is vital for the disabled community in the valley to continue to have the local area office available to access.
- B. 😊
- C. It would be nice to have a website so we can take time to complete this survey
- D. Make sure the Medical Doctors know about Resources for Autism.
- E. We need more support groups locally community Programs involving Possible Work study or even mentoring.
- F. Social Activities and if there are no local Social Activities Possibly Provide Transportation to and from. No son didn't fall through the cracks- he was pushed through.

**119. Comments from Regional Center staff:**

- A. I know one person one place in an Adult School, this person is deaf but staff don't use sign language- use app on I phone or Android
- B. Have some follow up.
- C. If you guys have a flyer w the kind of support &/or trainings you provide for our clients/families it would be very helpful to pass information to the community.
- D. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback- thanks
- E.

**120. Comments from Community Members:**

- A. Quality Assurance should be expanded to provide meaningful input to the IPP's.
- B. You are very needed for all people in the DD community.

**121. General Meeting Comments:**

- A. The participants were very eager to hear the keynote speaker that was going to open the conference, and didn't have much else they wanted the State Council to know.
- B. Raise awareness/acceptance training.
- C. Possibly have alleged slanderers, harassers or abusers examined or investigated for any signs of psychological disorders they may have. themselves. For safety sake (?)
- D. Simply appreciated and thankful

## Notes:

**(2-28-15: RO 13)** We had a much larger group in attendance than the sign-in sheet reflects. Because we had our session during the lunch time, a number of people came a little late, and did not sign in, or elected not to sign in for other reasons. By way of a head count done by both Debbie Marshall and myself, we had 50 people in the room at all times, although some other people drifted in late, or out early.

People very much appreciated the opportunity to speak up about what areas of concern they have. Each participant was asked to put a red dot on three of the Service Areas identified on the Survey question number one. The butcher paper on the wall identified each area, and people were given time to locate their “dots”. There was a general consensus that ALL of the service areas were critical.

At this point (Question #5), many people had to leave to attend other workshops, but they were asked to complete the surveys available at our table and distributed here. From the resource room, we received 23 completed surveys. Many people asked if the survey was available on line, and many participants asked to be included on our distribution lists.

## **(2-21-15: RO 1)**

**(2-12-15: RO 13)** This was a lively group that truly enjoyed having the opportunity to discuss these concerns, and could have stayed longer. Unfortunately, not all of them completed their surveys during this time, and many said they would send them when they had a chance to provide responses that are more thoughtful.

A suggestion was made to start conversation classes to empower ESL students and parents with advocacy skills. A comment was made that school site councils are getting money, but it is not going to special education, so maybe this would be a pot of money available to start these classes. More training for ESL parents on how to access resources. Do outreach in ways other than email – the “All Call” system employed by school districts was used as an example of a way to do outreach.

Another suggestion was made to do training on IPP ENFORCEMENT

There was conversation regarding transition, and viable employment options vs. sheltered workshops. Self-determination was brought up; as someone believed, it was just a pilot program, so information was provided regarding that issue. The use of UBER as an alternative transportation was discussed, as the length of time people spend on the public transportation system is excessive. Safety issues were brought up regarding this topic.

## **(2-9-15: RO 6)**

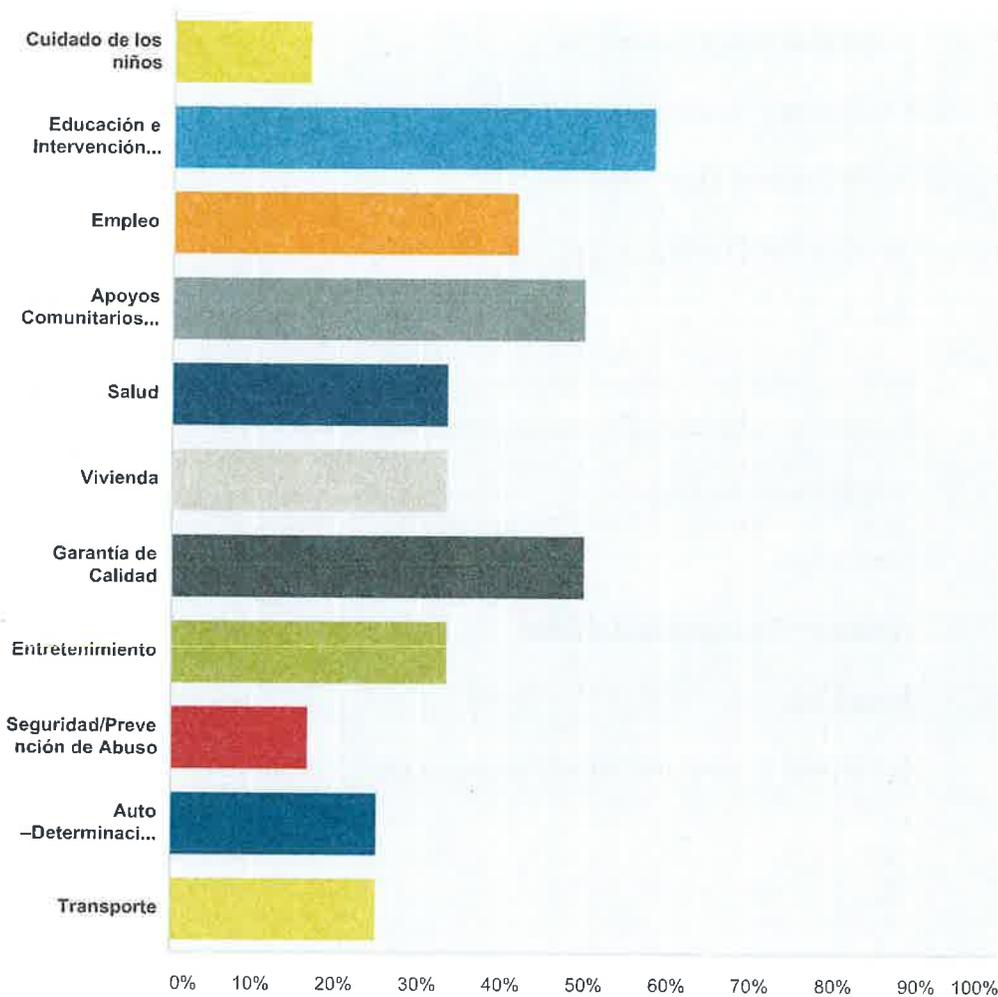
**(2-6-15: RO 6)** Self Advocacy Council 6 Area Meeting of Self Advocates (from all 5 counties); SCDD Representative present (Kerstin Williams); Representative Languages- American Sign Language; # of attendees: Self-advocates ( 350 ), SCDD staff (2), VMRC (4), Department of Developmental Services & DDS Safety Net Staff (5), and Service Providers (8).

- (2-28-15: RO 10)** A Spanish translator assisted.
- (3.30.15: RO 6)** Local Day Program Input
- (2.7.15: RO 10)** Only 1 survey was received
- (3.28.15: RO 13)** There were 45 people that signed in, although there were more in attendance – probably about 75. This meeting was conducted at the Imperial Valley Self-Advocacy Conference on Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Holtville, CA. Holtville is a rural community in the Imperial Valley of California. They have a population of 6,015 people with an 81.8 percentage of Hispanic residents, followed by a 16.6% white population, followed by .6% Asian alone demographic, with .5% of the population reported being two or more races; .3% black alone, and .1% Native American alone. The cost of living index in Holtville is 90.4 (less than average, U.S. average is 100). For the population 25 years and over in Holtville, 58% have completed high school, 8.3% have a Bachelor’s degree or higher, 1.3% have a Graduate or professional degree, and 23.7% are unemployed. The median household income is below state average, and the institutionalized population percentage is above state average. Spanish translation was provided.
- (3-18-15 & 4-7-15: RO 8)**
- (3-7-15: RO 10)** Meeting conducted in English only; Meeting of Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County; Input was taken verbally. Three self-advocates present. Their input focused on Safety/first responders as most important service need.
- (2-4-15: RO 12)**
- (2-17-15: RO 12)**
- (2-18-15: RO 12)**
- (3-11-15: RO 8 & 12)**
- (3-12-15: RO 12)**
- (4-1-15: RO 12)**
- (4-17-15: RO 1)** One attendee was Spanish-speaking and a facilitator provided translation.
- (4-23-15: RO 1)**
- (4-23-15: RO 6)**
- (4-24-15: RO 1)** Session 1
- (4-24-15: RO 1)** Session 2
- (5-16-15: RO 13)** San Diego People First Conference; 37 people signed in, but 52 people attended;
- (3-5/15: RO 7)** Mail/Turn-in survey forms
- (RO 10)** Phone responses

- (3-31-15: RO 3)**
- (4-3-15: RO 3)** CAC West Sacramento
- (4-16-15: RO 3)** Due Process Training/Meeting
- (4-17-15: RO 3)** Conservatorship Training
- (4-25-15: RO 3)** Regional PAC Meeting
- (5-1 & 2-15: RO 3)** Self-Advocacy Conference
- (5-6-15: RO 3)** Conservatorship Training
- (5-12-15: RO 3)** CA Sonoma Developmental Center
- (5-20-15: RO 3)** Capitol Action Day
- (5-21-15: RO 3)** Due Process Training
- (4-28-15: RO 1)** Mail-in Surveys
- (5-19-15: RO 1)** Mail-in Surveys; \* Based on answers there is a question of validity and whether respondent understood questionnaire
- (5-4-15: RO 1)** People First meeting
- (3-24-15: RO 7)** Santa Clara
- (5-2-15: RO 7)** Monterey Community Meeting
- (4-14-15: RO 7)** Santa Cruz
- (4-21-15: RO 7)** San Benito (verbal and survey responses)

**Q1 Por favor marque hasta 3 áreas de mayor necesidad respecto a nuestros servicios para personas con discapacidades intelectuales/del desarrollo. Áreas de servicio (Marque hasta tres)**

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



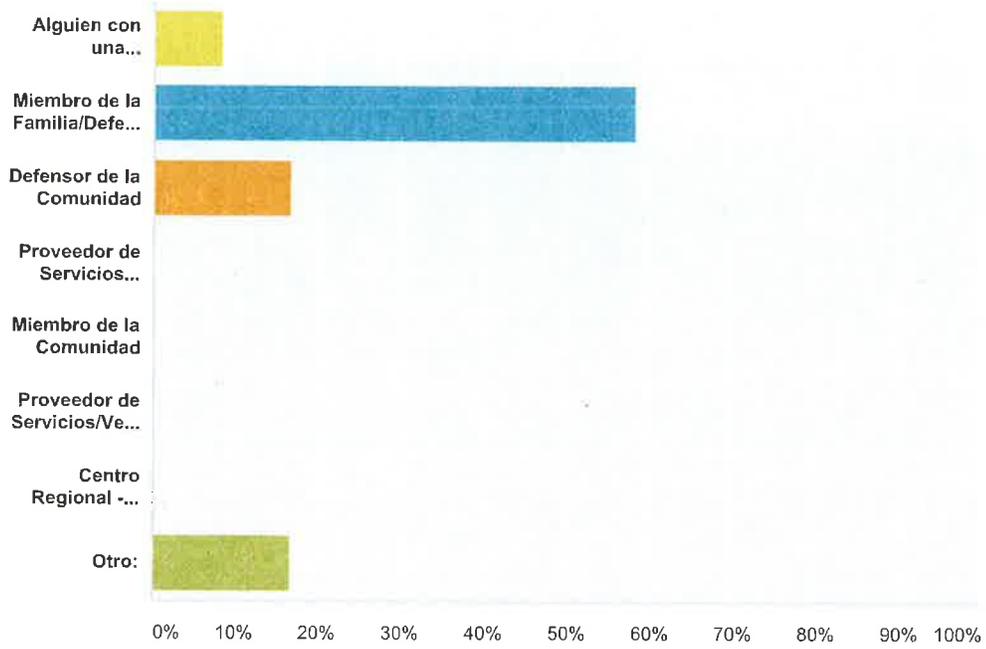
Answer Choices	Responses
Cuidado de los niños	16.67% 2
Educación e Intervención Temprana	58.33% 7
Empleo	41.67% 5
Apoyos Comunitarios Formales e Informales	50.00% 6
Salud	33.33% 4

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Vivienda	33.33%	4
Garantía de Calidad	50.00%	6
Entretenimiento	33.33%	4
Seguridad/Prevención de Abuso	16.67%	2
Auto –Determinación: Decidir por sí mismo sobre uso de servicios y otras formas de apoyo	25.00%	3
Transporte	25.00%	3
<b>Total Respondents: 12</b>		

**Q2 ¿Quién es Usted? (Por favor marque uno)**

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Alguien con una Discapacidad Intelectual/del Desarrollo	8.33% 1
Miembro de la Familia/Defensor	58.33% 7
Defensor de la Comunidad	16.67% 2
Proveedor de Servicios Educativos	0.00% 0
Miembro de la Comunidad	0.00% 0
Proveedor de Servicios/Vendedor	0.00% 0
Centro Regional - Personal	0.00% 0
Otro:	16.67% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

#	Otro:	Date
1	Padre de un muchacho con parálisis cerebral severo y advocate en la comunidad de personas con necesidades especiales.	5/22/2015 7:57 AM
2	mama de un niño especial	5/18/2015 2:56 PM

**Q3 Dentro de las áreas que marcó, describa las deficiencias en el servicio a las que usted se ha enfrentado.**

Answered: 11 Skipped: 1

#	Responses	Date
1	No hay programas adaptados para personas con severas necesidades médicas y todo lo que respecta al desarrollo mental. Las personas después de high school quedan recluidas en sus Casas si es que tienen familia que los quiera y los pueda cuidar, y si no se van a Casas de cuidado que no existe amor solo el interés de recibir el pago por "cuidado" mensual, y que no duran mucho por la calidad de "vida" que les dan. Por eso se ocupan más programas adaptados en la comunidad y con personal bien entrenado y certificado en todas las áreas de la discapacidad correspondiente.	5/22/2015 7:57 AM
2	Educación e intervención temprana. Seguridad y prevención de abuso	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
3	no ha recibido nada	5/19/2015 6:56 AM
4	Solo pienso que en 5 años mis 2 hijos serán adultos y si necesitan trabajar, será un reto más grande con su discapacidad.	5/18/2015 3:09 PM
5	cuando mi hijo estaba pequeño, yo quería que él fuera a la preschool tiempo completo porque él necesitaba mucha ayuda con el habla y relaciones sociales. solo lo admitieron por 3 horas y media y le dieron servicios un día a la semana por 20 minutos, eso fue muy poco para lo que él necesitaba. él tiene 8 años y todavía tiene problemas para hablar, en los dos idiomas inglés y español.	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
6	Primero en saber cómo obtener los servicios. Falta de apoyo y comprensión por parte de quienes autorizan los servicios. El personal que trabaja con los niños no está debidamente capacitado, (muchos no tienen empatía, no tienen pasión).	5/18/2015 11:07 AM
7	1. La educación especial en las escuelas es muy deficiente, no cuentan con personal suficiente y capacitado para atender las diferentes necesidades de los alumnos. Tuve que iniciar el programa HOMESCHOOLING porque no le estaban enseñando lo que deberían de acuerdo al programa de estudios. Mi hijo tiene autismo pero es muy inteligente para el estudio, simplemente estaban desaprovechando su talento. En cuanto a ENTRETENIMIENTO. Mi condado Solano no cuenta con espacios para niños especiales y me refiero a actividades o programas deportivos y los que se encuentran son costosos. Mi hijo es amante de la música clásica y quiere aprender a tocar piano... No he encontrado un lugar que se adapte a mi situación económica. SALUD: Mi esposo perdió su trabajo y por consecuencia el seguro médico con Kaiser. Mi hijo quedó totalmente desprotegido en cuanto a su tratamiento (terapias) que eran cubiertas por Kaiser. Afortunadamente NBRC me está ayudando a cubrir los pagos pero solo por dos meses, aplique para el médico pero necesito esperar 45 días para saber si mi hijo califica y aún no es seguro que Kaiser sea su promotor para que pueda continuar con sus terapias. AUTODETERMINACIÓN En estos momentos difíciles por los que estoy pasando me encantaría contar con el servicio de autodeterminación así podría decidir yo misma sobre los servicios que mi hijo necesita: Terapias, servicios médicos, dental, oculista, entretenimiento (cultura) esparciendo. Estoy dedicada al 100% en él. Quiero que en un futuro sea auto suficiente y se pueda valer por sí mismo pero necesito prepararlo hoy !!!	4/21/2015 7:34 PM
8	El hecho de que pueden proveerme con avocados.	4/16/2015 11:32 PM
9	Las oportunidades de vivienda independiente son pocas. Las listas de espera son largas y donde vivo mientras espero. La transportación para gente en mi comunidad no llega hasta donde están mis doctores y terapeutas. Cuesta mucho tomar taxi y el bus toma 3 o cuatro horas.	4/14/2015 6:23 PM
10	Soy mamá de un niño con contacto autismo	3/19/2015 4:41 PM
11	Vivienda es la necesidad número uno para personas con discapacidades	3/18/2015 9:10 AM

**Q4 ¿Cómo puede el Consejo Estatal ayudar mejor a las personas con discapacidades intelectuales/del desarrollo?**

Answered: 10 Skipped: 2

#	Responses	Date
1	Se necesita personal entrenado en el area y certificado. De esa manera se podra ver cambio con la persona y quiza a mas corto tiempo la inversion economica Sera menor. Con disciplina y mas esfuerzo entre la familia y Los professionals veremos Buenos y quiza mas rapidos resultados.	5/22/2015 7:57 AM
2	Presentando talleres informativos	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
3	primero a escuchar los discapacitados que pueden expresarse y a los padres, dar los servicios y no hacernos la vida mas difícil de lo que es, no dan servicios o muy minimos	5/19/2015 6:56 AM
4	Ayudando a poner dinero en programas, creando programas, estrenando personal,	5/18/2015 3:09 PM
5	me gustaria que mi hijo que tiene attention deficit y hiperactividad. me gustaria que el consejo estatal mandara educadores ala escuela para ayudar ninos como el mio que no se pueden consentrar y que le enseñara relaciones sociales y que le dieran mas ayuda adentro del salon para ninos como el y despues de la escuela.	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
6	Realmente no lo se. Pero una cosa que tienen que parar es la formula de las vacunas (especificamente la del sarampion ) Las vacunar desatan el autismo. Y el autismo destruye la oportunidad de una vida típica y esto es una injusticia un crimen.	5/18/2015 11:07 AM
7	Escuchando... Entendiendo que todos tienen diferentes necesidades. Muchas veces los familiares necesitan orientación, conocer más opciones o servicios disponibles. Me encantaría que hicieran visitas domiciliarias, que conozcan en persona a sus clientes y tengan empatía por nosotros, nadie sabe lo que es la discapacidad hasta que se vive y se lucha día a día contra ella.	4/21/2015 7:34 PM
8	Si el consejo continúa haciendo la advocacia por nosotros y nuestros hijos.	4/16/2015 11:32 PM
9	Puede asegurar que los problemas que tiene la gente son resueltos. Pueden ayudar con abogacia cuando hay problema con el Centro Regional o la escuela.	4/14/2015 6:23 PM
10	Mejor servicio de transición para jóvenes que están llegando a la mayoría de edad incluyendo empleo y vivienda	3/18/2015 9:10 AM

**Q5 ¿Qué tipo de entrenamiento le gustaría recibir?**

Answered: 10 Skipped: 2

#	Responses	Date
1	La comunicacion es lo mas importante en cualquier ser humano. Entonces las personas con C, P.y otra discapacidad si no hay comunicacion se pierce el Avance en su desarroyo social, mental etc. Y el auto estima siempre Sera bajo, y no Habra ilucion de vivir así.	5/22/2015 7:57 AM
2	Apoyo comunitario	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
3	que pueda terminar su cuarto año y graduarse con ayuda de tutorías para que logre graduarse, terapias de habla de practica que las pago yo por que ni el medical ni el centro regional quieren pagar, y ayudda para un trabajo (ya que discriminan o no lo quieren aceptar)	5/19/2015 6:56 AM
4	Me gustaria saber mas de auto-determinacion.	5/18/2015 3:09 PM
5	por ejemplo que le enseñara como concentrarse, tutoría y repaso en lectura, escritura, y matematicas despues de escuela no solo en tarea sino en repaso en todas sus deficiencias. porque un niño como el toma horas y horas en terminar tareas y necesita ayuda extra en repaso de materias. mi hijo no se puede concentrar y no retiene la informacion en su memoria en tiempo de largo plazo. tambien que hubiera un salon para el para practicar como conducirse en diferente situaciones sociales. como por ejemplo que hacer cuando un niño le esta pegando. como pedir las cosas. como entender los sentimientos de las personas. como persibir el peligro. enseñarles valores morales y ser autosuficiente.	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
6	Un entrenamiento que me de informacion sobre desabiliti intelecto, como ayudar a mi hijo para que progrese academicamente, como puedo comprenderlo mas y tener mas pasiencia con mi hijo.	5/18/2015 11:07 AM
7	Todo lo referente a comportamiento. Como ayudarles a superar su ansiedad,estereotipos, técnicas de socialización ayuda con el lenguaje, sus problemas sensoriales. Hay tantas cosas que los padres desconocemos y a veces la lectura no es suficiente, necesitamos escuchar a expertos y profesionales para enseñamos a quienes realmente estamos dispuestos a aprender y que los horarios sean accesibles porque recuerden que tenemos a una persona que cuidar y nuestra disponibilidad se limita.	4/21/2015 7:34 PM
8	Como ser un buen padre.	4/16/2015 11:32 PM
9	Abogacia sobre como conseguir servicios. Aprender cuales so los sistemas que dan servicios.	4/14/2015 6:23 PM
10	Trancision de niño a adulto. Como apoyar a los jovenes y sus familia	3/18/2015 9:10 AM

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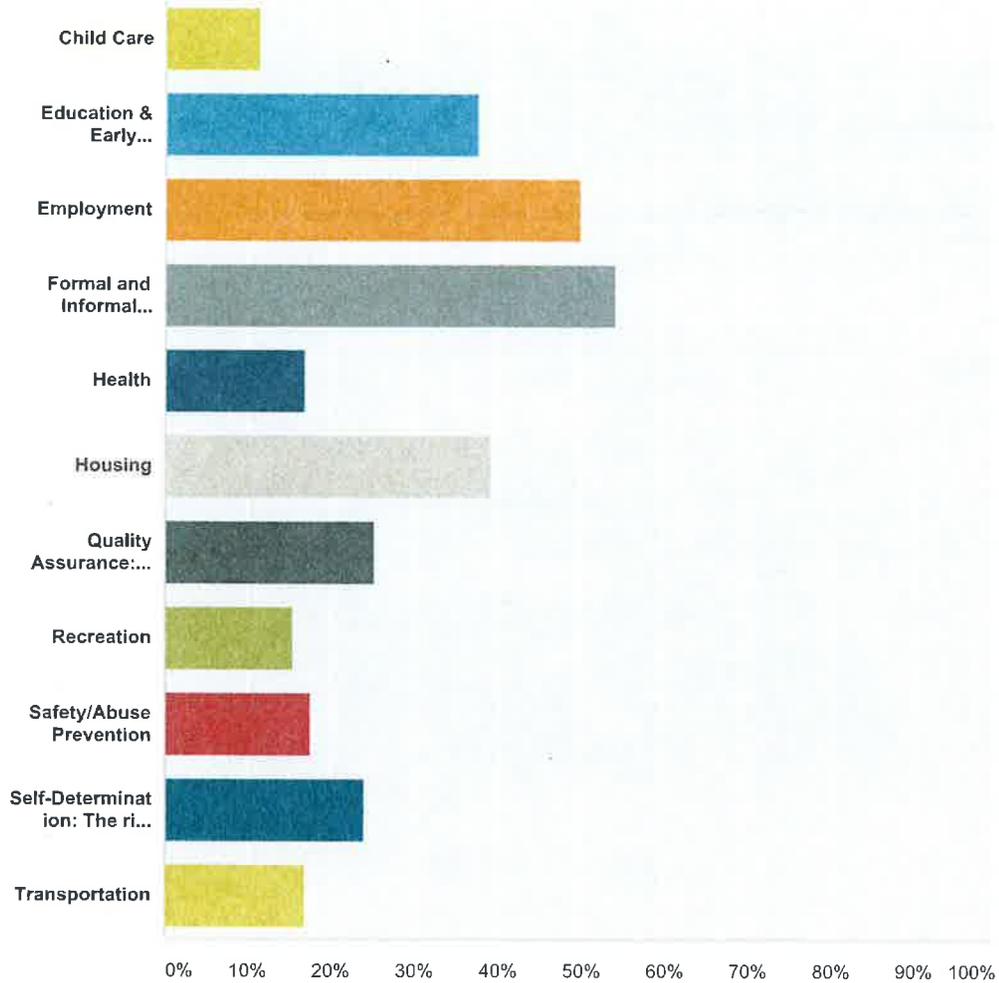
### Q6 ¿Qué otra cosa le gustaría que sepa el Consejo Estatal?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 1

#	Responses	Date
1	Gracias por su interes en la comunidad hispana.	6/3/2015 3:16 PM
2	Que nos tengan preparando a Los Padres con Los cambio esta tales que nos affecten con Los servicios de nuestros hijos. Y que los Centro Regionales Sean honestos con lo que Gastan . Y mejor que den los servicios a Los consumidores en vez de estar haciendo otras inversiones que no hacen falta.	5/22/2015 7:57 AM
3	Abemos muchas familias que nos benificamos de las reuniones informatibas	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
4	todo referente a personas con discapacidad (area de aultos jovenes)	5/19/2015 6:56 AM
5	Los chicos necesitan servicios durante toda su vida, no solo a los 18, especialmente si tienen Autismo de alto funcionamiento, siempre sus retos seran mayores y necesitaran apoyos toda su vida.	5/18/2015 3:09 PM
6	pedirle que apoye mas alas escuelas mandando ayudantes para que trabajen adentro del salon con ninos con falta de atencion y hiperactividad, y tener ayuda para ellos en un salon de la escuela para que les ayuden con la tarea y les den ayuda extra y tiempo extra despues de la escuela para que les ensenen a leer, escribir y matematicas, que ayuden a los ninos con deficiencia de atencion a si como ayudan a los ninos que tienen autismo por que los ninos que tiene ADHD tambien necesitan mucha ayuda y mi hijo tiene 8 anos y todavia no puede abrocharse los tenis, no puede amarrar una bolsa, no puede hablar bien en ingles ni en espanol. no puede leer bien, no puede escribir bien, por favor ayuden a mi hijo y otros ninos como el.	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
7	Que falta sencibilidad por parte de la poblacion en general, falta informacion. Que muchas veces los servicios y el dinero estan para pagarlos pero no llegan a las personas que los necesitan por estar en manos de gente insensible, piensan que tienen ellos el derecho de decidir a quien darselo. Gracias por la oportunidad, espero tomen en cuenta mis preocupaciones.	5/18/2015 11:07 AM
8	Me gustaría que visitara las escuelas pero no sólo un día. Que sea una visita constante dentro y fuera del aula de clases para que se den cuenta que la educación especial sólo es buena en teoría pero en la práctica se encuentran muy contados maestros con suficiente experiencia y conocimiento pero sobre todo con compromiso de sacar adelante a sus alumnos. Todo es tan desorganizado hay tantos alumnos con diferentes discapacidades que es imposible enfocarse en cada uno de ellos. Es muy triste ver a los estudiantes estancados sin que nadie crea en ellos o se preocupe por sus necesidades.	4/21/2015 7:34 PM
9	Me gusta que el consejo local puede dar fondos a agencias en nuestra comunidad. Quiero que sigan haciendo eso.	4/16/2015 11:32 PM
10	Muchas veces no se quien puede ayudar y quiero saber cuales son los recursos en mi comunidad.	4/14/2015 6:23 PM
11	que el tema de vivienda es algo clave. Si nuestras personas discapacitadas tienen vivienda ellos podran conseguir empleo o seguir sus estudios, tener alguien que los guie y apoye para ser independientes.	3/18/2015 9:10 AM

**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)**

Answered: 882 Skipped: 0



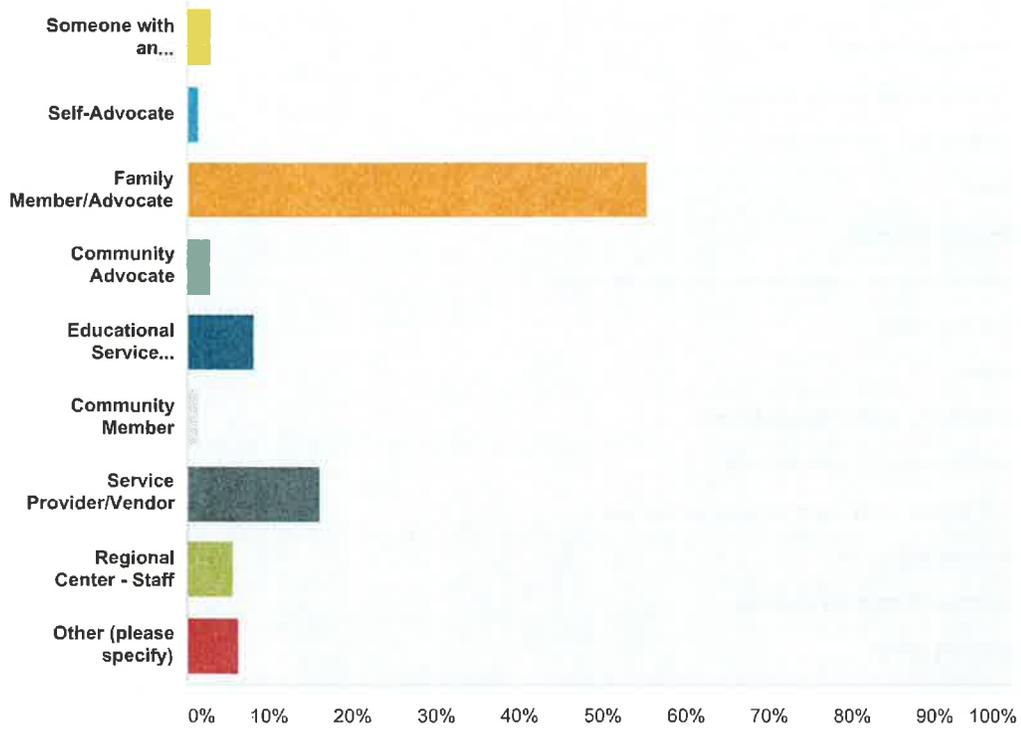
Answer Choices	Responses
Child Care	11.56% 102
Education & Early Intervention: Services that are delivered in schools (from age 3-22) and/or delivered from birth to the age of three (3).	37.87% 334
Employment	50.11% 442
Formal and Informal Community Supports: Services that you receive or use in the community (For example: transportation, facilitation, independent living, respite, and tailored day services, and other types of assistance).	54.31% 479

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Health	<b>17.01%</b> 150
Housing	<b>39.34%</b> 347
Quality Assurance: Work that makes it possible for people to get services, be protected, and have freedom, choices and opportunity for community inclusion.	<b>25.28%</b> 223
Recreation	<b>15.53%</b> 137
Safety/Abuse Prevention	<b>17.46%</b> 154
Self-Determination: The right and responsibility to make your own decisions, decide what services and supports you need, and advocate for yourself and others.	<b>24.04%</b> 212
Transportation	<b>16.89%</b> 149
<b>Total Respondents: 882</b>	

### Q2 Who are you? (Please check one)

Answered: 882 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Someone with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability	2.95%	26
Self-Advocate	1.36%	12
Family Member/Advocate	55.56%	490
Community Advocate	2.72%	24
Educational Service Provider	8.05%	71
Community Member	1.36%	12
Service Provider/Vendor	16.10%	142
Regional Center - Staff	5.56%	49
Other (please specify)	6.35%	56
<b>Total</b>		<b>882</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Community College Faculty	6/9/2015 10:32 AM
2	Parent Advisor, Matrix Parent Network	6/8/2015 12:07 PM
3	Family member to an adult and a community advocate	6/4/2015 3:41 PM

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4	Someone with autism	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
5	Employment professional	6/4/2015 8:45 AM
6	parent/community advocate/ familymember/advocate and ed rep	6/4/2015 12:26 AM
7	Spec Ed Teacher	6/3/2015 10:47 AM
8	Retired Advocate AB2	6/2/2015 9:05 PM
9	Instructional Aide with the NOCCD.	6/1/2015 12:00 PM
10	Healthcare provider, non-vendor	5/22/2015 1:14 PM
11	Parent	5/21/2015 11:21 PM
12	Resource Counselor	5/21/2015 7:15 PM
13	Friend, Mentor and Support person for many with DD/ID.	5/20/2015 5:14 PM
14	Housing provider	5/20/2015 12:41 PM
15	mother	5/20/2015 10:22 AM
16	SCDD Regional Office Board Member	5/19/2015 9:50 PM
17	Exec Dir., Autism Support Nonprofit	5/19/2015 6:11 PM
18	Adult Transition Teacher in the public school system	5/19/2015 4:22 PM
19	Employee of U.V.A.H.	5/19/2015 11:11 AM
20	Customized Emploment Specialist	5/19/2015 10:22 AM
21	community college	5/19/2015 9:49 AM
22	Caretaker	5/18/2015 10:15 PM
23	Non-profit organization	5/18/2015 8:32 PM
24	parent	5/18/2015 3:07 PM
25	I am both parent of developmental disability also I work in the field.	5/18/2015 3:03 PM
26	Parent and professional	5/18/2015 2:29 PM
27	Service Broker for Self Determination clients and early intervention teacher	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
28	Go administrator	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
29	Parent/advocate/vendor of advocacy services	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
30	physician working with disable child and family	5/18/2015 12:39 PM
31	Public Health Nurse	5/18/2015 12:38 PM
32	Rehabilitation Manager	5/18/2015 11:58 AM
33	Parent and Educator for autism	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
34	Regional Center Vendor	5/18/2015 11:48 AM
35	Regional Center staff and family member	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
36	Psychologist with ASD specialty	5/18/2015 11:34 AM
37	Employment & Training Worker	5/18/2015 11:24 AM
38	both, Family member/parent and Service Provider	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
39	family membe and IRC Staff	5/18/2015 11:04 AM
40	I am a regional center cline	5/18/2015 10:55 AM
41	I am a Family member and a Educational Service provider	5/18/2015 10:37 AM

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42	America's Job Center employee of EDD	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
43	Job Developer	5/18/2015 10:11 AM
44	Developmental center LCSW	5/12/2015 12:08 PM
45	Restoration and increase of funding for vendors, their staff, and purchase of services.	5/7/2015 1:33 PM
46	Adult Day Care - Behavior Modification Program	5/7/2015 12:54 PM
47	Independent living center employee	5/5/2015 7:19 PM
48	Adult with ADD whose child also has ADD	5/2/2015 8:28 AM
49	Public Guardian	4/28/2015 9:23 AM
50	Special Day Elementary Teacher	4/28/2015 7:27 AM
51	Department of Rehabilitation	4/27/2015 10:54 AM
52	Independent Living Center Manager	4/24/2015 4:45 PM
53	2092635087 or 2092638861	4/20/2015 2:29 PM
54	Mother of a child with Disability and contractor	4/17/2015 9:59 PM
55	Speech-Language Pathologist	4/16/2015 2:13 PM
56	single mother of 2 boys who are challenged every day with autism and severe adhd.	4/15/2015 9:28 AM

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**Q3 In the areas you checked, describe the services and supports you need but have not received.**

Answered: 707 Skipped: 175

#	Responses	Date
1	Early intervention to assist with learning skills that will help someone maintain a life after school and into adulthood, Community supports to provide housing, transportation and employment. Functional transportation to all areas of the county so people can get to work.	6/9/2015 10:40 AM
2	Stronger relationships with businesses and industry to support our efforts in the employment of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, There needs to be an emphasis on employment at the Regional Center level with education and training to RC staff on Employment First, employment resources in the community, etc. Families and youth with IDD also need information about what resources are available to them after completion of secondary education. This needs to occur prior to the development of an Individualized Transition Plan (ITP) at the age of 16. It should happen at middle school age. The community also needs more information on self-determination.	6/9/2015 10:32 AM
3	Employment support services and quality job coaching have been very difficult for my brother to receive in the community.	6/9/2015 9:29 AM
4	People on SSI or low incomes need housing they can afford. There is a tremendous lack of housing resources. Also, resources that are currently available are not well known. Need more education about early intervention. Need more details on self determination.	6/9/2015 6:39 AM
5	No housing for me. That I can afford might be homeless in July, Very hard to get around do not drive	6/9/2015 3:16 AM
6	Self determination	6/8/2015 11:00 PM
7	respite: we receive the hours but am not able to use them because it must be out of bed respite and there are little to no beds available for this service or the homes never respond to our Regional Center coordinator. If we can not find a bed the hours are just lost and we are not able to take advantage of the few hours we are supposed to get for respite to recuperate or do whatever we need to do with those hours without our special needs child. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US SO WE CAN UTILIZE OUR RESPITE HOURS THAT WE SO DESPERATELY NEED! Housing: In regards to group/private housing for minors, the choice is limited and what is out there is awful 90%. There needs to be tighter reigns on these homes to assure that our children when they can not be in our homes for whatever reason are receiving the best possible care & attention and that all the services we are told are being provided are actually provided. There is a huge problem in this area that needs to be addressed immediately!	6/8/2015 4:56 PM
8	Many parents faced with transition to adulthood have very few resources to turn to for housing and employment	6/8/2015 12:07 PM
9	No facility is qualify to take care of my child with aggressive behaviors towrd swlf or others, thier aren't options when it comes to recreational oppoutunities. And school does not believe that my child can learn so they just baby sit him all day	6/8/2015 9:58 AM
10	We receive respite hours, but for the last year they have gone unused. It is challenging to introduce strangers to my autistic child as I try and find a good fit! My daughter passed away this year and we really could've used the help from a trust friend or acquaintance. I prefer Parent Vendered.	6/8/2015 9:18 AM
11	More ABA support for older kids/ adults	6/7/2015 2:10 AM
12	Special needs childcare assistance, respite caregivers that are available. Real support that actually follows through and completes task. More than just talking.	6/6/2015 10:59 PM
13	professional individual advocacy (e.g. advocate/lawyer who can assist through hearing process and at meetings when needed)	6/6/2015 3:28 PM
14	Housing; is told nothing is available, had to fight all the way through school just to get school to provide services they said they'd provide on IEP, if you don't agree with IEP "team" (district vs parent), you are outnumbered and if you cannot afford a lawyer or advocate, your kids are screwed, Regional Center service coordinators are uninformed/have no knowledge of what services are available -	6/6/2015 12:51 PM

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15	More help with bus training adult summer programs	6/6/2015 11:17 AM
16	There are no support from SARC nor community. Our 27yrs old autistic son needs self care skill training, job job training, housing, transportation , recreation & therapeutic facility.	6/6/2015 7:00 AM
17	My son was abused by his teacher in the special education classroom, We need to stop the culture of seclusion for our students with disabilities. We need safeguards in place to protect these students. Video cameras in classrooms and substantially better training for staff members.	6/5/2015 8:44 PM
18	My son needs to be educated in a job skill to become a productive member of the society.That skill would require ongoing support through education to not bore him. Housing is quite difficult, and where he will live continues to be a conundrum. How will he be successful without job skills and without housing.	6/5/2015 5:35 PM
19	Assistance getting my child supervision in the community. Respite is now IN HOME. IHSS is IN HOME seems like we are now institutionalizing children in our own homes. We are not getting help getting our child out into the community.	6/5/2015 4:39 PM
20	quality psychological or psychiatric visits when necessary on a regular basis and quality training and supervision for group home staff.	6/5/2015 4:19 PM
21	quality research based ABA services are still not provided or funded by the public schools or many regional centers. Employment is very difficult to find and resources to support that being successful are waitlisted . Meaningful programs to stimulate the minds and bodies during the day and weekends are too few	6/5/2015 4:04 PM
22	The ability to choose interventions and supports that meet our child's unique needs, not just the ones vendored by Alta Regional Center. Funded recreational activities that would benefit our child's social needs with support (e.g. camps, social groups, classes) Education tailored to the learning style of a child with Autism, such as skilled teaching in Executive Functioning. Tutoring and targeted teaching for foundational subjects. Community Supports: legal advice and individual advocacy when issues arise in school, with regional center.	6/5/2015 3:53 PM
23	support for paid employment, affordable rent, better quality day programs.	6/5/2015 3:12 PM
24	mobility training, computer with JAWS on it.	6/5/2015 2:42 PM
25	Need more support health	6/5/2015 2:08 PM
26	My son is a young adult and is "high functioning" therefore he falls in the cracks as most programs are not a match, but since he uses a wheelchair he is precluded from a lot. There is basically nothing. As for housing - what housing? What recreation? These are people with the same basic needs as everyone else. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure this out. Why is it so hard? What do people think happens to the cute children with disabilities? They don't lost the disability at age 18.	6/5/2015 2:02 PM
27	unkown	6/5/2015 10:39 AM
28	Assisting an over 22 year old with job support, training, skills and supervision to live on his own.	6/5/2015 10:18 AM
29	Didn't qualify for regional center services	6/4/2015 9:42 PM
30	Support from schools to address needs such as intensive therapeutic services, in home behavior support, residential care & educational services, respite and EDUCATION & TRAINING for school administrators. They don't know how to assess, support or educate kids with unique needs.	6/4/2015 8:51 PM
31	Transportation. I have to drive him to school, all appointments, therapies, functions..	6/4/2015 6:28 PM
32	Difficult as a working parent to arrange child care. Recreational opportunities are vendored by some Regional Centers but not here in Orange County.	6/4/2015 4:32 PM
33	Everyone who supports people with disabilities need to continue to push for real employment opportunities. Regional Centers, cities and other organizations need to work together to develop many more affordable housing options for individuals who want to live independently. Service providers need to be funded at a rate that enables them to hire great staff that will stick around for a long time.	6/4/2015 3:49 PM

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34	I wish I could check more than 3 boxes. I deal with many parents and caregivers who are struggling to get services for their higher functioning DD/autism individuals that do not have regional center services because they were found not eligible. They may have had spec ed services but their transition plans were very ineffective and did not adequately prepare them for work or post secondary education. Then they try and fail to engage with the state systems. Many get turned down for SSI even with repeated appeals. Many have not been able to access Dept of Rehab services because they are found "not ready for competitive employment". They don't know they can appeal. The repeated failures to access meaningful services beats them and their caregivers down and make them reluctant to re-engage. They don't fit anywhere in the systems, their caregivers don't know how to help them and are scared for their own and their adult's future. They live with their families or relatives and isolate themselves and become less and less functionally able to help themselves due to depression and/or inability to self-regulate their emotional state and physical needs. There's very little evidence-based practices research that addresses their needs as adults.	6/4/2015 3:41 PM
35	REAL Employment Opportunities, Housing, Transportation (not public transportation) so people get robbed.	6/4/2015 12:51 PM
36	Quality assurance the reason why I picked it because honestly believe that I need to be able to receive services within jobs. Housing to be able to afford a house and along with the housing cost. Employment now I notice that outside of program that their are people who are struggling to get jobs and this would concern me because their are also people with disabilities who struggle with socializing with others in the public environment.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
37	My son just turned 22 last year and finished school December 2014, "adult life" is very new to us. He is in a day program that seems to be working. I am interested in self determination for him. We know that he will need a place to live with support. I would like to see him contribute to his community in some way.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
38	There is no housing here for youth who cannot be at home. My 18 year old son had to go back to Canada for housing and financial support because we couldn't find it for him here. If he had been a foster youth here, there are a few housing opportunities. If he would have stayed here, he would have had to live on the street.	6/4/2015 10:41 AM
39	My daughter attends a sdc the aids are gone way to often, the aids spend a lot of time talking and being in the room but not to involved. I am concerned as a parent about what will happen after my daughter is 18. She is now 12 going into 7th grade but learning is at 3rd grade what services are offered after age 18. Also what re recreational activities are thier for special needs kids?	6/4/2015 9:19 AM
40	Never received child care. My child is not potty trained and is in need of childcare but it's hard to find/expensive compared to what it would be for typical child of same age.	6/4/2015 9:05 AM
41	Many clients cannot afford private advocates, they need to be able to have advocates go to IEP's and when client disagrees with regional center	6/4/2015 8:32 AM
42	Over night respite services. We never know until the last few days before the trip if we are able to get respite services. We have lost oppourtunities because we were unable to get respite.	6/4/2015 8:21 AM
43	there needs to be more outreach in all the areas checked	6/4/2015 7:21 AM
44	help with medical on paying for my strips	6/4/2015 2:07 AM
45	safety/abuse prevention - my children were allegedly/reportedly sexually/physically abused, RCOC keeps saying they are payer of last resort but fail to coordinate nor make appropriate referrals for community based programs. Child day care and respite care for disabled/language impaired children	6/4/2015 12:26 AM
46	NA	6/3/2015 11:03 PM
47	Of particular interest is out of home respite care, we are authorized for up to two weeks per year. We used to send our daughter to a "camp" but now those services are not available. That would not be an issue except that there are literally no other respite services available in our county. Therefore, we have lost out on out of home respite every year since the legislators made that change.	6/3/2015 8:25 PM
48	My son attended the county preschool program. The program did not have a qualified Special Ed Teacher that had any long time training/schooling in special ed. The first year of the program, my son was not taught preschool basics on a regular/weekly/daily basis. The second year of the program my son had substitute teachers 3/4 of the school year. These substitute teachers did not have special ed certification/background nor did they have any speech and language training or had worked with special ed children. Also this 2nd preschool year my son was not taught preschool basics on a weekly or daily basis. A typical day in the preschool special ed program consisted of recess, snack time and play with a little bit of circle or reading time, more recess. My son is now at the Kindergarten age and will be transitioning out of the preschool program and he is at a preschool entry level due to the issues of not having a proper special ed program at our county. Also, my son received very little mainstreaming as there was no mainstreaming program for over 1/2 of the second school year at his school. The county program was completely out of compliance!	6/3/2015 5:50 PM

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49	Employment has been the greatest challenge since the economy took a dive. We have not been able to carve out jobs for our clients as employers are looking for individual who can multi task and make quick judgement. Transportation continues to be an issue for our clients to be fully included in their community, especially in our rural setting. Life stops after 5 and not on weekends. Continue to educate our clients to speak up for themselves, be given choices and stay safe.	6/3/2015 4:50 PM
50	Currently my daughter has access through her school and the regional center; she receives speech therapy and social skills therapy my daughter has autism and the services she will probably need are probably all of them but the 3 I chose are of most concern I just want to know she will have help and a place to live to learn to be independent and be happy and thrive these are my nightmares what is in store for my precious girl when I am no longer here for her	6/3/2015 4:36 PM
51	Early identification and access to early intervention services for infant/toddlers with developmental disabilities is too often delayed during critical periods of development when intervention is most effective, Regional Centers are not consistent in responding to family calls for eligibility assessment for services, increasing the waiting period that delays intervention. The transition from Early Start to public education at age 3 is often not facilitated by case coordinators and school staff, again creating delays in access to services for young children. Community supports such as transportation services, respite for families are difficult to access.	6/3/2015 4:08 PM
52	My daughter's doctor's are all far away. They are required by ccs but you have to qualify certain conditions for help with gas. The wear and tear on my car, the mileage and the gas is enormous. Also, she turns 18 I need a conservatorship but it's too ridiculous to do on my own and it's too expensive through a lawyer. Would be nice if there was a program that assisted families with the legal stuff.	6/3/2015 4:07 PM
53	ABA Behaviorist Counseling	6/3/2015 4:06 PM
54	Tailored day services, Respite, self- advocacy.	6/3/2015 4:01 PM
55	I see my clients struggle with getting jobs in the community that pay a decent wage. I see my clients struggle to find affordable housing in decent areas. Some waiting lists are 3-5 years long. Additional services are needed for transportation. It is extremely difficult to get temporary extra hours with a client when situations like medical issues arise where the client might need some extra assistance. Other services are needed for rare situations like a bed bug infestation.	6/3/2015 4:01 PM
56	Transportation to out of town Special Olympics Electronic assistance when beyond clients abilities Companion/ care giver that gains relationship enough to escort insecure clients to outside activities with the goal of getting them comfortable enough to join program.	6/3/2015 3:54 PM
57	These do not necessarily apply to my son. His needs are minimal. But, I see others who need 24 hour care, and they need to be the highest priority, then others as money is available.	6/3/2015 3:32 PM
58	I do not need these services but I work with children with special needs and I meet with parents with adult children with special needs and I here that they are very concerned for their adult children with special needs in these areas.	6/3/2015 3:31 PM
59	I would like to see more employment opportunities in the rural areas for RC clients. Housing/Residential is a severe need for the current generation, but more so for the young adult generation. Our clients suffer from abuse, such as emotional, physical, mental, and sexual, so I would like there to be more opportunities for clients to be taught safety awareness.	6/3/2015 3:21 PM
60	Adequate housing and quality SLS support to live safely and happily. Social recreation including camp. Health care delivered by people who understand I/DD.	6/3/2015 3:10 PM
61	AST. BIS Child care	6/3/2015 1:49 PM
62	I am a Service Provider. I do not need the supports, but I see people with intellectual or developmental disabilities who have children needs additional supports. I am suggesting classes on child development and parenting, educational supports and household management. Of course, there is a need for meaningful employment as well as full time employment opportunities. Quality assurance is needed throughout this sector. First and foremost people with intellectual or developmental disabilities need to be treated as equals. Service providers should not be allowed to determine what time someone goes to bed, turns off the TV, turns in their cell phone or goes out into the community. There are many people who face challenges and roadblocks from those who provide supports. This can improve by providing a quality assurance program, having investigators, and providing regular and consistent training. Quality assurance ensures self-determination in an environment regulated by humans.	6/3/2015 1:48 PM
63	At the present time we have our son in a group home. they struggle monthly on being able to give him the services he needs.	6/3/2015 1:35 PM

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64	Qualified medical child-care options	6/3/2015 12:29 PM
65	Limited employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities	6/3/2015 10:47 AM
66	Need greater advocacy, education and available of services for appropriate health care and MUCH greater advocacy, education and availability of employment opportunities	6/3/2015 9:52 AM
67	There is very low availability of health care providers. Housing choices for low income individuals is becoming fewer all the time.	6/3/2015 9:12 AM
68	Give me a break... we're still asking the same questions	6/2/2015 9:05 PM
69	Respite, community park and recoup area that is friendly to my daughter's needs	6/2/2015 5:36 PM
70	IHSS. Not eligible because my wife and I don't work. I retired and unemployed so both my wife and I can focus on our son. But we need help!	6/2/2015 5:26 PM
71	I think individuals need to be more aware of Self-Determination and the rights and responsibilities that come along with it, I think more material and information needs to be made available to individuals about Self-Determination. I think we need to do a better job of educating the community and future employers about the benefits of hiring an individual with a disability. We need to share more success stories with our community to show employers that individuals with disabilities can be a productive member of their team.	6/2/2015 2:44 PM
72	No funding for any programs. My brother is 26 and has been neglected as a citizen of our state, He has been in programs that are disgustingly useless and we have had to fight to get him in a semi-formal workability program, This took years of fighting the city, NEED FUNDING --- NO BUDGET CUTS	6/2/2015 1:42 PM
73	More Mental Health counseling for individuals with special needs.	6/2/2015 9:21 AM
74	The State of CA needs more employment and training opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Community Colleges do not have enough specialized programs/classes available and students who exit out of the public school system at 22 are often left with few options (beneficial and productive options). Students with ID need more tailored day services that will open doors for them that previously would be closed due to stereotypes, lack of resources, supports, etc. Students with ID often want to be more independent, but the programs and services available to them are so limited that they do have an opportunity to really continue strengthening their independent living skills.	6/1/2015 3:54 PM
75	Its really hard to keep good staff with the funding we receive.	6/1/2015 12:12 PM
76	We need more transportation services for the disabled. Besides Access, there are no other transportation services offered to the developmentally disabled.	6/1/2015 12:00 PM
77	Need socialization activities to teach skills and provide recreation outside home and school, Continue early start programs and fund special Ed in schools	6/1/2015 9:59 AM
78	Out of home respite. After school day care for disabled children of all ages.	5/31/2015 9:55 PM
79	Employment and Housing support are the services that my child needs to help him become independent and increase his self-esteem.	5/31/2015 9:51 PM
80	Transportation for this population is limited and expensive. Inclusion does not always happen and is greatly needed. In some places we are still in the broken down dumpster in the back of the school. Special Education needs to be fully funded.	5/31/2015 3:25 PM
81	The programs in the area generally close at three therefore working parents have to figure out what to do with our adult children when we don't get off until five or six.	5/31/2015 5:44 AM
82	Have not reached out for support previously	5/31/2015 3:30 AM
83	Employment It is very hard for my son to get a job	5/30/2015 3:51 PM
84	Appropriate placement	5/30/2015 11:18 AM
85	Lack of support in counseling for my son in high school.	5/30/2015 9:03 AM
86	Each of these of these are well-provided.	5/29/2015 7:42 PM
87	Early intervention	5/29/2015 3:06 PM

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88	Employment is a huge issue as the agencies providing job coaches do not have enough employers associated to help employment. My kids need to work to be more independent and to be part of the mainstream society. People with disabilities are still very much isolated from the mainstream and the services are not individualized enough to maximize the potential.	5/29/2015 2:38 PM
89	Our son requires courses that stimulates his mind and encourages possibilities in the job market. Cypress offers limited courses in Computers, none in trade, and concentrates on independent living courses too much....skills that should be learned basically at home.	5/29/2015 1:28 PM
90	We have had trouble finding Angela a part time job or full time. Angela would like to work. We could go into a supported employment program, but then she would not be able to finish her program at Wilshire. She wants to finish her program at the college.	5/29/2015 12:36 PM
91	We need to heighten awareness and better incentivize employment for folks with disabilities. We need to have more job coaches from agencies that don't also job develop. We need more services to increase socialization for pwd that may live independently and work independently but struggle maintaining social ties.	5/29/2015 10:59 AM
92	Community Supports, such as transportation and help with finding employment for people with disabilities.	5/29/2015 10:38 AM
93	My son is 22 years old and he is a high functioning autistic and needs housing accomodation but the referrals for apartments are few and far in between.	5/29/2015 10:32 AM
94	Employment has been very difficult. Affordable housing in a safe neighborhood is almost impossible to find.	5/29/2015 9:45 AM
95	Need for job placement	5/29/2015 9:42 AM
96	We all need to work with the community to encourage more employment opportunities. Many people with disabilities want to work, but are excluded from jobs due to misconceptions. Online applications are barriers to many people with disabilities.	5/29/2015 9:23 AM
97	Healthcare	5/29/2015 6:57 AM
98	my son needs to be challenged in a general education classes with accommodations to support inclusion. The district is telling me that students with IEP goals are not allowed in general education!!! incorporate into education curriculum about acceptance, diversity and understanding of people that are different. Making it so the districts cannot ignore hired private consultants recommendations and always choosing the least expensive option but what is the right choice for the child.	5/28/2015 9:57 PM
99	Child is too young to receive employment and housing still. Very concerned about these issues for the future.	5/28/2015 5:47 PM
100	There are no summer camps for young adults with disabilities.	5/28/2015 3:22 PM
101	Transportation Social skill services. They are expensive behavior services	5/28/2015 12:54 PM
102	A typical daycare that accepts students with autism. A typical daycare that accepts a one on one ABA therapist. More autism inclusion programs like Alexa's Play C Rady Children's Hospital and UCLA program that are researched based. More social skills groups for children with autism. Easier access to and more trained professionals on Social thinking and Theory of Mind. Better early intervention service providers thru regional center. A consult model for OT and PT is not appropriate. It should be a direct service for OT, Speech and PT thru regional center funded Early intervention services. There should be more information about available resources for children with a disability. It should be mandated that each parent has to attend parent trainings. parent groups if there child has a developmental disability because parents are the best resources.	5/28/2015 12:16 PM
103	Respite, respite, respite. Child with ID and numerous disabilities requires constant supervision. Very difficult to find qualified caregiver/babysitters.	5/28/2015 11:01 AM
104	As a single working parent of a child with autism, balance is extremely difficult. Both balancing work and home, and balancing the needs of my children and myself. Additional respite and child care assistance is needed, both in terms of funding and in terms of finding qualified care givers who can handle a child with autism.	5/28/2015 10:54 AM
105	After a long battle, I having finally received the services I need for my daughter, but it was emotionally exhausting experience for my daughter and I.	5/28/2015 10:26 AM
106	After graduating from high school I've still have not been able to find employment. There's teachers who do not know how to work with college students.	5/27/2015 9:23 PM
107	Support for kids that don't have a severe disability, I am always told that my son doesn't qualify to get services because you have kids with bigger needs	5/27/2015 5:25 PM

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108	Child Care and Respite are extremely hard to find. The Regional Center in my area is now going through ARC and it is nearly impossible to get people who can jump through their hoops to become workers. It used to be that we could hire and pay for our people directly. With budget cuts to Regional Centers there are less and less opportunities to enroll kids in programs like Handi-Riders. More funding for programs at places like the Boys and Girls Club for special needs children would be great.	5/27/2015 5:08 PM
109	I have a partner who has a child with a hearing issue	5/27/2015 2:23 PM
110	NONE OF THE ABOVE	5/27/2015 11:10 AM
111	San Diego Unified's TRACE transition program covers all of the topics listed above.	5/27/2015 10:15 AM
112	More opportunities for employment, supported or independent; community recreation opportunities that are accessible by public transportation.	5/27/2015 8:35 AM
113	Transition services for young adults, employment opportunities,	5/27/2015 7:08 AM
114	Employment--- Need more employment in the community Community Supports -- Need more community services tailored to needs of consumers Self-Determination -- Need more encouragement and assistance with this program.	5/27/2015 12:32 AM
115	Housing limited, almost no choices Limited to companies who hire Unsure how to find a Facilitator	5/27/2015 12:17 AM
116	We had difficulty getting early intervention - one child was diagnosed with PDNOS but never got any help. Were told she was too high scoring and that her learning disabilities did not qualify her for assistance. She also had mental health diagnosis that was not accepted for 504 plan. She had severe anxiety and lack of social skills. Needed social skills training and pragmatic language, help with auditory and math disability. Needed a 504 plan. Other child had speech and language in pre-school for delays but each year after had the very minimum speech intervention. Had 1 session of PE intervention. We found our own therapists, OT and PT. In 6th grade, ran away from school due to anxiety and bullying and then was placed in social cognition class for 3 years and then placed right back into regular classes in a huge high school with the same students who bullied him in past. Needed social skills, and ongoing support in classroom with peers and someone interfacing with the teachers who did not understand his needs. Needed his diagnosis (Autism) much earlier. Finally withdrew from public school. Needed assistance with transition - employment and training for both.	5/26/2015 10:10 PM
117	Not found an employment situation with the right supports or trained staff for autism	5/26/2015 9:17 PM
118	I need addition respite hours for my home living but I haven't been qualified	5/26/2015 9:11 PM
119	there are not enough community college classes for the developmental disabilities.	5/26/2015 9:02 PM
120	consulting	5/26/2015 8:59 PM
121	My experience is that vendors exploit their clients.	5/26/2015 5:02 PM
122	Parents would benefit from more psycho- educational/support groups. Clients needs more services with appropriate level support to increase their ability to generalize skills. Agencies need more training on how to appropriately support clients. More job trainings and coaching programs for adults, with adequate support, specific to each client's identified challenges.	5/26/2015 3:59 PM
123	Community services	5/26/2015 3:22 PM
124	Better health insurance That covers everything my son needs and affordable housing in safer areas not just the ghetto.	5/26/2015 2:45 PM
125	Assistance in finding housing, more options closer to home for both day programs and recreational activities.	5/26/2015 2:09 PM
126	having schools provide the appropriate services, and have the resources in place, the professional development and the training to know how to include ALL children with disabilities within general education. People with disabilities need to be empowered to be able to decide for themselves with help how they what to live their lives and be able to decide who they want to employ.	5/26/2015 2:05 PM
127	We are receiving help via a day program, but it's understaffed, underfunded and not geared toward all disabilities. People who cannot speak or advocate for themselves are greatly underserved. Housing is a huge problem - there are waitlists with 10s of thousands of people on them. People with developmental disabilities are last on the list behind other people who can advocate for themselves, even though they are very much in desperate need of affordable and appropriate housing. Assisted living places would be ideal for many vulnerable people with neurodevelopmental issues. For some reason, there is a movement to separate people by disability, which makes housing and caregiving harder and more expensive.	5/26/2015 1:56 PM

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128	My daughter does not have a Day Program since she has frequent seizures and there is no one on one support available in current programs. My daughter will soon need a new PCP since she is aging out of the Teen Program at UCSF and we do not know of a PCP who is accepting new MediCal/Medicare patients. There are very few recreation opportunities for my daughter.	5/26/2015 1:45 PM
129	My son needs 24/7 nursing in the home. Because the reimbursement rates are so low, it is nearly impossible to keep his nursing care filled and consistent. We will not be able to continue the level of care we provide for him just ourselves as parents. Secondly, there is no capable system in place to coordinate his care other then his parents. CCS is incompetent at best, the Regional Center is not funded enough to do a proper job. Lack of coordinated care for all the services required for our son equates to a waist of State \$ and significant gaps in the services required.	5/26/2015 1:42 PM
130	Housing in San Francisco. My daughter is not ready to move into her own apt, but we need to start planning where she will live, with whom, and how much it will cost.	5/26/2015 1:39 PM
131	Employment services have not resulted in employment Dignified, supportive housing is inadequate DD individuals are amongst those most marginalized by law enforcement	5/26/2015 12:59 PM
132	extreme shortage of affordable, accessible housing validated by long wait lists on those that exist still many attitudinal barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities, if work centers close many will be left at home doing nothing. Not enough resources to provide sufficient transportation especially to and from a work site	5/26/2015 12:10 PM
133	The need for the State to fund vendors is paramount for us to continue to provide services. We are operating at 1990's rates . As a result, many of our employees are forced to live below the poverty level.	5/26/2015 11:14 AM
134	Respite care needs to be brought back for Early Start families. This can be the most critical time in a family's life when they are first adjusting to having a family member with a disability. Child care providers need more training on caring for children with special needs. All school busses and special education classrooms should have camera's installed. Our most vulnerable population may have no way to communicate when abuse is happening to them.	5/26/2015 9:32 AM
135	no child care , not enough dental care,	5/26/2015 9:15 AM
136	Able/willing respite workers. Able/willing physical therapy/therapists. Education!	5/26/2015 5:54 AM
137	Very hard to find child care for a disabled child, but I need to work for financial reasons, Makes it very difficult. Need more activities for these kids. Also it's very hard to find affordable housing. I have to live in an upstairs apartment, even though my child is in a wheelchair.	5/25/2015 8:33 PM
138	Have received all three but transportation could be improved especially at night./ weekends for emergency calls	5/25/2015 3:56 AM
139	Community supports to actively integrate into the community. Transportation to and from additional educational services/opportunities, IHSS services that work!	5/24/2015 10:14 PM
140	Need help getting wheel chair repair & replacement quicker. The wheelchair vendors need to have the skill to do seating systems that fit every clients needs. Dental services are in desperate need. We have to wait years in some cases to get extensive work done (impacted molars, etc). The staff are required to take their clients to 2 or 3 dentists to prove what is needed.	5/24/2015 2:35 PM
141	Recreational activities that allow children and adult of all ages to participate in exercise classes to promote better health. I am not a working parent now but for those of you must work it is extremely difficult when the programs are only 4 hours long. I have noted that programs like ARC Los Angeles/Orange County are now eliminating their program for those individuals who cannot keep up with their productivity percentage. Our children should be able to work at a pace that is according to their ability and not their disability.	5/24/2015 12:39 PM
142	Consumers need to have more training opportunities for employment as well as independent living.	5/24/2015 10:28 AM
143	As elderly parents (83 & 87) we are concern about elderly care for our daughter (age 60). What plans are there for people like her? More and more of(us) are living longer.	5/23/2015 9:11 AM
144	I have 2 disabled young adults, who have been unable to find employment--they both attend 2 different work-training programs.	5/22/2015 11:36 PM
145	PROPER LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DESIRES AND HOPES OF THE I/DD INDIVIDUAL.	5/22/2015 10:39 PM
146	Higher coverage on durable medical equipment from Medi-Cal, more respite and available at higher rate to attract a better quality of respite worker. Coverage for more therapies (i.e. hippo therapy, water therapy, acupuncture)	5/22/2015 9:58 PM
147	Yes- those services are scarce or not available for individuals with autism	5/22/2015 2:56 PM

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148	Families are having a very difficult time accessing early intervention services--they are often told "oh you need to go through your insurance" before they are even evaluated by the Regional Center, when in fact, the RC is responsible for providing evaluation and then when appropriate they can guide a family through the process with their insurance. Also EI evals are too often narrowly focused, eg., only on a couple of areas of development such as speech, despite a child presenting with social/emotional/behavioral issues. Children at-risk for autism are often not identified, and thus receiving only 1-3hrs a week of intervention which is not near the amount needed per evidence-based practice recommendations. Rather than viewing the whole child, there seems to be a tendency to focus on one area of development and ignore the others, which then leads to lack of intervention to treat those deficits. This also leads to discrepancies for children who come from lower income, or non-English-speaking families, or families who are less savvy at navigating the service systems. More uniform evaluation in all areas of development is needed. Community supports are also very limited, and families have difficulty accessing them--they really have to fight to gain access. Mental health supports for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities are also incredibly limited, and often say they don't have the expertise to treat this population. Training opportunities are available but there seems to be resistance to improvement/change.	5/22/2015 1:14 PM
149	A large population of our community is underserved, particularly our Spanish-speaking families. There are limited resources and many of these families don't have transportation and cannot afford to access public transportation to take their young children to/from therapy. Resources and service providers are often limited too. This is a systemic issue state-wide. The more economically-disadvantaged the family is, the higher likelihood that a child with a disability will be under-served.	5/22/2015 12:53 PM
150	Employment during summer school. Everyone won't work my son until he is out of school or 22. He needs to do something over the summer! Housing with supports for lower functioning consumer. A LIST OF PROVIDERS FROM ALTA!. Other regional centers POST THEIR providers but ours does not. We need transparency and not pick and choose FOR US OUR OPTIONS! Let us decide! I would also like a list of subsidies that are available.	5/22/2015 11:11 AM
151	1) We provide employment services both training and placement. The rate cuts of the last decade were sever and crippling. 2) The DC's are snake pits, the abuse of the citizens with IDD is documented and yet they still exist at \$500,000+/person/year. The abuse is criminal and yet those that are there are ignored. 3) We serve adults with IDD and as their family are getting older housing is critical. On One can but or rent even a studio apartment on their SSA/SSI check(s) and have enough money to pay their bills, groceries, utilities, etc...	5/22/2015 11:00 AM
152	As a vendor, we are dying financially with no rate adjustments in years. The cost of doing business, supplies, utilities, gas, wages, etc. continues to grow every year, year in and year out, with no money to support these costs. Non-profits are going out of business and people are losing services they need and deserve and are entitled to though the Lanterman Act.	5/22/2015 10:49 AM
153	Have to fight through committee rather than listening to sons choices; I thought cost wasn't suppose to be the determining factor; why do we have to fight through and generate negative behaviors which then follow him. He is not responsible the system is - how does this follow those in the system responsible.	5/22/2015 10:41 AM
154	N/A	5/22/2015 10:36 AM
155	Individuals with disabilities need continuous support for the transition from school to adult life. Higher connectivity between community support and adult transition programs. More businesses willing to higher and retain individuals with disabilities.	5/22/2015 9:14 AM
156	housing, transportation	5/22/2015 9:11 AM
157	ABA therapy in my son's language (ASL) not because he's autistic but has autistic behaviors do do dual sensory loss and nd he can't even access what he needs Also, IRC early intervention was provided, but bot in my son's primary language. The boy is deaf and u sent a speaking teacher for 3 yrs to my home? I had no clue I had a choice or how to advocate @ that tkme. 3 yrs lost. =(	5/22/2015 9:01 AM
158	After day care services for parents of adult and respite that works and more hours then 30 a month. Not to penalties older retired parents of disabled adult to live in their home and receive ihss services. Help make life not so miserable. Single parents of adult disabled child like myself needs more help.	5/22/2015 8:38 AM
159	Our adult children with special needs could greatly benefit most from housing benefits. Whether this be an stipend to remain in-home with parents, or their preference which is usually to try to live independently, this would be great. Also, employment is challenging for many, especially for those with psychological issues and emotionally volatile states that make them inappropriate for positions working closely with others or the public.	5/22/2015 8:34 AM
160	My daughter st age 22 had to wait almost a year before she started a program.	5/22/2015 7:48 AM
161	Transition services for a student that is entering into adulthood	5/22/2015 7:26 AM

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162	The types of service and supports are not easily accessible by families or self advocates. Alta Regional and agencies in general tend to withhold information, prolonging wait time and giving excuses like committees have to decide before limited information is released.	5/22/2015 3:06 AM
163	Behavioral consultation by BCBA's or other QUALIFIED staff to assist SLS staff, group home staff, parents who are caring for behaviorally challenged adult children, and adult day program staff with developing and maintaining behavioral interventions for adults with autism who have challenging behaviors; individualized and person centered planned support to obtain employment for adult with autism; adult day programs that are not just a day care and that are staffed by trained employees who speak english ;SLS programs that contain a behavioral intervention component, sensory integration consultants who can work with adults who have sensory needs; mental health counseling for people with ASD and provided by knowledgeable providers for those with dual diagnosis; 24 hour crisis team support that have the ability to make home visits on weekends, holidays and not just 8-5 ( that is not a crisis support team ) , competent SLS and IHSS staff who see caring for adults with special needs as not just a temporary position but are willing to see their work as a career; job coaches who understand autism; employment needs	5/22/2015 12:59 AM
164	Ihss Regional center	5/21/2015 11:21 PM
165	I personally don't need them. My clients very much need these services, All the services listed are needed. I do feel that most of the services fall under the Formal and Informal Community Supports.	5/21/2015 7:15 PM
166	1) I want my young adult daughter to live in housing that is part of the community and managed by an on-going agency - not a private vendor with a few group homes whose business ends when he/she retires or sells the homes. 2) I want there to be well trained and knowledgeable long term social workers at the regional centers - I've had 3 inexperienced counselors within the last year. This is a huge problem for getting any reliable assistance. 3) I want wages high enough that college graduates with business degrees can afford to become job developers IF we truly want to implement EMPLOYMENT FIRST.	5/21/2015 4:23 PM
167	Help finding employment	5/21/2015 4:14 PM
168	There is a lack of housing options for young adults with developmental disabilities that are affordable and available in Santa Clara County where I live.	5/21/2015 3:34 PM
169	Currently looking for adult day programs with openings for 1-1 or 2-1 ratio. Lots of waiting list. Lots of places don't offer 1-1 services.	5/21/2015 2:48 PM
170	my son's housing has been provided, but rents are so expensive in the Bay Area that it takes all his SSI.	5/21/2015 1:23 PM
171	Lack follow-up in reference to self-advocacy and self-determination.	5/21/2015 12:47 PM
172	My biggest need, having a child who is 10, is making sure my daughter receives FAPE and assistance in interacting with the community (ABA). However, I feel now, and for her sake in the future, we must have supports in place to help people obtain employment and housing. Parents of people with DD will not be around to tend to children forever.	5/21/2015 12:33 PM
173	There needs to be a housing plan for the State of California.	5/21/2015 11:16 AM
174	Hard to find child care that is suitable for our son, who has a mild disability. He needs more support than "normal" kids his age BUT doesn't need a high level of care. After school daycare and summer programs that we've found just don't offer enough support for him to be able to attend.	5/21/2015 10:47 AM
175	WE tried originally to get our daughter in with Regional center and then turned us to the school district, although she is autistic. We struggled with the school district for many years and have now finally gotten our daughter into Regional center a few years ago. But with our income, we really don't qualify for anything except respite. They announced a month ago that they were going to have seminars on housing in the OC area but all of the slots were full so we didn't get to go; they also wouldn't provide the information that was going to be presented because they said that it may be incomplete. As it is I got nothing, so even incomplete information would have been something. With regard to community support, I'd like to see some data base that we can access. My feeling is that there is very little where we live and things are concentrated more in some areas of OC but not in others (typically where we are). It makes it difficult to participate.	5/21/2015 10:07 AM
176	I have received no help because of the area I live in. My family has been alone in the education of our five year old sense day one.	5/21/2015 9:34 AM
177	As our population ages, I see programs for the more challenged, but not much for the moderate group and they often end up languishing at home. We need a set way to obtain some kind of employment for our students. Maybe programs that staff from their programs could implement...clean up park crews etc.	5/21/2015 9:17 AM
178	no t very many opportunities for employment for students with ID.	5/21/2015 8:22 AM

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179	Help finding a program or something for my 19 yr old son to do after he leaves the Irvine Adult Transition Program. The programs we have talked to so far, say he isn't independent enough. He has a developmental, but not intellectual disability. He is easily overwhelmed and needs to do things in small steps, with help when he gets stuck and doesn't know what to ask for help with.	5/21/2015 8:17 AM
180	My brother needs more hours allocated for him to become more self-sufficient.	5/21/2015 8:01 AM
181	Housing and tailored day service	5/21/2015 7:25 AM
182	We live in an outlying area. As a result of that, and low reimbursement rates for vendors, our options have been awful. We get what our daughter needs, but have to drive 600 miles per week to do it. We also were denied our services (even though all were covered by Lanterman) and went to mediation and fair hearing twice before our daughter was two years old. She is almost three now.	5/21/2015 5:44 AM
183	Child care when needed. Poor services in schools and therapies get cut.. Difficult to get needed dental services.	5/21/2015 1:04 AM
184	Livable wage for very important services rendered	5/20/2015 7:24 PM
185	I never had child care for my intellectual disable daughter	5/20/2015 6:59 PM
186	Housing Job development Job coaching	5/20/2015 6:44 PM
187	Access to a rental subsidy for people with developmental disabilities. Something approximating a Section 8 rental housing voucher.	5/20/2015 6:33 PM
188	There is a need for job development, specifically in supported employment, for individuals who need the constant presence of a job coach. There also need to be more choice for places to live. Individuals should be able to choose those they want to live with, the type of living situations/communities and supports.	5/20/2015 6:30 PM
189	We live in a rural area with very limited or non-existent resources for: Supportive job coaching and employment; lack of quality day, recreation or educational. activity programs for those who don't need extensive support; serious lack of child care for single DD parents on SSI; affordable legal help for those who need it; Adults need independent living and safety instruction skills for personal (sex) development issues. Counseling for single mothers, or those going through a divorce, would be nice as well.	5/20/2015 5:14 PM
190	satisfied	5/20/2015 4:15 PM
191	My adult child has developmental disabilities (socially and emotionally severely delayed) though she tests as intellectually average. Most programs seem to be for those intellectually impaired only and so they reach out to and include just those most obviously intellectually impaired and "developmentally disabled" has become a politically correct way of saying "intellectually retarded". What about those who are truly developmentally disabled but intelligent like many with FASD (Fetal Alcohol SPECTRUM Disorder) who desperately need the same help, but may need to have a different approach? They are ignored, though with the right support, they might become workers and taxpayers. Housing, ongoing job support, ongoing social worker or case manager support[ie life skills support] so they don't end up as victims, single parents, or jail prisoners--all costing the taxpayers more money in the long run than preventable ongoing support would cost.	5/20/2015 4:02 PM
192	I get very limited help with child care and health coverage. He qualifies for Medicaid, but it does not cover any of his doctors or medications, because we have insurance. However, I have to have a much better plan than I would normally so that our insurance will cover his medical needs. Therefore, I have much more medical expense due to his condition.	5/20/2015 12:54 PM
193	More therapy providers (physical, occupational, speech) to serve the 0-3 year old population; lower caseloads for early intervention service coordinators to better serve the families and children in the Early Start Program and get them the services that they need in order to prevent future disabilities and maximize developmental potential; more daycare assistance for low income families	5/20/2015 12:45 PM
194	DDS needs to provide capital and operating subsidies to ensure there are adequate, affordable, independent housing options available for everyone with a developmental disability living in the community.	5/20/2015 12:41 PM
195	Housing : my daughter & 16 year old grandson who has autism and ADHD live in a one bedroom small house, we asked for accommodation to section 8 for a two bedroom for many reasons having to do with his autism, accommodations were denied :-\	5/20/2015 11:56 AM
196	For my clients, they need housing for high functioning autism and ADHD. Although they look like they can be self-sufficient, they often lose their first four jobs or so in the first 6 months of being hired. They lack self care and self awareness skills.	5/20/2015 11:52 AM

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197	As a case manager through the Orangewood Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization that serves transitional-aged foster youth, there is a clear gap of services for foster youth who also have a disability, especially when it comes to transitional services and housing. So many of these youth end up homeless and on the streets and there is a dire need for support as they work to transition out of the system.	5/20/2015 11:48 AM
198	Employment, Health and Housing are critical to facilitate independent living, but sadly are often lacking for this population.	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
199	Regional Center services denied for Autism, Summer services difficult without school ESY. Social leisure activities for teens.	5/20/2015 11:41 AM
200	I work in Early Intervention. Finding childcare for children with developmental disabilities is nearly impossible, especially if the child presents with significant behaviors or simply requires constant supervision. The daycare stipend offered by the Regional Center, in addition to the \$5/hr parents are expected to pay is not high enough for a daycare provider to be able to hire an additional staff member to provide the necessary support for many of our clients. There are times when Regional Center is able to provide additional supports in the daycare setting (behavior services, developmental supports, etc.), but there are many daycare providers that refuse to let any specialists come into that setting. In some instances that results in the child not receiving services because their parents work full-time or in them being kicked out of the childcare. In Sonoma County we are lacking Spanish speaking specialists (speech, OT, PT, etc.), which can result in a child waiting for services or not receiving the appropriate service (home teacher instead of a speech therapist). Housing is also very significant issue for low income families with children with disabilities, particularly when it is a single parent. Parents want to work, but without appropriate/affordable childcare and a permanent place to live that is nearly impossible. Many parents make the difficult decision to quit working. We need more services/supports/advocacy related to accessing childcare and housing targeted toward parents of minors with developmental disabilities.	5/20/2015 11:17 AM
201	Affordable housing for our folks who are living with aging parents and transition aged young adults	5/20/2015 11:13 AM
202	In my experience with clients, their housing needs often take a long time to accomplish.	5/20/2015 11:04 AM
203	safety/abuse prevention	5/20/2015 10:37 AM
204	My daughter is too young for housing but I know that she will need in the future and I am worried that with her physical and developmental delays there will not be a place for her. She should be able to have a choice of jobs not just some companies that have opened their doors to help, it should be any company. There needs to be more community and government involvement to help educate the public about the abilities that people have and not the inabilities. Physical activity- no gym will take a child even with my being there. She is over weight and only getting worse and no help for her	5/20/2015 10:36 AM
205	Inclusion classroom for my 3 year old son. Services he will need to be successful with school	5/20/2015 10:22 AM
206	There are virtually no resources for families to find day care for their children with developmental disabilities. Many if not most parents are unable to work because of this. There need to be places/websites where providers can sign up to be providers and families can look for providers. Most families find care by word of mouth and often this is not successful. Housing is terribly expensive for anyone let alone someone living on social security and/or low wage employment. Even with a housing voucher housing is difficult to locate.	5/20/2015 10:17 AM
207	1. Housing: As an example, in El Dorado County, which is home to nearly 1000 consumers, there are no children's residential facilities, no level 4 residential facilities, and only one 3-bed level 3 residential facility. This gap in housing eliminates out-of-home respite options for minor consumers and many adults in the county. For most level 3 or level 4 adult consumers in El Dorado County, the only permanent housing option is SLS. At the same time, El Dorado County has not issued any Section 8 housing vouchers in nearly 15 years, meaning that there is no public assistance to IDD residents for housing costs. This means that only financially secure families who can afford to finance housing and living costs for their IDD relatives have a housing option in El Dorado County. While we have requested, and have received authorization for SLS services, many more families have no affordable housing option for their IDD relatives in this county at all. IDD housing should not be an option solely for the wealthy. 2. Self-Determination: it is incredibly important to move this forward as quickly as possible. Consumers in ACRC's catchment area no longer have a voice in service decisions: these decisions are made in committee meetings which the consumer is not allowed to attend, populated by regional center managers who have never met the consumer. IPP meetings at ACRC are now meetings in which requests for services are made, but not determined. This is the essence of institutional decision making, and self-determination is needed now to save person-centered planning.	5/20/2015 10:14 AM
208	Special accommodations for people with disabilities in housing and housing assistance to help pay rent. In home supportive services to assist those with special needs to accomplish daily tasks.	5/20/2015 10:08 AM

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209	Online services can reach the most people, can be reviewed and are accessible (for the most part). These tools need click definitions, paragraph summaries, scaffolding of information for multi-step processes, and links to information clearly written for this population.	5/20/2015 9:11 AM
210	Transportation-- Regional centers cut off transportation services and vendors are made (forced) to provide these services. Although we get paid, it's not even enough to cover gas, maintenance, insurance. We do not have choice.	5/20/2015 9:02 AM
211	We are not in need yet, but we are entering Adult Transition, It would be nice to be able to have a list of adult day programs with a compare and contrast, I assume Regional Center must have something like that, but it should be introduced before we get to that stage so families can start to research what they need and maybe get on a waiting list.	5/20/2015 8:51 AM
212	Recreation. I believe there should be more recreational options for people living on a low income budget.	5/20/2015 8:32 AM
213	1. Affordable housing and vouchers. 2. Timely review, response, and closure of services/funding requests through RCOC and SCDD health and safety waivers. Waiting over 14 months for closure is draining on our finances in order to keep quality trained staff that is critical to our son's care.	5/20/2015 7:54 AM
214	Not yet ready for employment, but few option are available for people with similar disabilities, funding for programs that make sense and would be therapeutic but are not ABA: DIR, RDI, Socialization Training, inclusion aides for community activities, My child's disability is too severe for him to participate in even disability focused recreation and community activities without additional support.	5/20/2015 7:30 AM
215	Transportation Agencies to work together to get the consumer to their destination in the safest and most cost effective way possible. Our problem stems from being right on the border between 2 counties and agencies not wanting to cross the border of the counties. Therefore 1 agency will pick them up and drop them at the border to wait for the 2nd agency to pick them up and deliver them to their destination.	5/20/2015 7:16 AM
216	School districts refuse to provide services tailored to individual needs. They prefer to group all students together, make them attend their "special education" schools regardless of what the students parents or medical treating team has to say.	5/20/2015 6:47 AM
217	Ensure school districts do what they are legally required to do and have legal support to ensure positive results.	5/20/2015 6:34 AM
218	Help with elopement issues at school and home	5/20/2015 6:03 AM
219	Affordable housing in decent areas is sorely needed if we are to care for the exploding population of Baby Boomers.	5/20/2015 12:36 AM
220	All of the above	5/19/2015 11:51 PM
221	Very interested in Self Determination however have not received any details of how to apply and still waiting to hear back from our case worker.	5/19/2015 11:30 PM
222	If we didn't maintain an independent, expense, and excellent health policy on our son, tho he is a 37 year old adult he would not receive the average health benefits an American receives with only medical. Housing is judged the same for these individuals on Section 8 as any other disabled person, but they are frequently unable to hold jobs for long periods. The jobs count against their housing in section 8 and they have to pay more for housing. My son only receives \$4.50 an hour for his supported job, not even minimum wage. More needs to be available for higher functioning persons. They don't fit in the severally disabled group for recreation, but are not accepted and don't fit with normal functioning individuals as well, who rarely accept them as friend. They are really left alone and lonely as they don't go to day programs, etc.	5/19/2015 11:20 PM
223	None	5/19/2015 11:07 PM
224	Did not qualify for Early intervention	5/19/2015 10:55 PM
225	My child is not of age for work but I would like more attention to be given to students and prepare them for jobs they might actually have the skills to be employed	5/19/2015 10:38 PM
226	My son has high functioning autism and is graduating from high school and it seems all the support and services disappear for the older kids. He needs training/apprenticeships, interviewing skills, college support. Otherwise these kids just give up.	5/19/2015 10:29 PM
227	Speech therapy - it was not even discussed until 18 months & we are still waiting at 22 months to get a speech evaluation.	5/19/2015 10:23 PM
228	The employment does not apply to us yet but is a big concern. It's the formal and informal community support that is what will help our children mainstream become functional	5/19/2015 10:21 PM

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229	Community supports	5/19/2015 9:58 PM
230	More assisted living housing options, more accessibility to mental health services, more emolument opportunities with commensurate pay.	5/19/2015 9:50 PM
231	Funding to provide a quality life for our clients who have disabilities. ICFDDH facilities had their rates frozen in 2008. It has been a struggle ever since just to meet client needs.	5/19/2015 9:46 PM
232	Inclusion , or for the schools not to dedicate one school for all kids with disabilities, we should have to drive 15 min or have my child take a bus because the school next to us doesn't have a special Ed program	5/19/2015 9:08 PM
233	My brother is placed at Fairview DDC and has had the best possible care for someone with my brothers needs	5/19/2015 8:29 PM
234	I have to kids with disabilities and only one has received care and help. With his education and I feel that it is totally unfair to him. He has the same right like any other child would too. Quality assurance would be another one so many of the times you feel like you are fighting to get care and services because no one out there truly cares for your concerns!	5/19/2015 8:27 PM
235	It is hard to find a child care providers	5/19/2015 8:21 PM
236	There are no services my child has not received.	5/19/2015 7:33 PM
237	Employment beyond job training	5/19/2015 7:23 PM
238	I am not getting support in any of those areas.	5/19/2015 7:18 PM
239	Orange County gave us what exceeds our dreams	5/19/2015 7:15 PM
240	Employment is hard for many of them to get job on their own and under vendor services they aren't given advancement or raises like others . In fact they usually get reduce wage and work hours change after time being there because they can't produce for what is expected. For those who can are then often overlooked at promotions. Then there's those who supervisors change and can't except them in their position and let's them go even though they are doing their job	5/19/2015 6:38 PM
241	Transition plan from school sites Overall education plan weighing all options for future education i.e College bound or tradesman	5/19/2015 6:26 PM
242	adult day care so I could remain working while my daughter returned home from school and now day program. There is a gap between my work hours and day program hours and she can not be left alone.	5/19/2015 6:19 PM
243	Adults with autism have a desperate need for jobs, housing and employment.	5/19/2015 6:11 PM
244	In service training to learn about the medical aspects of various intellectual/developmental disabilities such as autism, down syndrome, etc. What does research-based findings say about the vocational need of these individuals?	5/19/2015 6:03 PM
245	direct legal representation, audit of County and State programs to determine the extent that the disabled are NOT being correctly identified for programs, informed staff of agencies that are supposed to HELP disabled adults.	5/19/2015 5:44 PM
246	Vendored or reimbursed camps and other recreational opportunities, transportation, transportation reimbursement	5/19/2015 5:42 PM
247	Very little educational support, no help or call back from regional centers, support services.	5/19/2015 5:42 PM
248	I answered generically as heavily involved in 2015 revised budget for Developmentally Disabled. Education: the 2009 workability law is a disaster as consumers do not want to stay in the educational system for 4 more years until 22 yet cannot get regional center support; community based services need funding or the Lanterman Act will collapse; housing resources so DD individuals can live in the community	5/19/2015 5:33 PM
249	Education and Intervention- My child is desperately in need of a social skills group. He is 14 and has limited skills in this area. Child Care- Keegan is not yet able to stay by himself safely, yet IHSS doesn't want to provide protective services. I have 2 other children with therapies and services due to disabilities and I need someone in the home with Keegan so he can be safe. Employment- we don't yet have a need in this area since Keegan is 14 at this time.	5/19/2015 5:16 PM
250	To make the available services known.	5/19/2015 4:45 PM
251	Individuals with intellectual disabilities need more opportunities to attend college in appropriate supported programs, a wider variety of semi-independent to independent living options and stronger advocacy for choosing the life they want for themselves.	5/19/2015 4:22 PM

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252	Employment services, independent living and community support and housing.	5/19/2015 3:56 PM
253	My son receives tailored day services which have greatly improved his quality of life, but he needs more assistance, especially speech therapy. My wife receives some respite hours but it is not enough. Our case workers from the regional center do the best they can, but they are terribly overworked. The entire development services system needs more funding.	5/19/2015 3:40 PM
254	Better, efficient, comprehensive health care, Family wrap-around comprehensive resources (One-stop shop), Recreation services Recreation	5/19/2015 3:32 PM
255	Dental insurance for more than just extractions.	5/19/2015 3:13 PM
256	Need better support for mental illness. That can make all the other forms of support useless. Not much use getting a job when you are too paranoid to keep going there, for example	5/19/2015 2:53 PM
257	more incentives for hiring disabled, shorter waitlists for housing assistance and better support for self determination	5/19/2015 2:38 PM
258	We need more funds to be able to give the best care we can, We are very under funded which leaves these vulnerable clients in jeopardy.	5/19/2015 2:20 PM
259	We receive respite, but many in our very rural county do not because there is a shortage of qualified respite workers. Health care is hard to find because Healthy Families folded into Medical and many providers will not take medical patients and the few who do are far away and overbooked with patients so getting timely care is a problem.	5/19/2015 2:11 PM
260	The dental is very low wage and increase Bed rest	5/19/2015 1:37 PM
261	Advocacy	5/19/2015 1:04 PM
262	Housing opportunities are practically non-existent or way too expensive. And, people with dev disabilities (who can't be employed at a high wage) can't afford what's available. We want to work! But finding a job that is sympathetic or geared to mitigate the developmental drawbacks is also impossible to find or retain. And having the freedom to utilize the funding available by contracting with vendors of my choice is imperative - The RCOC should not determine who the best provider is for my needs.	5/19/2015 12:51 PM
263	Quality assurance (do not need housing yet but that is a big problem for many) and have not received the formal and informal community supports do not know what is out there except respite	5/19/2015 12:45 PM
264	Quality assurance - I really hope somebody from the government officea or position really cares to check the quality of services that our government providing for disable or special needs kids/people. Our school is sadly have poor quality of teaching, it sad to see how some teachers & assistant teacher seem uneducate to handle a stressful situation & so a special need person suffer & no way to talk for themselves. The school or classroom itself is unbelievable underfunded resulting to classroom with mold, playground that almost no activity for them & toys, bikes that are too old & unsafe.	5/19/2015 12:29 PM
265	have been turned down by regional center, dont' have money to hire a lawyer to get in, appalled that they simply turn down most people hoping they'll go away, even though services are needed and person meets criteria.	5/19/2015 12:27 PM
266	There is an ongoing need for those with DD to be HEARD, from using supported typing and augmentative-alternative communication devices when they cannot speak, to visiting a counselor when they need help to work through the frustrations that occur in their daily living, all requiring funding not easily available.	5/19/2015 12:22 PM
267	Sex Education, life skills, social skills.	5/19/2015 11:50 AM
268	Intentional housing developments for indivuals w/disabilities that have full support services: health services, behavioral support, transportation, and recreation.	5/19/2015 11:39 AM
269	my son has sec 8 but in SF there are few housing options available for sec 8 even with 2 bedroom voucher. There are few jobs available for the few hrs (3 hrs 2-3 X week that would be able to accomadate his abilities. Some of the staff that help with supportive living services are not trained/or paid enough to give the quality support that is necessary.	5/19/2015 11:09 AM
270	We received very limited respite during our son's early years and we received intensive ABA and similar support from ages 2.5-6 but at age 6 he was moved off of the autism spectrum and we lost almost all services. From age 6 to 12, he made no significant gains. In the last 6 months, we have been forced to pay for a therapeutic day school and have seen quite a big of progress as a result.	5/19/2015 11:04 AM
271	Housing support	5/19/2015 10:41 AM

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272	We need more state run facilities for parents who have to work after the their child turns age of 12. Daycare centers do not take children over the age of 12. My daughter is almost 21 and I had to quit my well paying job because I had no daycare for her after she turned 18. Luckily I had a daycare that kept her until she turned 18.	5/19/2015 10:40 AM
273	School district does not want to provide further special education service due to child testing was not low enough, Current school district testing must reflect extremely low scores to have any services. Therefore many children can not qualify to be in the program, Even if they have problems which are reported by families, We have this to be true for multiple counties.	5/19/2015 10:39 AM
274	I wish my son can receive some musical training to help him stabilize his mood, I have always told that there is no funding or service for him on this,	5/19/2015 10:23 AM
275	People find it difficult to find affordable housing, so they can have spending money for food and clothing, etc. To find effective healthcare providers, people must travel 2 or more hours and find the transportation to get there. It is difficult to find employers who are willing to customize a position.	5/19/2015 10:22 AM
276	Actually true full inclusion in the school district!!!	5/19/2015 10:12 AM
277	substandard residential rates and poor oversight have contributed to the lack of quality services available in our communities. As long as the state hospital system has almost three times the rate of reimbursement as community providers and they are allowed to keep running the developmental centers even through DHS has decertified these hospitals, we won't see a shift in better services in our communities.	5/19/2015 10:06 AM
278	Water safety, aide for community events and summer camp, specialized tutoring for my child's literacy.	5/19/2015 9:53 AM
279	Housing - quality and affordable housing	5/19/2015 9:48 AM
280	We thankfully have pretty good services, but we have had to fight every step of the way.	5/19/2015 9:42 AM
281	I have a brother that has disabilities and after leaving the public school system, the services that were and are available to him are next to none. There are many local "Day Program" providers but do to continued budget cuts and restrictions his community access within these programs is minimal. There is simply no money to retain quality staff, provide adequate transportation or even to maintain existing programs. Please restore funding and stop with the budget cuts. My brother and many others like him want only what every other person has the right and ability to do, to access their community, to give back and be a part of the community.	5/19/2015 9:33 AM
282	Respite care is very difficult to secure. I receive respite for my child through RCOC, but the service providers are unreliable and difficult to schedule regularly. I am also a mentor for families of kids with special needs and I know that many of them have issues with transportation - it is expensive and difficult to secure handicapped access vehicles. Many of our community partners are "resource" givers not resource "providers", for example, you can call organizations and receive referrals to agencies or organizations and because those groups aren't well funded, they no longer exist - can't use them, There are very few housing options for long term care. Very upsetting.	5/19/2015 9:25 AM
283	Eligibility to receive employment due to my disability.i am very disappointed the service provided by disability service.	5/19/2015 9:02 AM
284	System is comfortable with intellectually impaired individuals. My daughter is socially impaired. Thus, a computer job where she does not have to deal with people would be ideal. Computer jobs are a new idea and made the DOR case manager wince. There needs to be a plan/program for working with higher functioning autistic people who have areas of strength in their skills but also have behavior problems.	5/19/2015 8:49 AM
285	All my clients are deaf with intellectual disabilities and there are very few to no services for the deaf intellectually delayed.	5/19/2015 8:49 AM
286	All services are dying, being starved of resource support by the decisions of the Governor and Legislature	5/19/2015 8:45 AM
287	Day programs for adults with complex medical needs.	5/19/2015 8:40 AM
288	community housing/residential group home with appropriate levels of support	5/19/2015 8:39 AM
289	With the recent cuts to supported employment it is very hard to place our folks in a job and give them continuing education about how to do their job well.	5/19/2015 8:39 AM
290	I need help for my 22 year old daughter who has Williams Syndrome. She has a job 5 days week which is great but she needs more to do. I want her to have a passion, I want other options for adults with disabilities. A sport, drama, art class, I'm trying to help her find what are her interests. I'm sure they are out there but I'm not sure where to find them.	5/19/2015 8:33 AM

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291	"Childcare" is needed for adults and medical fragile adults after program. It stops at age 22 and that is a challenge for many working families. Health care can be challenging for our adult clients to access and/or their parents to access on their behalf if they are not conserved. Recreation can be challenging for our clients, not enough places to go/often/regularly scheduled during the week, and the transportation to and from is on the family to provide.	5/19/2015 8:29 AM
292	Assistive Technology Services and supports	5/19/2015 8:26 AM
293	For students with Moderate - Severe developmental disabilities it would be helpful if they had more employment options.	5/19/2015 8:11 AM
294	Transportation is not available in some of the more rural areas of the state. There is the employment initiative but not any additional funding. Furthermore, despite all the education and mandates regarding abuse prevention, there still continues to be more individuals taking advantage of the dd population. The abuse prevention at this point needs to focus on educating the dd population about recognizing it when it happens to them or their peers.	5/19/2015 8:07 AM
295	Recreation and after school get together.	5/19/2015 8:05 AM
296	It is so difficult to find out what is available to help your child.	5/19/2015 8:02 AM
297	In the area of transportation I see a need to simplify bus schedules for people with disabilities and have them run more frequent and more direct routes. For example, the bus stops right out in front of my FLS classroom runs to a transfer station and then into the next town's transfer station. If I wanted to teach my students to ride public transportation to the local library, they'd have to go all the way into Chico AND TRANSFER onto another bus just to be transported back into Paradise to get to the public library. Para-transit is available but must be booked in advance and many of the parents aren't aware that this service is available to their child. Para-transit also has a lengthy application process which I'm sure keeps many from applying.) Also, some degree of supervision and help should be considered to help people with disabilities if they get confused or disorientated when trying to ride the bus. Remember many times this population cannot tell time or may not understand they've been waiting too long for a bus! MORE HOUSING OPTIONS!!! The rents are way overpriced for the income these individuals earn. Rents also need to include amenities that allow the folks to get outside and/or get some exercise. A par course, an on-site gym, etc. Supported living should be funded more like apartment complexes for young professionals with separate living quarters but opportunities for socialization as well. . Formal/Informal Community Supports: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!!, start a 24 hour drop in type of program for these individuals. I cannot tell you how many times I have started my shopping excursion with two disabled children in tow and when I explain we have to stop at the fabric store (or some other spot they don't prefer), behavior intensifies. Most parents can say, I'll drop you off at the mall or something.. and get their small errands run. I would LOVE to see a drop in recreation / day care type of program started so that I can shop for fabric or try on clothes or even have a quick and quiet dinner with my husband without having to pre-arrange respite, interview the respite worker and then leave this stranger in my home while I go out. This addresses another problem: Respite. I rarely use it even though I have two children with autism at home. I just don't have the energy to screen respite applicants, interview them and provide a trial run in my home with my children. I live in a very rural area and most workers come up to my area from one of the more popular towns. The time they claim starts when they leave their home town and travel 30 to 45 minutes to my home, then my travel time is counted as well. All this before I even begin to shop. Please consider a drop in service where I can bring my kids into town, drop them off for a few hours and then pick them up and take them home. This service would be best if it were inexpensive for families and would not require advanced reservations or notification. This would greatly increase my use of respite services!!!	5/19/2015 7:47 AM
298	N/A...we are a vendor and do not receive services.	5/19/2015 7:34 AM
299	My adult son with Autism is not functioning in his job programs and in his supported living program as well as he did in school and when he was living at home. We have narrowed the reason down to his sensory integration needs not being met. We have to pay out of pocket for an OT eval (prescribed by his GP) and any services and equipment they recommend as a result. MediCal will not recognize the provider, nor fund the services. This is essential for his well being, just as it was while he was growing up. Also, the home cannot afford the specialized foods and supplements on his medically prescribed special diet, so we are kicking in another \$350 a month, just for him to get the food he needs. There should be extra funding provided to homes that serve people on medically prescribed special diets. They are getting all the SSI funds, so this money we pay for his food and supplements is taking goods and services away from the rest of our family, which includes another minor child with a disability.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
300	We have children that have Autism. I fear for ALL children with Autism because we have nothing for them as adults. What is out there for young adulthood and beyond? We need life skills classes, junior and 4 yr. college programs dedicated to their needs. We need job training for individual skill level.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM

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301	Getting around is a great problem. The Regional Center does not have help with this. Dial A Ride does not work. You just wait and wait for them and then take a circuitous route to where you need to go. Bus service and transferring is difficult.	5/19/2015 7:21 AM
302	It is extremely difficult to find meaningful and appropriate employment. Housing is very expensive and out of reach of most who are on SSI. It is difficult to find appropriate health care as Medi-cal is very limited in what services it will fund and most physicians do not have the training to work with people with developmental disabilities. They do not take the time it may take to do a full exam as it often takes longer for a person with certain disabilities to explain or discuss their issues. Also most doctors do not take the time to look for alternative forms of communication in those who have limited or no verbal skills.	5/19/2015 6:48 AM
303	Real Jobs! Opportunities to have fun in the community and not be isolated and the ability to use funds on what WE believe is BEST for our child! Not what the system says is available.	5/19/2015 6:22 AM
304	Nobody is hiring my son even with a certificate of achievement	5/19/2015 5:06 AM
305	More life coaches to help my daughter get to a employment,	5/19/2015 2:39 AM
306	everything	5/19/2015 2:07 AM
307	Better programs /teaching manuals that help students learn . Students are only given a few choices. Have teachers receive more training on disabilities and help w/ others ways of teaching and a better understanding of how the student w/disabilities feels.	5/19/2015 1:26 AM
308	Very little community inclusion. The supported living model offers freedom but also isolation. Staff becomes my son's only contact. He has very few social opportunities. He also has very limited opportunities to have a job. He wants a job and to be part of a community.	5/19/2015 12:04 AM
309	Cannot go to school provided childcare because need an aide, Theatre class after school also said he needs an aide.	5/18/2015 11:25 PM
310	Respite care givers who are not qualified, trained, or willing to do the personal and medical care needed. We have to do our own recruiting to find the help, convince them to go through the process of becoming authorized, then do the rest of the training on the job for our severely handicapped son.	5/18/2015 10:46 PM
311	ABA Emergency services when in dyad NEED More RESPITE hrs, SPEECH Insurance for lower income	5/18/2015 10:15 PM
312	Occupational and-physical therapy	5/18/2015 10:06 PM
313	provide more information about school. how to access loan for a family with a member with disabilities.	5/18/2015 9:47 PM
314	Employment for individuals with intellectual disabilities that would not affect any SSI payments. Training in day programs that teach better life skills for independence eg cooking, healthy grocery shopping.	5/18/2015 9:44 PM
315	More oversight of the residential/independent-living homes by independent monitors.	5/18/2015 9:24 PM
316	My son is transitioning to adult services soon. (He is 19), and there needs to be in place where they can have employment, to be independent and be able to contribute to the society	5/18/2015 9:09 PM
317	A plan for adult housing	5/18/2015 9:03 PM
318	Education and assistance with sexual issues. Ability to go to another school better equipped to handle instructing and assisting with behaviors without the school districts approval. (my son's education went down when entering certain school(s) Dental assistance, job assistance training (my son can do more than clean up behind others and learn the word janitor)	5/18/2015 8:59 PM
319	My son will need intensive support with job search and employee-ability. He is currently at school, so we don't need help yet.	5/18/2015 8:45 PM
320	My son now age 49 has not yet been trained to hold a simple private sector, self-supporting job. His supervised work under Far Northern Regional Center has provided good quality training but not specifically job targeted, and being very high on the autism scale, he could hold such a job if taught on-the-job training in the private sector.	5/18/2015 8:39 PM
321	My son is turning 20 this year, and I'm very concerned when he finished school, and how I'm going to keep him busy and feel productive in the community , and I feel it would be safe for him.	5/18/2015 8:37 PM

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322	Child care is up to age 12 and licensed providers only take up to age 12, and assistance with funding stops at age 12. We need more day program for our disabled children, teens and adults like the YMCA or boys and girls club that ensure safety, supervision, and keep them active and included in the community. School districts don't treat our children with the services and respect they deserve, They have learned to manipulate psych-edu Evals and speech assessment results by using it against our children in order to not provide additional services, and then make us go through a lengthy appeal process. There needs to be more education and awareness regarding the safety of our children, or laws to prevent our children from being victimized while in the care of service providers, school, work, or in the community. Most community businesses don't make accommodations for our disabled children.	5/18/2015 8:36 PM
323	Information to be accessible in English, Spanish, and Farsi.	5/18/2015 8:32 PM
324	Inclusion services, puberty education and occupational programs.	5/18/2015 8:13 PM
325	We were denied services when our daughter was born and it put us behind 5 years in receiving services desperately needed as she is a multiple handicapped child. We were not told about IHSS and I quit my job without understanding IHSS was a available.	5/18/2015 8:06 PM
326	Quality programs for youths.	5/18/2015 7:55 PM
327	I live in a rural area of Riverside County & there are no recreational activities & very little support.	5/18/2015 7:54 PM
328	programs are not being evaluated any more. There is no quality assurance of day programs in our area, or licensed facilities.	5/18/2015 7:30 PM
329	There are no daycare or after school programs available for kids with special needs whose parents work full time. The schools are doing a poor job at providing adequate and high quality services ( speech, OT, PT Etc) and fight you for every increase in service you request. Our special needs children are not ready to transition from Regional Center services at the age of 3, this was an extremely difficult and challenging transition for our daughter and family. We should have been able to keep in home Regional Center services until Kindergarten or beyond. We would like to have self determination	5/18/2015 7:29 PM
330	Safety / abuse prevention...this doesn't seem to exist where we live (San Diego County)	5/18/2015 7:25 PM
331	Vocational Training a must, need to have housing choices and have help accessing housing, Need greater community supports provide quality assurance.	5/18/2015 7:17 PM
332	Summer Camp and After school program with 1:1 aid Social group with 1:1 aid on weekend	5/18/2015 7:16 PM
333	Employment and recreation for a full life. Safe transportation. A safe and happy place to live.	5/18/2015 7:03 PM
334	Vocational Training, Understanding of Housing choices and how to access housing, There are few community supports that insure any quality assurance.	5/18/2015 7:02 PM
335	Now that the Regional Centers do not fund social recreation, we have been unable to provide summer camp experiences or after school care for our son due to his disability. He needs extra staff support, and the programs that I thought had a responsibility to provide services (i.e., organizations that receive public funds) for the customary fees, do not want to take him without us sending someone with him. I am unable to work enough hours due to lack of after school child care.	5/18/2015 6:16 PM
336	Lack of affordable housing is biggest need.	5/18/2015 6:07 PM
337	Employment ,tailored services,quality assurance poise	5/18/2015 6:03 PM
338	Ability to choose service providers.	5/18/2015 5:44 PM
339	No housing. No help in being part if the community. Health benefits are very limited. Quality of services is, VERY limited.	5/18/2015 5:20 PM
340	Recreation	5/18/2015 5:15 PM
341	Support at IEP meetings outside of regional center and counseling on how to better advocate at IEPs. Housing vouchers for single mothers raising disabled children who can't work because of it or who had to cut back hours drastically. Knowing what community supports are available.	5/18/2015 5:13 PM
342	Appropriate job training & vocational skills for educated HFA & Aspergers individuals who do not choose to go to college because it is too overwhelming.	5/18/2015 5:04 PM
343	Alta is failing to provide the support they were created to help with. Unless your child has a dual diagnosis they provide minimal support.	5/18/2015 5:00 PM

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344	A paying job, rather than volunteer work. They need to feel they are worthwhile citizens in spite of their disabilities.	5/18/2015 4:43 PM
345	Most people need more than Day Care: a variety of supports in evenings, weekends; flexible and responsive Affordable and supportive housing Control in the hands of the people served	5/18/2015 4:35 PM
346	Difficult to find health care provider that knows about the disability but covered by insurance or medi cal.	5/18/2015 4:32 PM
347	Regional has recently implemented testing standards for services that I think are flawed or needs further evaluation as it may not consider the functioning quality of the impaired client	5/18/2015 4:29 PM
348	The most challenged individuals in the RC system represent less than 5% of all the consumers served. They need licensed residential facilities and we have systematically underfunded these services for a number of years.	5/18/2015 4:23 PM
349	1) Currently, there is little to no support for families with children with disabilities? 2) Early intervention for children with disabilities took a hige blow during the economic crisis and regional centers and other state organizations have not restore early intervention funding for early intervention program. This is crucial services, 3) Transportation services for people with developmental disabilities is joke and a huge disservice to this community. ACCESS is often in appropriate for people with severe disabilities and regional centers are denying transportation services all together. So what do families do when they can transport their child with DD? They stay hope in isolation, with their only time out is when the schools provide this service. If you have an adult child this becomes event more problematic.	5/18/2015 4:22 PM
350	There are many individuals with developmental disabilities that need employment but there are no transition services that teach people skills, increase stamina, etc. A work type program (not Supported employment) should be required to have training programs that teach work skills, preferably on the job.	5/18/2015 4:13 PM
351	Housing continues to be a huge challenge for individuals on limited income(SSA). Waiting lists on housing assistance programs are ridiculous.	5/18/2015 3:47 PM
352	lack of transportation prevents families from getting access to generic services which we are supposed to tap into. Access does not work well, we need more and more reliable transportation system.	5/18/2015 3:26 PM
353	continued education passed the 22 years of age in an adult facility,mandatory p.e. to keep our love ones in good health and freedom to choose facility regardless of regional center on lives in.	5/18/2015 3:20 PM
354	N/A	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
355	The key is to get the clients to be more independent and integrate in the community. It starts with the clients going to school and receiving an education. Then these individuals need to be provided with a place to live (independent living, supported living, group home) and assistance with determining what to do during the day (adult day program, college, work, supported employment).	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
356	More jobs and more places for recreation	5/18/2015 3:10 PM
357	1) Too often, when program participant is doing well in a Behavior Management program, regional center will quickly move them to a step down program. We see that the program participant come back to our program because they where not successful in a work program (step-down). One of the reason why is because the step-down program or staff does not know how to work the individuals. it would be a good idea to have the program participant remain in the same program or stay with the same staff, but offer a step-down program within the current program. This will help the program participant increase their skill sets without having to transition to a new staff or day program services. 2) To often, good care providers (Mom and Pop's operation) leaves the field because they can't afford to run the program or looked at as criminals rather than a helper to the intellectual/development disabilities population. While, bigger operations grow and expand because they have investor who knows very little about the business and just wants to make money. If a situation rise, bigger operations can smooth the problem because they have the power and continue to growth. I would like the State Council to check on who are the owners of the big operations care providers and what kind of experience they have in this field and their true interest at heart.	5/18/2015 3:09 PM
358	Home placement	5/18/2015 3:07 PM
359	My son is 15 but I am very concerned he will not be able to find employment and to have transportation here in LA.	5/18/2015 3:04 PM
360	Some information's is lacking if you do not know some one who knows what's out there.	5/18/2015 3:03 PM

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361	We must make certain that in special education and Early Start intervention that there is seamless support and services between school districts and regional centers in the areas of transition that include employment and independent living options. Parents of disabled children should not be made to feel like they know nothing and have to submit to what an administrator wants to do. There needs to be more community living options. Housing options need to be tailored to the needs of the person with the disability(ies) but also be affordable. More must be done to create real world employment options in the community. We should reduce the emphasis on workshops to the greatest extent possible and place importance on supported employment with job coach support. This will be an especially hard thing to do in rural areas but it must be done. Clients also need good community retirement programs that they can go into when they get too old or too sick to continue working. The safety net programs of Social Security, MediCaid, and MediCare are critical to working and retirement age clients and need to be expanded not cut. These critical safety net programs are too important to be turned into vouchers or block grants or be significantly cut.	5/18/2015 3:02 PM
362	An agency vendored for Micro-enterprise. Also Regional Center funding for AAC/Facilitated Communication.	5/18/2015 2:57 PM
363	Employment- ASD adult community soon will be bigger all kids who where diagnosis when ASD was 1 in 100 at 3 or 4 year old soon will be 18 year old	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
364	Meaningful supported employment, access to mental health services including a counselor and a psychiatrist, assurances of safety and protection from abuse.	5/18/2015 2:53 PM
365	Because of the decreasing number of Dental and Psychological facilities willing to accept medical funding clients are having to wait months in pain for appointments. Sometimes they will go to facilities that are not vendored by the R/C and are being sent exorbitant bills and threatening letters by debt collectors which they can never pay off. Some R/C are reducing the number of client's that can live in a CCF and therefore reducing the number of CCF's available. The increase in client's that are maturing, parent's unable to provide a safe and stable home as well as the client's being discharged from closing Development Centers has over taxed the system and we have no placement for client's in emergency situations. Regional Transit & Para transit are over burdened and at times are having to leave the non-ambulatory clients at the designated pick-up place because they don't have enough room. The current wait time is one hour or more and client's with seizures, diabetes and other ailments are expected to wait in areas with no cover/shade to help them combat the environment. IHSS staff are paid to drive client's to medical appointments but they are not paid to go into the appointment with the client, Doctor's are cancelling any further appointments with the client's because they are not able to communicate with the client to find out if the client is following the doctors orders as prescribed. Our client's need someone in the office with them that can relay message back and forth for the client to the planning team and back to the doctor.	5/18/2015 2:44 PM
366	Job Coaching and assisted placement so able to learn skills to maintain a job,	5/18/2015 2:43 PM
367	Transitional services for over 21 are abysmal. The Day Programs are for very low functioning clients while the Employment Programs are for the much higher functioning clients. There's no "in between." So both ends of the cognitive/behavioral/disability spectrum are covered, but there's a HUGE gap where clients are NOT -- they're unable to keep up with Employment Programs, yet are held back in the low-functioning Day Programs.	5/18/2015 2:35 PM
368	My child is not yet of age to need the items checked, but I often hear the need is there.	5/18/2015 2:29 PM
369	I believe that outside of day programs which occur M-F, clients need to be able to socialize, make plans and get where they want to go. These options should be available to them 7 days/week, or as they desire.	5/18/2015 2:28 PM
370	There is absolutely no housing available for adults with disabilities, not enough employers engaged in employing people with disabilities, and due to state funding crisis recreational opportunities are extremely scarce	5/18/2015 2:27 PM
371	Housing	5/18/2015 2:26 PM
372	Coverage for interventions, eg speech therapy, occupational and physical therapy. These services are inadequately covered by private insurance and would make a large impact on future outcomes if guaranteed by the state to the disabled person.	5/18/2015 2:26 PM
373	Independent living skill training, self advocate skill training,	5/18/2015 2:24 PM
374	Struggling with academics for my delayed 9 year old, currently.	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
375	Many of our clients and their parents have no resources to turn to once their children age out of the system.	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
376	Employment opportunities are needed but not adequately presented by RCOC. Support Groups for adult disabled are very hard to find. Help in setting up Special Needs Trusts and information on how to use family home as living option when parents are no longer available. RCOC is NOT helping, instead is putting up hurdles whenever possible.	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
377	We need to ensure the quality of the programs that are provided. There is no true quality control.	5/18/2015 2:16 PM

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378	School is trying to change placement and take away services that our child needs.	5/18/2015 2:10 PM
379	Supported living Employment Recreation/community activities	5/18/2015 2:06 PM
380	affordable housing options of all types. Recreational opportunities that are community based and age appropriate. Expanded service system with all supports.	5/18/2015 2:06 PM
381	Housing for young adult w/ 24/7 nursing care needs Knowledgeable, seasoned, effective NBRC worker!	5/18/2015 2:01 PM
382	Adult Day programs are both underfunded and not widely available due to the lack of facilities in the Sacramento and Elk Grove area.	5/18/2015 1:58 PM
383	Employment: My son is non verbal, has auditory processing issues and because a solid communication strategy was never in place in the school environment, he can not get a job. If Regional Center had done a better job at informing parents what ALL the supports & services in our communities were instead of hand picking them per service coordinator, then maybe some of our kids/adults would have been better served, All the agencies should have been brought together during adult transition time so ALL options for an individual could have been made not just the ones a particular school district was offering.	5/18/2015 1:35 PM
384	help with recreational activities available for disabled adults.	5/18/2015 1:31 PM
385	More Job Developers to assist students with disabilities find employment!!!	5/18/2015 1:30 PM
386	Job Development for adult son in Supported Employment Program, They can do better. Lots of sitting around.	5/18/2015 1:29 PM
387	1) Adequate sex/relationship education tailored to children with intellectual/developmental disabilities and family members or caregivers. 2) Adequate job training and access to adequate employment. 3) Access to adequate health services paid for by Medical - There are not enough health facilities taking patients with intellectual/developmental disabilities and with Medical.	5/18/2015 1:28 PM
388	A kind of "one-stop" shop/website that takes advocates/the disabled through the process. Here's how you apply for disability, seek out an IEP at a public school, get skills training, get daily services, basically a go-to site instead of skipping around through the school system, the healthcare system, the state/municipal system and the private system.	5/18/2015 1:27 PM
389	Adequate services at school	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
390	Housing options for those who need supervision but also need to live independently of their families home. Increased vocational training options and incentives for employers to put clients on payroll once sufficient mastery in areas of training have been achieved. My clients do not and would not like to hear "baby sitting" when in fact they do require close supervision, maybe more on the level of "mentoring". Recreation is also important as it allows for socialization to take place within the client's community and supports physical and mental health.	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
391	Housing- my son does not want to live in a segregated environment, living only with others with disabilities. As he chooses this housing, he does not receive any assistance from the regional center financially to help pay for his rent, whereas if he lived in a segregated setting, they would help pay for it. Also, the employment opportunities that are offered to him are sub-standard or non-existent. All of his employment has come from work he did, making connections, and letting people know his abilities, No one seems to be able to support him as he works really hard to be an independent adult.	5/18/2015 1:22 PM
392	More services when these babies need them and the supports of respite and childcare would much improve the outcomes of this population, especially children who may not have a disability who are at high risk.	5/18/2015 1:15 PM
393	Wider variety of work day programs for persons with extensive daily care and behavioral needs.	5/18/2015 1:14 PM
394	teaching my son how to ride a bicycle with self-balancing aids.	5/18/2015 1:13 PM
395	Employment-diverse employment opportunities, training prior to job developing(resume writing, role play job interviews and rate how the person did so they understand where they are at with interviewing. Housing is a blanket statement of need in Ventura Co. The housing market is horrible to locate section 8 affordable homes. Health is overall health education due to obesity, diabetes, etc.	5/18/2015 1:07 PM
396	At times quality of services is not what it should be and increased support or oversight from regional centers may assist with this. I have not personally experienced challenges in the areas of employment or housing, but I believe that there are major concerns in these areas as individuals desire employment to be meaningful participants in their community and lack of appropriate and affordable housing is a challenge.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM

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397	As a day-program director for individuals seeking job-training skills and independent living skills to later make further steps towards independence in Central California—I experienced an annual waitlist of approx 10 prospective participants, hoping to enter our program when a space opened up. There aren't enough incentives (budget allowances given staff-individual ratios) for additional day programs to open for folks who have the ability and desire to develop greater vocation &/or independence.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
398	getting a chance to meet people in charge of hands-on programs to learn and then pass the information on to my students, or even giving them the chance weekly or monthly to be able to make money, so they can see that they can be independents.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
399	I work with people who want to get out and be a part of life and who want jobs. My people want to know what they can do and how they can get there. There are agencies that can provide these services but there are waiting lists (people try for years to get to work) and wait times (people wait hours at a bus stop watching full buses pass by).	5/18/2015 1:01 PM
400	I work with children who are transitioning from elementary to highschool. And from highschool to adult programs. The schools are sometimes unable to find appropriate community outlets for the students to learn real job skills. Forcing our residents to be more dependent on the care providers. Appropriate Housing options are limited. There is a need for additional support in behavioral homes or other options to push for independence	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
401	The Regional Center is able to provide some early-intervention services such as in-home IBS. But not all Regional Centers think it is their responsibility to provide such services. I believe the cost to assist our clients will be far more if early intervention is not pursued, and the school districts cannot be responsible for all of it. Also, if we had training in how to access insurance company funding, it would help take some of the financial burden off of the Regional Centers. 2. Community supports for our clients is needed. There are ways to provide community access, but there is a need to be able to provide more, especially in rural areas. Without social support, our clients become shut-ins, which is not right. 3. Housing is always in demand, and there just does not seem to be enough affordable housing for clients on SSI. There is always a need for affordable and safe and clean housing.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
402	At the elementary school level, assistance with my sons needs as far as restroom usage. The ability to use a restroom after school and safety during the school day while using a restroom on campus. The staff and aids have not been assisting my son into the restroom during the school day. He is an 11 year old severely disabled boy with the mental capacity of a 2 year old along with Epilepsy and balance issues. In addition, he was denied use of a restroom after school and consequently urinated in the car. The staff at this particular school has put restrictions on my sons access to a bathroom at the end of the school day. This is currently taking place in the Newport-Mesa school district.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
403	Having board and care facilities located in areas where there is minimal access to public transportation makes it very difficult for the adult to access services and keep themselves actively engaged in the community. As well, there are very limited employment supports/resources which has a huge impact.	5/18/2015 12:57 PM
404	behavior support services for people with intellectual disabilities but who do not have autism	5/18/2015 12:56 PM
405	We need better transportation provided by the Mendocino Transit authority. clients can not go to trainings when there is no bus service to training sites. I.E. Bus to Talmage area and Mendocino Office of Education.	5/18/2015 12:55 PM
406	There needs to be more quality adult day programs. The best programs would have community experiences at least twice a day which train for possible vocational placement. Right now, there is one or t there needs to be more quality adult day programs. The best programs would have community experiences at least twice a day which train for possible vocational placement two programs of questionable quality.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
407	These services were needed, but not received by my son from Regional Center. I provided them for my son, and was paid by regional centers to access them for other Regional Center consumers.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
408	In Home Supportive Services	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
409	Once you are able to get your child through high school, this is no place to go for help,who do you talk to to find help. I've spent the last month, 5 days a week trying to find some who can refer me to someone who MAY be able to answer questions. What, or how does the state plan for these children to be financially independent? There is NO PLAN, just get them out of school.....and then what...a warehouse job???? Just because they have a disability does not mean that they are not smart, they have a problem...they may think differently or act differently but they are employable. Treat them like that and we will succeed.	5/18/2015 12:51 PM
410	It is very difficult to get enough/good quality respite.	5/18/2015 12:46 PM
411	We don't need housing yet because we can still care for our son, but there are too few options for him to transition outside he home as he needs 24hour supervision and full daily supports.	5/18/2015 12:45 PM

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412	Education: Our child has apraxia of speech. He didn't receive appropriate speech therapy for years. Until he was 7 years-old, we began to pay for his therapy. Last year (when he was 9 years-old, school district began to fund for his private speech). He couldn't communicate, and needs a shadow (aide) to mainstream in school, we took us 2 years to dispeal to the school district to get a shadow for him, Community support/quality assurance: We have been experienced a very little or no support from communities such as amusement parts, airplane or other public places.	5/18/2015 12:44 PM
413	As the parent of a 16-year old developmentally disabled child, my response was made in anticipation of my child's future needs. I am also a public health nurse who has worked for Adult Protective Services, and I have seen too many developmentally disabled people living in filthy, unsafe poverty and experiencing exploitation such as "friends" who take their money or give them illegal drugs in exchange for sex, I want for my daughter to live in a safe home with work and recreation opportunities.	5/18/2015 12:43 PM
414	I feel that families need a better support system that is clearly defined and publicized. an example would be, advertisements or flyers,	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
415	1. Transp support for church. 2. Quality caregivers 3. Assist vs doing 4. Keeping belongs clean/orderly	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
416	I work with large group of minority who speaks Spanish. Vietnamese and Korean. Access to community resources and services available to those communities are very challenging due to cultural and language barriers,	5/18/2015 12:39 PM
417	Educational Support such as IEP assistance. Social Security- assistance with appeals.	5/18/2015 12:38 PM
418	Cannot find a proper Undependable Living place	5/18/2015 12:36 PM
419	Service to young adults transition from services received ages 3-15	5/18/2015 12:35 PM
420	absolutely NO appropriate educational instruction for my child and others like her with an IEP. Students with special needs treated as a nuisance, delinquents and bullied repeatedly by teachers and students, Parents only recourse to hire advocate/attorney if they can afford one. Services denied all year long. It is criminal what is happening in our public and private schools to these kids. It is child abuse and its tearing families apart, Pulling my child out of school and paying for a private tutor out of my retirement fund to save my child and my family.	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
421	Self determination and employment	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
422	I see various individuals in need a housing options. Most can't afford where they live and/or are not able to have a choice in the matter. That ties into job opportunites. Some organizations are trying to provide opporunities but I think the efforts need to be increased.	5/18/2015 12:31 PM
423	Financial, organizational and social supports to improve my quality of life. As well emotional supports to aid in recovery from childhood abuse issues.	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
424	I just believe funding needs to increase in these areas.	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
425	housing, needed to be affordable, in a safe area and in good repair with needed services at the home. employment training needs to lead to a job not a shelterd work shop for life.	5/18/2015 12:25 PM
426	The assessment are useful tools but there needs to be a system that is more developed to determine the type of disabilities and the service needs. There are too many misdiagnosis from the medical/educational environments	5/18/2015 12:23 PM
427	My son is 12 and receiving good services through our school and health insurance. But we realize that after 21 there are few housing options, employment opportunities or other meaningful programs to support his quality of life. Also, our son is unique and we like to make the best choices for him. Many services are a one size fits all many times we are forced to do things that dont help just to access the things that do help. It is wasteful of resources and time to be required to do things that arent beneficial.	5/18/2015 12:17 PM
428	Housing financial support or access to safe, reduced-rent housing	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
429	More affordable therapy and social recreational activities for ages 12-35	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
430	My brother is a regional center consumer. In the last few years, we have been trying to receive dental services for his extensive need of dental work through Denti-Cal. This system leaves a lot to be desired. It seems to me that the only service that is approved are extractions. Evidently, our intellectual/developmentally delayed do not need teeth and are are not worthy of having teeth. It is very sad. This system needs to be revamped and have staff that really care and know what they are doing, which is not the case at this time.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM

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431	Early Start NPA program does not allow for a truly individualized education plan giving a child's unique disabilities. We have a child with sensory processing challenges and a compromised immune system in the most restrictive classroom setting and he is making very little progress because he keeps getting sick and cannot concentrate when being taught preschool-ready skills due to being unable to filter out all the distractions in the classroom with his peers and therapist all working in the same room but in small groups. Our school district said that this setting is the best they can offer. However it is ultimately a denial of FAPE given our child's unique disabilities and learning needs. Our child has been diagnosed with moderate-severe ASD, is non-verbal and far behind in every developmental category for his age in comparison to his non-disabled peers.	5/18/2015 12:13 PM
432	We are developing CPP Homes for persons with forensic needs. We have difficulty getting the RC to coordinate services and have medical and vocational/educational services in place in a timely manner. We have waited many months for day programs and often even after they are located the RC will deny the one on one component even though they know it is required to have the consumer start the program. We have also had to wait for months for transfer of MediCal for services such as psychiatric needs which jeopardizes placement for these dual diagnosed residents.	5/18/2015 12:12 PM
433	Recreation is a big one.	5/18/2015 12:10 PM
434	In help finding affordable housing	5/18/2015 12:07 PM
435	There are limited Vocational Training and job coaching opportunities for adults with disabilities;	5/18/2015 12:01 PM
436	As a provider of services dealing with sexual education and safety, I would like to receive a materials refund as we supply educational materials and samples and are not reimbursed nor allowed to charge the consumer or their families.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
437	We did not qualify for ihss because our home is a upscale condo. It belongs to a relative but the gift of free rent somehow disqualifies this support. Wife is sick and I cannot work caring for my son with autism.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
438	More advocacy in education for Employment-related training and independence, higher pay for vendors that provide supported employment, more housing opportunities for those with ID.	5/18/2015 11:58 AM
439	No appropriate day programs or recreation. No assistance with home modification to make home accessible,	5/18/2015 11:57 AM
440	recreational services for our son as a child or adult	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
441	Help with employment and housing	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
442	There seems to be a real lack in all of the areas that I've checked (Meaningful Employment, Adequate Housing and social and recreational opportunities). As a behaviorist that has worked with this population for over twenty years, it is my opinion that a great number of issues could be avoided if these three areas were given adequate attention.	5/18/2015 11:48 AM
443	1) Employment: In spite of new law, we have not heard any promotion toward more employment for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. 2) Housing: in L.A. any housing improvement has shown as outcome. 3) Health issue: we need more support/help for people with DD who has medical issues	5/18/2015 11:46 AM
444	In the past, a number of people that we support had paid employment. Now, there are none. Our agency has closed three of our residential homes in the past 14 months, and budget reductions in the state are a large reason for this. Supported Living services have also dried up due to the discontinuation of rental assistance.	5/18/2015 11:46 AM
445	My son has not yet transitioned out of the school system. We are planning for his future after his last year of school in the 2015/2016 school year. I want to be able to provide the most appropriate program for him.	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
446	I am currently receiving all necessary services for my son, but I am very concerned about future day options for him when he turns 22.	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
447	Since I'm an advocate, I don't need services	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
448	Financial assistance: when illegal aliens are getting health care for free and are also milking the system, the least you can do is make sure that disabled citizens and their families (many of whom are unable to devote themselves to their own jobs full time because they are caring for their disabled family members) are receiving an adequate amount of financial assistance. \$700 monthly doesn't cut it. It would cost the government much more money if families did not take care of their disabled members and we deserve to be compensated for our efforts. The government would rather pay several low-level employees who don't really care about the service they are providing instead of helping actual families.	5/18/2015 11:42 AM
449	Employment services that are catered to developmental disabilities having do with physical disabilities being a separate issues instead of often being bundled together with intelligental disabilities	5/18/2015 11:42 AM

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450	High functioning individuals with minimal ID have many fewer resources than individuals with ID, Residential options need to be available to those who may not qualify for RC services. DOR needs to become more familiar with servicing these individuals and make available to them more appropriate kinds of employment options. Recreational and dating resources need to be more available to them as well, both inclusive and non-inclusive so they have a choice.	5/18/2015 11:34 AM
451	Respite care has been found to be imperative for family well being and is often difficult to obtain.	5/18/2015 11:33 AM
452	Area Board 3 used to provide direct advocacy services to help families get the services their child(ren) need from schools and other providers when reasonable requests are denied. Some idiot made the decision to discontinue these and now families have 3 expensive or ineffective options: (1) hire an attorney at a very high cost; (2) try to file due process on their own (which is impossible to succeed at when you're up against the agency's or school district's army of attorneys); or accept that your child cannot get the services they need. Direct advocacy kept schools and agencies in line, providing the services that children need. Now they're getting away with murder. Bring direct advocacy back! If it wasn't beneficial, the caseload the Area Board had would have been low and it was always high!	5/18/2015 11:31 AM
453	un able to afford the parent portion for day care, not many options on job. rent is expensive.	5/18/2015 11:27 AM
454	I have clients in need of all the above Service Areas.	5/18/2015 11:24 AM
455	My Son is mildly mentally retarded and a little autistic We have tried several programs offered by the Regional Center with no luck. My Son does not see himself as disabled and does not relate to the other participates in these programs. We need a program for higher functioning disabled people. He is not capable of holding a regular job but he is too high functioning for the regional center programs. He gets very depressed if I force him to participate in a program with people that are a lot less functional than him.	5/18/2015 11:22 AM
456	I work/live in San Diego where the cost of housing is very high. Our Regional Center used to provide rental assistance for those who qualify. The program was discontinued a year ago, citing abuses in the system. People cannot move out on their own without some rental assistance. Living on SSI alone is not doable.	5/18/2015 11:22 AM
457	Recreation programs. Kids with disabilities work harder in school and at home with all the therapies that they do. They need more things to do just for fun and socialize, some of these recreational activities can be calming and therapeutic to a child.	5/18/2015 11:22 AM
458	Offsight services funded by SCUSD school district to help ADHD student with peers and relationships. Social skills for child.	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
459	comprehensive mental health services, clinics close to my home and public transportation, quality care from clinics, doctors, and hospitals	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
460	Independence, employment, housing and equality.	5/18/2015 11:17 AM
461	More direct care providers to better help to assist those who do have developmental services.	5/18/2015 11:12 AM
462	Services should be collaborative and linked. Reason for checking "Formal and Informal Community Supports. For adults this should include 514 funds that are directed at education on community college campuses (not current educational settings) that are directed at career development for those with ID...housing through HUD and Dept. of Rehab, also directed towards this group (collaboratively) to provide a better foundation for life after high school.	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
463	Many individuals with d.d. need an array of job opportunities within their communities. They are very limited to workshop day activity programs which is still segregation. Employers need education about individuals with d.d and learn how to tap into their individual strengths that will enhance not only their organization but to the individual him/herself.	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
464	We have an elementary school age child, and the SCDD has been tremendously important for my family to identify and access services.	5/18/2015 11:09 AM
465	Not a need for me, but what I hear from other parents.	5/18/2015 11:09 AM
466	Child care support for children with special needs. There are almost no faculties trained to work with challenged children in an after school program	5/18/2015 11:08 AM
467	Adequate funding to continue to provide quality services. Also as a family member of a person with DD, not enough info about services and transition from school to work services programs.	5/18/2015 11:05 AM
468	tailored and appropriate employment and education opportunities	5/18/2015 11:04 AM

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469	My son has been working with an employment prep specialist for almost 3 years - still unable to find a job Self-determination hasn't started - yet Transportation is always an issue for people with disabilities - ParaTransit is too expensive at \$4 per trip for someone on SSI	5/18/2015 11:03 AM
470	affordable housing and/or rental assistance, self determination with an adequate budget	5/18/2015 11:02 AM
471	Efficiency evaluation of RC staff and administration. Sometimes, almost always the RC are more problem than help. Example..... At the last Fare Hearing - negotiation meeting where most situations get resolved, the officer stated " this issue did not have to come tothis". I agreed and stated " not for lack of trying". Again as for the last 40 years people are having to become adversarial with the samepeople whe should be thefacilitators. And they act like they enjoy wearing us down. Unfortunatly time isnot on our side.	5/18/2015 11:02 AM
472	employment first opportunities- regional center coordinators understanding the complex needs of the individuals that want employment and to make a living wage	5/18/2015 11:01 AM
473	Timely residential placement for adolescents with severe needs.	5/18/2015 10:59 AM
474	In the areas of employment for young adults with Autism living in the lower SES communities, there is limited options. Where and how to access employment opportunities with sufficient support and facilitation? Housing - the wait list is forever long. The Autism generation who were diagnosed in the late 1990s are now young adults with aging parents. Quality assurance - the level of services keep getting thinner and trimmer. FO rhte functional adults with Autism/disabilities who are willing and able to work as future taxpayers, if there is no opportunity now, how will they learn and obtain employment independence?	5/18/2015 10:58 AM
475	I have been informed by parents of older children that there is very little support with assistance after high school getting them a job - specifically the writing of a resume, assistance with the interview process, and finding places to interview. After the job is obtained, the parents stated there were many supports available.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
476	Help in the schools...my school district is currently trying to sue me because they removed my son's special education status and I challenged them. I have been harassed and mistreated by an organization that claims to help children. I am graduate-level educated and accomplished in my field (licensed psychotherapist) and yet I have been called names, laughed at, and told my opinion as a parent does not count.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
477	Education - I had to advocate for ethical treatment for my child in San Diego for 13 years. What a waste of time for me and my child	5/18/2015 10:56 AM
478	Housing section 8 and owl my owl home affordable condo for low incomes	5/18/2015 10:55 AM
479	Adequate funding to meet the needs of each person.	5/18/2015 10:54 AM
480	We need the funding to provide services.	5/18/2015 10:53 AM
481	Adults need more recreational activities and need to be motivated to participate in these activities. Employment is a main part of every adult's life. It creates purpose, encourages social interaction and is a place to broaden experiences and skills.	5/18/2015 10:51 AM
482	Needs to be more services offered	5/18/2015 10:50 AM
483	Clients need ABA services in rural counties. Housing is limited and expensive in rural counties.	5/18/2015 10:49 AM
484	Better transportation and help with getting medical equipment and help with putting furniture together like my platform bed	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
485	Many of the services offered today did not exist when my daughter was born in 1967 and I think there have been great strides - especially in the area of early intervention which I had to seek on my own traveling all over the bay area.	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
486	not enough reimbursement and too much bureaucracy	5/18/2015 10:47 AM
487	More and better post-22 years community-based classes and training.	5/18/2015 10:46 AM
488	I feel we have received very minimal services through the local school district to assist my son with ASD. He performs at below levels in language arts and math. But I feel the school is meeting the very basic and minimal requirements but do not seek improvements to help my son reach the next level of learning.	5/18/2015 10:44 AM
489	Housing is so important but the funds for housing are never sufficient. Federal government needs to provide more funds to housing authorities across the country to help our clients have good housing alternatives.	5/18/2015 10:43 AM
490	Police need proper training to know how to handle individuals with dd	5/18/2015 10:42 AM

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491	Affordable housing. Many community programs for our population are underfunded or have closed, waiting lists for programs are long with extensive wait times. Many of the good programs folded under budget cuts, limiting options. Safety of our population in the community continues to be a concern, with abuses and exploitation is still a problem. Community integration is a challenge, mainly due to transportation constraints and lack of appropriate options.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
492	Recreation for my child, who is currently 12. See many opportunities for older teens but very little for 7-15 year-old. Recreation opportunities that can help build skills to enhance opportunities for community inclusion, with typical and I/DD peers; and later with opportunities for employment and contributions to community.	5/18/2015 10:39 AM
493	There has been a gap for students with behavioral challenges and gaining access to a Day Program. Spaces are limited most of the time.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
494	Regarding transportation, when a client lives in let's say Rancho Cordova, and has an appointment in Roseville, they cannot use any transportation because they will not cross over the city lines. This causes many many issues for our clients in regards to medical appointments and even a day program. With housing, it is beyond difficult because the majority of our clients are on a very limited income. Most places want double or triple the income which is not realistic for anyone, let alone our clients. They end up having to live in the worst parts of town because of this.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
495	The special education staff needs to stop treating kids like they are not able to do things and believe in them	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
496	funding for supported employment, . Not un met needs in my professional experience but high priorities are: programs and support for early treatment of autism / asd's and programs to help maintain optimum physical, mental and dental health,	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
497	I do need any myself	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
498	Housing for my disabled adult son	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
499	I would like to see more funding to develop early intervention service resources in low economic areas.	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
500	Transportation is very inconsistent.	5/18/2015 10:33 AM
501	Community college educational supports. Denial of services because they aren't federally mandated (0-3). Reluctance on the part of the general population to accept and involve someone deemed "different."	5/18/2015 10:33 AM
502	Health care providers who are adept at providing services to people with disabilities (e.g. physical challenges and behavioral issues). Tier system that supports people with disabilities as they transition from school system to day program to employment. Supported housing that allows people with disabilities to have affordable housing options whether living independently or with others.	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
503	High Function Autistic son who is 22 - Autism doesn't stop at 22... DOR's success rate with Autistic individuals is 8% if one believes the statistics. So far I have seen little that a dedicated friend or family member couldn't provide – yet they string the people they are helping out for months without success in helping them find or keep a job.	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
504	I do not require services but the clients I work with are constantly being told and given inconsistent services.	5/18/2015 10:31 AM
505	,a lot of people are not getting the help they need because the worker think they know what they're doing but they don't they think nobody to fit in one group they don't see the person as one person	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
506	Of our 60 residents only one has a job in the community. Transportation is challenging when new residents come in for services to their day program.	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
507	Transportation in Solano/Napa County severely restricted due to bus schedules Regional Center making significant cuts in funding for door to door transportation. Serious affordable housing shortage. Lack of vendors providing employment opportunities. Regional restricting referrals to some work activity programs.	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
508	Better support for services in compliance with new federal HCBS regulations	5/18/2015 10:28 AM
509	We are a rural RC, thus at a most basic level, ready, easy access to good healthcare, especially mental -health services, affordable housing nad public transportation that is more accessible on nights and weekends, would all boost quality of live in many of those other areas in your list.	5/18/2015 10:27 AM
510	Their is little offered in our area in the area of community support. Tailored Day services only exist for those that have parents that do a tremendous amount of advocacy and groundwork to provide an adequate program for their loved ones. Abuse in all forms is still a major problem. Most families in our area are migrant and live in poverty and are not interested in Self-Determination nor are they aware of the existence of the service.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM

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511	If DDS is closing all DC's, then more medically fragile housing needs to be developed to meet their needs, Also no Advance Behavior Model currently exists in community to meet DC clients needs.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
512	coherent transition plan from the school to employment	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
513	Vocational training and also job development for adults with intellectual disabilities to be able to work in various areas of employment - with opportunities for advancement - in non-segregated, mainstream jobs.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
514	Employment: The Employment First concept is a valid concept, but competitive integrated employment is only achievable if adequate employment services are put in place. There needs to be a continuum of services and opportunities that range from Employment to Supported Employment to Community Integration. It is totally unreasonable to believe that every consumer wants to and is capable of achieving CIE. formal and informal community supports involves community mapping that starts with what is available for all and moving towards identifying where funding needs to support services that are not available anywhere else. Self Advocacy and Self Determination is the key to expressing hope and confidence- and the possibility of considering COE. Recreation - Life should be full- working, home and community are the life settings for everyone. Helping individuals achieve a balanced life style includes recreation/friendship/social outlets.	5/18/2015 10:25 AM
515	Day supports to avoid isolation for family member who is fiercely independent and afraid any assistance means he will be candidate for institutionalization (which he experienced as a child)	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
516	We get 24 hours of respite. The respite organization we have is not flexible. They want a lengthy advance warning to schedule staff. This is not how the world works. When you have a disabled adult, things happen at the last minute and you need support. This is all wrong - it seems to be geared to the benefit of the staff. Adult care needs to be much better. I have a 21 year old who will likely need adult care his whole life. We plan for him to live with us and we have no extended family and the quality of care is hit or miss. For now, we have one wonderful worker but don't expect that to be so always. We need more physical fitness opportunities. The OC RCOC should facilitate several sites where folks can access a gym. The disabled adults are some of the most overweight an unhealthy that I've seen. Sadly, that includes my son , in spite of our efforts.	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
517	Special ed law and rights	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
518	There is no supported housing available. No work available in the day care program that works best for her. We received minimal early intervention & school services - it was like re-inventing the wheel.	5/18/2015 10:22 AM
519	More resources which could be tailored to families needs and additional support from schools and community agencies.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
520	There is a lack of qualified providers or providers who provide quality work, Behavioral support systems are lacking, being on a waiting list is not providing services. Continuity of delivery varies so drastically that my child may only get a small amount of services, but my child's friend receives what is in my opinion an over abundant amount. Yes in know each child is unique, but when the parent says its because in know someone, so I get the services, that's just wrong.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
521	transportation to post-secondary educational settings	5/18/2015 10:17 AM
522	1) In the employment arena, a more comprehensive, coordinated effort regarding Employment First; blended funding when all three areas work together in an ore flexible fashion. 2) Informal/formal supports - we need to spend more time figuring out how to connect disconnected people to the community. 3) An honest and more comprehensive review of self-determination. there are many pros and these should be described. but there are some challenges and this has not been discussed.	5/18/2015 10:17 AM
523	Access to these services	5/18/2015 10:16 AM
524	Services for the others involved re: family members, community etc dealing with the disabled...	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
525	Access to support -	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
526	I receive services in all 3 areas	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
527	Early intervention	5/18/2015 10:13 AM
528	we did not receive early intervention, but he is 8 now, we have aba, but are losing it.	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
529	Many clients are unable to be employed even with supports. Housing waitlist limits the individuals ability to be independent.	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
530	As a service provider we need a rate increase in order to keep competent employees.	5/18/2015 10:11 AM
531	Need entry level job training.	5/18/2015 10:10 AM

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532	access quality, skilled affordable child care access to quality, skilled affordable health care	5/18/2015 10:10 AM
533	Behavior help across the lifespan. Cutting intervention because someone hit their quota is unethical. Services should end based on accomplishment of goals, not on someone's ability to complete a program at a particular pace.	5/18/2015 10:09 AM
534	Haven't been able to find qualified respite workers for my son. There are no recreation activities available that can accommodate a one on one supervision need. The schools do not follow through with implementation of the IEP and have become very aggressive at denying services and even transfers to schools within their own district. The school district has refused to investigate school site when young girl age 6 with autism was sexually assaulted and infected with sexually transmitted disease. Parents pulled child and school district enrolled her at another school and are paying her nanny to be the one on one aide but they still haven't thoroughly investigated her previous school site to make sure it is safe for other children, There is inadequate housing for anyone with disabilities in our area there are no jobs for people with disabilities in our area.	5/15/2015 1:44 PM
535	Lack of employment opportunities and the training of skills to be employable. Respite services are lacking for those with medical and behavioral needs. Need better support in transitioning to adult services in health, community supports and employment.	5/14/2015 6:11 PM
536	More respite services	5/14/2015 12:19 PM
537	Proper funding from Regional Center to support SLS Services	5/14/2015 8:01 AM
538	Transportation	5/13/2015 10:27 AM
539	In our rural area we have a real lack of supports, both vendored and generic. It is expensive to live here, rents and property values are much higher than in Kern county. My client have a much harder time living on a limited income. Affordable housing is not available. Section 8 has not even been open for my clients to even get on the list in the almost 7 years I have been a service coordinator. Transportation is another big issue for my clients. The outlying areas, where they could possibly find affordable housing, there is no bus service to. There no weekend or evening bus service in many areas. How can my clients have access to even attend a movie or see friends if there is not bus service to get back home? Community Integration for social recreation was something taken away by the State - My clients are isolated and have no real opportunities for socialization other than the 1 day program in all of Inyo and Mono counties.	5/13/2015 8:46 AM
540	I am new to this community and am starting on services for my 6 year old son. In home support and school is a must	5/12/2015 5:52 PM
541	I have seen a lack of transportation for homes that may not be able to have their own wheelchair van and supported living wheelchair transportation. Currently there are not enough homes in community that are ADA compliant, especially in the NBRC catchment area. Many of the day programs are full as well and there is a need for more services for clients in community during the day.	5/12/2015 12:08 PM
542	Abuse-Schools should be taught about children with disabilities, make them a part of their school, engage with them not treat them as outsiders	5/12/2015 10:50 AM
543	There is a gap between the need for services, and the actual availability of services. Agencies, both public, and private, pass the buck. Getting early identification and intervention is difficult for children with invisible disabilities. Failure to identify, and lack of services have been our experience.	5/12/2015 10:32 AM
544	My son has been on a wait list for over a year for help with job placement. Housing options are limited and difficult to access, and wait lists are very long. Many individuals I know are not receiving the services they should be, or the services are inadequate to their needs.	5/11/2015 4:48 PM
545	1) New places or activities to take clients. 2) There needs to be a point of contact person who can follow up with questions that clients have. 3) It seems employers do not want to hire our consumers because its too difficult.	5/11/2015 1:19 PM
546	Advocacy	5/11/2015 12:52 PM
547	Available services for adults diagnosed with Autism is poor in California (i.e., employment options, vocational training options, etc.). Generic services are also lacking regarding the aforementioned dx.	5/11/2015 12:17 PM
548	My child needs to learn to be safe in the water however the school and regional center do not want to provide swimming instruction. We have paid for lessons privately, however due to limited resources, we are not able to provide them consistently for him to be able to aquire this skill.	5/11/2015 10:48 AM

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549	There is an EXTREME shortage of work for our young adults that want to have living wages There is also an HUGE lack of housing for individuals who because of their disability cannot live in a group home...they prefer to be alone and have less activity in the house/apartment because they use all of their coping skills while they are at work	5/11/2015 8:49 AM
550	Transition Students ages 18 -22 need the support of a Mental Health Therapist, many of them have experienced trauma in their younger years and often have somewhat challenging family lives. Many of these students by the age of 20 are on their way to becoming pre Diabetic, Having a program to instill the importance of moderating sugar intake for these students would be great.	5/10/2015 11:14 PM
551	Early Intervention, IHSS, respite, Medi-Cal	5/9/2015 4:32 PM
552	Transition from school-aged services to adult services is abysmal, Meaningful work opportunities, independent living opportunities and the supports needed to allow people with disabilities to be meaningful participants in society are lacking at best and non existent at worst.	5/9/2015 10:53 AM
553	Early intervention in the home (0-3), and we are trying to get respite in the home since I can't leave her with anyone who is not trained so I only leave the house for Dr appointments.	5/9/2015 8:41 AM
554	The standards for the child to meet are very low. Once the delayed child meets this very low standard they are considered helped enough - graduated from services, but given nothing else to help them, but they're no where near being able to compete with their typical peers.	5/9/2015 7:32 AM
555	We need better special education supports for the general education teachers so that students with intellectual delays can be fully included in the general education classes. This should be a common practice not a fight with the district to receive inclusion.	5/9/2015 7:00 AM
556	It all starts with early education, that is a given, train when young. My other answers we have yet to experience, but I view them as our priorities as our now elementary age child grows up.	5/9/2015 6:40 AM
557	Speech therapy is not available for children under 3.	5/9/2015 12:52 AM
558	all are scarce	5/8/2015 10:13 PM
559	Very few recreational activities for people adults with autism and behavior issues.	5/8/2015 5:52 PM
560	Waiting for self determination to be implemented looking forward to housing to be more available	5/8/2015 5:35 PM
561	Lack of housing options, for persons who use wheelchairs	5/8/2015 10:30 AM
562	Support staff through community vendors are not paid enough to allow them to live in Santa Barbara, There is no longevity of support staff and therefore there is a deminishment of quality service.	5/7/2015 1:33 PM
563	Leaving the Public School system is the area of most concern. Parents are not being properly prepared for the TRUE oportunites for their consumer. They are lead to believe they'll get jobs and welcomed into the adult world. False...very few will actually be qualified for any work program. Work program, ADC and B-Mod program are the actual choices and they are limited on how many of those programs can full the need.	5/7/2015 12:54 PM
564	Help in the school setting	5/7/2015 12:49 PM
565	I have found that many individuals are not able to access services for their health. There is a lot of fear in the older population around going in for health concerns or problems the naturally arise with aging, Housing is an extreme area of need. The only solution is an increase in affordable housing options. Individuals with developmental disabilities are limited to part time employment, usually in a limited position. Greater partnership between local businesses and agencies may expand the options.	5/7/2015 12:01 PM
566	Affordable housing is very limited here. Meaningful employment options are also very limited. We seem to have plenty of sheltered employment opportunities, but I'd love to see more community partnerships that would allow our clients to have more opportunities in typical work settings (with appropriate support). And, since funding for social recreation programs was cut from our budget in 2008, there has been a need for recreational activities for our adults. Children have these needs too, but there are more resources for this age group. Our adult population is pretty much limited to Special Olympics (which is not suitable for or preferred by everybody).	5/7/2015 11:34 AM

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567	Every week we receive multiple requests from families calling our office (we provide respite care) asking if we can refer them to someone who can help them with their daily childcare needs. Most have made multiple calls to licensed childcare providers in the community which cannot provide the level of supervision needed by their child. Compounding the problem is that TCRC only pays \$3/hr for childcare for kids under age 12, unless a health & safety waiver is requested. This low rate is supposed to account for the "supplemental supervision" required specific to the child's disability, and not meant to fully-fund the childcare cost that any parent would be expected to pay. The problem inherent here is that community childcare staff are paid \$10-\$14/hr to provide group care, and most families typically only pay \$3-\$5/hr for full-time childcare. Statewide advocacy is needed to remove the median rate mandate to RC's for childcare, and to raise the childcare funding rate to a practical level that will actually allow community childcare providers to accept our kids. This giving parents more options for both spouses to work and for siblings to be cared for at the same childcare. -Sharon Francis Channel Islands Social Services	5/7/2015 11:09 AM
568	The "threat" to ending supported employment will cost many people jobs as they will not be employable in regular jobs due to behaviors and lack of ability. SLS/ILS are valuable services that cannot survive due to low reimbursement rates and rising costs. Many landlords are refusing to accept section 8 vouchers and people wanting to live alone are challenged in finding 1 bedroom or studio apartments. Current rules that prevent providers from owning housing units and renting to clients has a negative effect to the overall housing picture.	5/7/2015 10:29 AM
569	Many of our older clients need supports to be able to work in our community. If we had somebody who could actively solicit job opportunities, I suspect more of our consumers/clients would be out in the workforce of our community. Our health care system is small, specialists come periodically. Many of our clients have to travel five hours or more to receive medical care beyond the everyday illness type of stuff.	5/7/2015 7:49 AM
570	Mostly families want babysitters. They like to call it ABA, but usually it's just to get free baby-sitting. Why not just offer it outright.	5/6/2015 4:57 PM
571	Areas of need transition from exiting high school age 22 to adult programs	5/6/2015 4:50 PM
572	There is a lack of funding and opportunities for recreation, people are lonely, isolated, and don't have the money or opportunity to participate in activities. It is difficult as a provider to offer more opportunities due to money constraints, lack of funding/reimbursement for activities, and increases liability. It is not worth the risk most of the time. Many of our folks have been victims of some sort of abuse or could be and again lack of reimbursement for this type of education/training in this area is not funded. The new bill having vendors partner with Dept. of Rehab. will not solve this issue due to companies needing to open a completely separate non-profit company, if not already established. This is a costly investment obtaining separate insurance, maintaining non-profit status, and addressing liability issues.	5/6/2015 9:49 AM
573	Transition information, recreation opportunities and specific self personal ADL growth opportunities.	5/4/2015 5:32 PM
574	ALL THREE ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND I'M 63 YRS OLD.	5/4/2015 4:08 PM
575	Employment in sub minimum wage group working in a very large high tech company cafeteria, RC caregiver financial support in supported living leased home, local transportation, training.	5/3/2015 7:35 AM
576	Supplemental Composite Score Summary Table	5/2/2015 8:54 AM
577	There are NO support groups of any type in my county (Monterey), and I have to wonder "why?". The hospitals, the County Office of Education, SELPA, CHADD – all seem to believe there is little support for parent-support groups, but statistically there MUST be a need here.	5/2/2015 8:28 AM
578	Health-1. Dental Care is a serious concern. Also sensitivity training for doctors. Recreation-Too many adults with dd sit all weekend and watch tv Community living in local communities or nearby to maintain family support/connection	5/1/2015 10:46 AM
579	There are very few day programs that are able or willing to support adults with autism who are on the low functioning side of the spectrum	5/1/2015 9:48 AM
580	We know that early intervention results in better lives in the long run. Everyone deserves to work and to have their efforts valued. The push to eliminate commensurate wages, will result in loss of work opportunities for some people with greater support needs. Safe, reliable and affordable Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to both work and recreation that people with disabilities face. A lot of entry level jobs have shifts that fall outside of regular public transit hours on central coast. Going on a normal evening date (dinner and movie) almost impossible unless they are willing to pay as much for taxi as they are for the dinner and movie....with no job, how's that gonna work?	5/1/2015 9:22 AM

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581	I needed real help with an appeal of a regional center decision and it was difficult to get. I wish all parents got a primer on navigating Medi-Cal, IHSS, GGRC, CCS, and the local public school special ed dept. Each is a bureaucratic maze,	4/30/2015 9:56 PM
582	Our son is transitioning from full-time employment in a sheltered employment situation to minimum wage employment. We were concerned that he was only working 4 hours a day. Then his employer decided to keep the crew engaged by supplementing the work time with community activities for 2 hours. I am worried that the changes will cause his employer to find this business model unprofitable and my son will be out of a job altogether. The waiting list for Section 8 housing availability is too long,	4/30/2015 9:21 PM
583	Advocacy	4/30/2015 12:37 PM
584	I have exxperienced a savere lack of real community jobs for people whom we serve, as well as a lack of great and appropriate healthcare and housing options,	4/30/2015 11:59 AM
585	Essential are employment that pays a living wage and is not dependent on higher education. Additionally, affordable housing and adequate public transit is needed for independence.	4/30/2015 11:37 AM
586	Not enough employment networking to build jobs, I have attended one abuse training in ten years in this field and it was about getting through the abuse not preventing the abuse, peoples choices are taken away without them even knowing they have choice	4/29/2015 2:47 PM
587	Self Advocacy President from 1999-2003 CAC President 2008- 20011 SCLARC Board member 2000- 2003 2006-2008 2008-20011	4/29/2015 11:39 AM
588	Little to no transportation assistance to father, with limited mobility and being legally blind. Ramps are too far away from areas needed the most. Father fell downstairs.	4/29/2015 11:23 AM
589	From my own experience, I can say that early intervention is the key for our children to be successful in their lives, Child care is very important when we have a child with disabilities because it's hard to go back to work if you don't have a person who you can truly trust with your child. Employment, is a big issue since once they child gets out of the school system, it's very important for them to have a place where they can work and get a pay check also a place to call home is something the adults and their families need since it is hard for them to find an affordable one	4/29/2015 11:09 AM
590	Lack of Mental Health and awareness in Lake County, despite the repeated meetings with the Board of Supervisors, Need Peer Support Specialist trained to work one on one with clients/Behavioral Health / Regional Center of California, and the State Board. Lake County has to be the worst county for services, we are the third depressed and have a huge homeless population with a huge number of mental health issues.	4/29/2015 9:22 AM
591	All people want to be self determined, not just Regional Center clients. Housing and employment are 2 of the cornerstones of self determination.	4/29/2015 7:50 AM
592	Provision of services that allow someone with special needs to achieve their personal goals while being with their families and not being pushed to fill some "artificial quota" designed by people who do not know them or what they want in life. Having services that follow through on agreements made during team meetings.	4/29/2015 4:16 AM
593	Lack of places to include daycare for special needs kids qualified people. Enough educational support for kids 3-22 Not enough support for inclusion in general Ed	4/28/2015 7:18 PM
594	drivers training, job coach,	4/28/2015 5:13 PM
595	As a Special Education Teacher, I have often been frustrated with trying to help students and families connect with social/community/employment opportunities for high school/college age groups. Most often the problem results from lack of or inadequate funding.	4/28/2015 11:17 AM
596	Schools provide many needed services. It is important that a good IEP is established and enforced. It is also imperative that the IEP is incorporated into the IPP so that the caseworker makes sure that the IEP is followed.	4/28/2015 11:00 AM
597	Housing is allways a big issue with rental history, deposits, etc.	4/28/2015 10:50 AM
598	I think resources are so limited in our area that community supports employment in housing are critical for people with disabilities to be safe and independent.	4/28/2015 10:35 AM
599	We've not found something that fits our child (#1). All through his life special Olympics was not for him, he couldn't connect/relate.	4/28/2015 10:29 AM
600	It is often difficult to get the services mandated by state law in the more remote and rural parts of the state - there simply is not the expertise available. Perhaps someone can research alternatives for things like speech and behavioral therapy, occupational therapy, respite care and similar services.	4/28/2015 10:26 AM

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601	lack of community education in schools and elsewhere that help the general population understand the differently abled and our societies prejudices that need to be overcome.	4/28/2015 9:52 AM
602	Responsive employees with Tri-Counties to go out and assess individuals and connect them with services and housing.	4/28/2015 9:23 AM
603	The provider community is being strangled by California's DDS budget cuts over the last several years (30). Rates have been frozen and the DDS budget has been cut by a billion dollars. This is causing a shortage in staffing and high turnover. This in turn is causing a poor quality of life for the people being served. Anything the State Council can do to encourage the state to increase the DDS budget is very needed.	4/28/2015 9:08 AM
604	People living in hotels or Convalescent Hospitals when they need a permanent home. Housing in this area is too expensive for SSI. No and limited transportation. Lack of real job opportunities.	4/28/2015 8:55 AM
605	day program and transportation	4/28/2015 8:52 AM
606	transition smooth from hs to adult agencies. collaboration	4/28/2015 8:40 AM
607	The schools have very little resources. Individuals with disabilities in my community do not have many options for their life post-school. Programs and resources are extremely limited or nonexistent.	4/28/2015 7:31 AM
608	1. Because of tight school budgets it is difficult to get all the educational/counseling services these students need. Many students would benefit with having a SCIA (one-on-one aide) but budgets can't support that. There also needs to be a state mandated teacher/student ratio for Special Day Classes that will enable student success. Because I am a K-2 teacher most of my students are too young to understand quality assurance, but the families need education in their rights and classes on safety/abuse prevention.	4/28/2015 7:27 AM
609	Established Rates and reimbursement structure do not support employment first outcomes. There is not enough affordable housing available. Expansion of and supports for people to understand and benefit from self-determination is needed.	4/28/2015 7:08 AM
610	Social programs for young adults or rec classes would be helpful. More inclusivity	4/28/2015 6:47 AM
611	There are limited good resources in this county (Solano) for persons with developmental disabilities. There need to be more classes or certificated programs in Life Skills at the community colleges. Really do believe it's time the community colleges stepped up and offered educational/vocational programs or make life coaches available.	4/28/2015 3:42 AM
612	Difficulties with properly accessing FAPE and related services for my 3 developmentally disabled children; SVUSD's (and Moorpark College) "agreement"/Memorandum of Understanding TCRC which essentially serves as somewhat of a "gag order," stripping away an individual's right to seek advocacy from Regional Center during IEP meetings and other important meetings with the school district (within Ventura County); a lack of information/desire to work with us from TCRC service coordinator Cheri Lanier re: self-determination; difficulty accessing and/or being given information re: Formal and Informal Community Supports by TCRC.	4/28/2015 1:00 AM
613	I've seen huge success with early intervention and would love to see more in this area. I also work with high school students and I know that a lot of them struggle with employment and transportation, especially after graduation.	4/27/2015 9:29 PM
614	No support for the residents! Service coordinators have no feelings for the residents they are suppose to serve.	4/27/2015 7:21 PM
615	Getting early childhood service, and diagnosis in our area, was difficult	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
616	lack of jobs for individuals who have low skills and work very slowly. We need a lower min wage for individuals with intellectual disabilities so they are able to be employed and still provide value back to their employer	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
617	We have to fight for our daughters education. There should be a more streamlined system in place.	4/27/2015 6:30 PM
618	IEP support.	4/27/2015 6:14 PM
619	Children with combination disorders but not autism are overlooked. Sensory processing isn't on the spectrum, resources for this type of disorder are next to none and education and support are zero in Humboldt county.	4/27/2015 5:57 PM
620	We've had issues with our daughters IEP and it's been nothing but a struggle and fight to get her the services she needs and deserves.	4/27/2015 5:06 PM
621	Health, housing, advocacy community support programs...	4/27/2015 4:03 PM

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622	We have many individuals capable of working, but they are often not considered for employment opportunities; those that are offered opportunity are often given very few hours (10-15/wk) and many are expected to have support staff even if they may not need it. I feel that the most needed service is one that would provide a job coach to assist individuals in applying for employment and assisting them in being successful in that employment. Some may always need assistance, but others could easily fade the assistance and likely perform very well on their own; I see many individuals with disabilities that are extremely capable and reliable, more so than those without disabilities in my opinion. Self-determination and abuse prevention is key to creating safe independence and continuing to empower those with disabilities that historically have been given less power and have not been treated equally, with respect and dignity.	4/27/2015 4:01 PM
623	Young Adults with Special Needs have trouble finding appropriate employment & housing. I also feel that their safety is critical as they can become victimized (sp) . This population is very trusting of the general public.	4/27/2015 2:41 PM
624	The funding crisis for our system is resulting in a dire lack of housing, employment, and transportation options, and service providers who are skilled and quality-minded in these areas. This is especially the case in the Bay Area.	4/27/2015 2:04 PM
625	We need more affordable housing needed for low wage earners. Better transportation to get to jobs at odd hours. More opportunities for jobs.	4/27/2015 1:47 PM
626	Health: it is extremely difficult in our area to get medical support teams (doctors, nurses, medical office staff) to understand the needs of our clients. Housing: it's again difficult in our area to find housing for our clients. Transportation is a huge issue in our area because many of our clients need to go out of county to get good medical help.	4/27/2015 1:30 PM
627	At present, there is a conflict of interest - the agency that identifies a child's needs - must pay for the services. The funding is based on the organizations needs - not the child's. There is no developmental justification for ending services at 3yo.	4/27/2015 12:57 PM
628	Education, My son is in a preschool that He and I love. It is right next to his sister's elementary school and that is where we want him to go for K-5 BUT YCOE is saying that he will go to the school THEY choose, NOT the school I choose. Why is it that they can let him go to a preschool, make friends and then not let him move with them into Elementary? Why can't he go to the school I (who knows him better than anyone) know is the best fit? Why can't he get to go to the same school as his sister? Why is it okay for me to move my NT child but not my ASD child. It is Discrimination!	4/27/2015 12:45 PM
629	Working in a day program for 30 years, there have been no increase in the funding we receive for an extremely long time. Rents and utilities, gas and vehicle maintenance and utilities have increased exponentially. We have not been able to give out staff increases in salary for over 10 years. We cannot find jobs for our clients with programs like "Work-ability" working for free. Early intervention continues to be the best course for individuals to receive help early on.	4/27/2015 12:19 PM
630	Testing in school and learning support	4/27/2015 12:16 PM
631	Information on possibilities A DDS/RC Section 8 look-alike program until Section 8 rental assistance is available from PHA Ways to reduce the bureaucratic nonsense that goes on within regional centers	4/27/2015 11:57 AM
632	More access to dental services and transportation to get to dental providers. Need root canal and periodontal specialists	4/27/2015 11:41 AM
633	My daughter is 7 yrs old and we have NBRC. She did get early intervention and that was great. But we definitely need more supports in place. What happens to our kiddos when they age out of the system?	4/27/2015 11:17 AM
634	For self-determination I believe as a family member it is important for my family to be part of the process. Recently, I did not sign a IPP that indicated I was part of a meeting I which I was not. My point is include us it will make the system better. Respite needs that are not appropriate for family needs and then push families into considering outside placement. Does that cost the state more?	4/27/2015 11:11 AM
635	More worksites are needed for supported employment both individual and group.	4/27/2015 10:54 AM
636	Housing is most crucial for my high functioning son who wants to work full time and does not get ssi and is making 9.30 an hour with no chance to move up. Housing is impossible.... So expensive.	4/27/2015 10:50 AM
637	Lack of quality and adequate childcare for families, which includes care for adult clients Community supports for clients are extremely limited and many clients with significant behavioral issues are excluded from many of these programs. Quality Assurance: services for clients are not client-centered, but rather funding-centered/providers are paid a very low rate to serve clients with high needs	4/27/2015 10:50 AM
638	Respite and some behavioral supports	4/27/2015 10:49 AM

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639	In the N. Bay transportation is an issue and persons with disabilities can only find it during M-F, day hours. This has inhibited their employment search.	4/27/2015 10:44 AM
640	Early intervention	4/27/2015 7:29 AM
641	Would like to see programs at school continue into the late afternoon and/or have programs to help the teens be active and have schedules during holiday/summer breaks from school. Most parents don't give that time off, it's hard to find help for those hours as well because from 3 to 6 is such a short amount of time, it's not feasible to hire someone to help when it's most needed.	4/26/2015 7:25 PM
642	Dept. of Rehabilitation is not coordinated with Regional Center. Question the interest of DOR identifying and finding jobs for Regional Center clients, Self Determination needs to be coordinated with development of housing subsidizing and with Sec. 8 vouchers that do not take 5 years or more to obtain.	4/25/2015 10:00 PM
643	There is a need in Alameda County for a Licensed Pediatric Day Health Center dedicated to providing nursing services in a day care setting along with and early intervention to children with special and medical needs. IN combination of comprehensive nursing care with invaluable childhood experiences of play and socialization. This would be in addition/ to supplement or an alternative to in-home nursing care. This will further support families in returning to the workforce to become contributing citizens and provide a sense of ease as their child' medical needs are handled by trained health professionals WHILE the child socializes with others, More places for Respite: George Mark Children's Home changed their funding and some families are no longer able to receive services.	4/24/2015 4:53 PM
644	Need more accessible, affordable housing. More transportation options. Employment training and supports.	4/24/2015 4:45 PM
645	In Mendocino County CA, it is very difficult to find housing for clients. Locals to Mendocino explain that this is due to a sour history between adults with disabilities and landlords which stemmed from when the institutions were shut down. Allegedly, there were a lot of squatters who had disabilities and landlords have been wary ever since of renting to this population. In terms of safety/abuse prevention, I think that vendors and agencies need to have mandatory training for mandated reporting. I have worked in an SLS company in the past that did not train staff on how to obtain, complete, and submit reports for Adult Protective Services (APS) or Child Protective Services (CPS). Staff for vendors need to be made aware that the phrase "Mandated Reporting" means that they are held legally responsible for reporting even SUSPECTED abuse of a dependent adult. Where I worked before in SLS, staff did not receive proper training on what would necessitate an APS or CPS report. Instead, if we observed anything, we were to tell management, who would then file the APS report themselves. However, the problem with doing that is: what if the management abuses a client? Having Mandated Reporter trainings for vendors, and proof of such trainings submitted by the vendors might help workers feel empowered in the care of clients. Self-Determination is the third option that I selected because I feel that it is always a priority that those with disabilities understand their rights and responsibilities, that they make informed decisions, and take charge of their own lives as much as they possibly can. People with disabilities have goals, dreams, hobbies, likes and dislikes, political opinions, opinions about where and with whom they would like to live, where to shop, work, or go to school. At no point should any type of service provider, social worker, medical specialist, or anyone else infringe on the basic rights of people with disabilities. Clients should know that they can receive information about services or products that could assist them, and they should have those choices presented to them as options rather than as mandatory obligations. People in the support team have the responsibility of making sure that clients have as much information as possible to make the choices that are the best for them.	4/24/2015 11:28 AM
646	I work with transition age people. It has become more and more difficult to help individuals access work and/or day programs in our area. We just don't have enough programs available that address the individual needs and challenges of our clientele. There is a similar problem with housing, but not quite as much.	4/24/2015 10:14 AM
647	In our area there is a severe lack of services especially for clients who have graduated recently. Day programs, independent living skills services, transportation, transportation training, work programs, supported employment, and supported living are all needed.	4/24/2015 10:00 AM
648	As a Regional Center Service Coordinator, I feel that the community supports for our clients are limited and not easily accessible (this includes individual, family, and group therapies, parent support groups, psychiatric follow up and not just med reviews, and activities that make accommodations for children with special needs so that they can participate as well. Health-this goes back to therapies and psychiatric follow ups. Currently we have two psychiatrists in Ukiah and neither one is able to provide weekly, bi-weekly, or even monthly psychiatric follow up, rather it is a medication review every 6 months. Safety and Abuse Prevention - other than working with an RCRC funded behavior agency, there are not community resources available to parents and clients to increase safety awareness. Also, parent support groups. This is something parents ask me about on a regular basis. There is a need in our community for the parents to be able to come together and be supported.	4/24/2015 9:43 AM

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649	<p>Employment in our counties is difficult all around. Add that with lack of adequate transportation due to living in rural communities and employers who may not understand the benefits of hiring someone with a developmental/intellectual disability and gainful employment is hard to come by. If clients had gainful employment, they may be better equipped to increase their own education and/or afford adequate housing. Clients who are considered high functioning are finding it difficult to receive the supports they need in elementary, middle and high school settings, and even more difficult if they want to attend college as there is very limited college prep classes or instruction in our local schools. I also believe that Self Determination should be at the top of everyone's priorities.</p>	4/24/2015 9:42 AM
650	<p>Lack of affordable, safe housing continues to be a barrier to independence. Quality support services (SLS/ILS) are very difficult to acquire.</p>	4/24/2015 9:27 AM
651	<p>I work in resource development and these are the areas that come up the most often as requiring the most development, support and/or monitoring.</p>	4/24/2015 9:23 AM
652	<p>People with skills who cannot find appropriate work languish at the mall! I see way too many abuse reports. We have not addressed the issue of teaching people how not to be victims to have friends. I don't have the answers, but people have to value themselves and have access to healthy food, true friends, opportunities to truly "belong" to their communities. Maybe need more community education?</p>	4/24/2015 9:22 AM
653	<p>Lack of affordable, safe housing for individuals with fixed lower incomes, this affects all citizens. Also, the lack of skilled, knowledgeable, local generic resources that can affectively work with, treat, support persons with complex needs - including medical and dental personnel, mental health resources, etc</p>	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
654	<p>Mental Health- local Mental Health is in shambles and RC vendored psychiatrists are not taking referrals as they are booked solid. Employment - Dual diagnosis clients need specialized employment situations as present vocational training vendors cannot deal with behavior issues. Housing - Why the state refuses to raise rates for residential homes is beyond me. SLS uses up the biggest chunk of our operating budget. Many clients are best served in a residential home setting and they are slowly all closing as rates make it impossible for them to survive,</p>	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
655	<p>The cost of housing in most areas of the state is completely unaffordable to individuals living on SSI/SSP, forcing them to continue living with family long after that is a truly positive situation, and long after other adults w/o disabilities would have moved out. As a broker for people in self-directed services I have personally seen what can happen when people w/ disabilities take back control of their lives - not just what services they get or what cost savings may occur for the state, but people's belief that they are competent and can make decisions that others will listen to, instead of the very paternalistic system that most people find themselves in - even if well intentioned and thoughtful. Far too many people w/ disabilities are being hurt and abused -which is obviously a problem in and of itself, but I often wind up working with those who have taken that experience and then turned it on themselves or others, creating far bigger problems down the road.</p>	4/24/2015 9:02 AM
656	<p>No enough paid employment, not enough low income or wheelchair accessible housing, inadequate health care- especially dental needs</p>	4/24/2015 8:48 AM
657	<p>It is very difficult to find quality respite help. They pay very little next to minimum wage which attracts less qualified people. These sitters need to be ultra qualified when working with special needs individuals. Thus they need to pay more to attract qualified staff.</p>	4/23/2015 6:59 PM
658	<p>Limited employment opportunities. Need for safe affordable housing. Gaps in medical funding and lack of medical providers.</p>	4/23/2015 2:45 PM
659	<p>more opportunities for supported living, such as residential care facilities, and community day program opportunities that allow access to the community as well as opportunities to engage in meaningful work, whether through volunteer or paid employment</p>	4/23/2015 8:28 AM
660	<p>Inadequate educational staffing support.</p>	4/23/2015 7:50 AM
661	<p>As a new consumer, my daughter, with my assistance investigated vendored IL service providers before she had her first IPP meeting. I spoke by telephone to several agencies before we visited the one that seemed likely to be a good fit for her. She enjoyed interacting with the staff and they were very responsive to her. Since she has a dual diagnosis, her comfort was paramount. At the IPP meeting her service provider agreed to submit her request to the committee. The committee assigned her to a different service provider. There was no explanation from the committee. I felt that our efforts to find a suitable service provider were disrespected. It was not a good start for my daughter.</p>	4/22/2015 8:03 PM

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662	With ILS my staff do an excellent job doing meal planning, cooking, and other things. I'm really happy with these services and they make a really big difference in my life and need them, With employment I need help to make sure I'm doing my job right so I can keep my job, With transportation/paracruz I've been frustrated and wondering why they keep having to rebook my pickup time to earlier times than what I choose and they make a lot of mistakes with booking.	4/22/2015 6:57 PM
663	I live in Davis. Pretty good services but I have begun to see few options, Folks having to travel to Sacramento to get more variety. Services not keeping up with the times; still old school in many ways. Employment seems very limited. I really wanted to say transition, as my biggest concern as an advocate is that folks are not exposed in the high school years to what is out there. Not even sure if parents know about services. Really don't feel the Regional Centers advocate for people. They don't share information, families have to do all the work! They have become too big!! Can't meet people's needs.	4/22/2015 6:02 PM
664	For many years I've been working with area board9 they been able to provide my family with efficacy and direction on where to go and what to do and how to do it I've been very pleased with the services of advocacy.	4/22/2015 5:34 PM
665	So far our he has only benefitted from respite services and supplies (i.e. Pull-ups)	4/22/2015 12:08 PM
666	Employment. Traditional working environments for competitive employment. Education can come later after working. Stopping the 18-21 funding, and just make it adult funding would get individuals that are 28-45 employment so they can contribute to society. Many times individuals that are 18-21 are not good cohorts for looking at this, the need is seasoned workers to get into employment. Housing, finding apartment type complexes that are receiving any types of subsidies w/residents of 200 or more units, requiring 10% of their residents be developmentally disabled, w/o it being solely restricted to veterans, so there is a chance for integration w/in traditional community settings and marrying up their hired staffing needs to reflect IHSS, ILS, SLS, personnel at the apartment complexes...similar to senior citizen apartment complexes. Some have suggested that senior apartment complexes take on singular 10% developmentally disabled individuals into them, because they are using the same support services. Also, there are communal events in these types of settings.	4/22/2015 10:08 AM
667	More housing in San Luis Obispo, City bus training for SLO. More jobs for the disabled.	4/22/2015 7:45 AM
668	There are not enough program options for adults with developmental disabilities, autism and behavior challenges. Programs do not meet the unique needs of the young adults that need appropriate services and options for work.	4/21/2015 4:17 PM
669	Advocacy for my sister.	4/21/2015 3:40 PM
670	Child care programs need training about appropriate services to parents with intellectual disabilities and their children. There needs to be better quality and monitored ILS services and more appropriate intervention for parents with intellectual disabilities and their children. Cost of transportation is a huge barrier to many services.	4/21/2015 2:45 PM
671	Community Supports - I am able to attend events from recreational programs if they are planned out well in advance. If I would like to go out on a weeknight (such as say the farmers market) I am unable to go because I am stuck at my group home because there is only one staff that works. Housing - I live in a group home that I enjoy but my we continually lose staff. We completely lost all my staff (6 staff) in 2015 in my house Quality Assurance - If there are problems that I have and my homes staff is unable to help me I need to have a place I can go to help me get the answers I need	4/21/2015 2:36 PM
672	Community Services - I have had trouble with my In home living services. It took me a year to find a new service because many companies have shut their ILS services down. No I have found a new company but they are having trouble finding staff for me. Housing - I have been fortunate to live on my own for a while now but many of peers have not been able to and have asked me how I was able to live on my own. Quality Assurance - I have had problems where my direct support staff are unable to figure out how to solve my problems. I am able to go to the SCDD Central Coast Office and they are able to answer my questions everytime. I have refereed these services to my peers many times.	4/21/2015 2:12 PM
673	There is very little programs for children aging out of the education system. People have little choices as to what is available for special needs children as the age out of the educations system.	4/21/2015 1:12 PM
674	I don't feel the schools are equipping themselves with the right kind of information to assist some individuals	4/21/2015 12:35 PM
675	I've experience a lot of bullying, abuse at home, and from people in the community. It's 2015 and people still aren't used to seeing an adult with a disability. I've gone on many outings in the community and from my experiences it has been uncomfortable and frustrating. Uncomfortable when your getting stares from citizens in the community like were doing something wrong. Frustrating when business's in the community are not helpful and patient with adults with disabilities. My biggest issue would be transportation. Many times when taking the RT bus drivers have been rude and inconsiderate.	4/21/2015 11:41 AM

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676	My son is quadriplegic (38 yrs old) and considered medically fragile - there are no groups homes for him here and I am trying to set up my home, but there are few supports, Casa de Vida is not an option.	4/21/2015 10:43 AM
677	My son got the early intervention from school I think that was great for him but wish they could of gave him more time than twice a week for 15min.	4/21/2015 5:36 AM
678	There is not any out of home respite sites in our area. Camp does not qualify for this anymore. We have had trouble finding dentists who accept MediCal. There is not a lot of recreation experiences for intellectually disabled children, We seem to fall in a gray area where our daughter is too advanced for some things, yet too mobile for others.	4/20/2015 6:29 PM
679	I was told from my regional center there were only four programs for me to chose from and of the four only one even came close to what my child would be content in,Two of the four she didn't even qualify for after I made the phone call to find out what the program was about.	4/20/2015 5:03 PM
680	I am a special ed teacher for severely and profound students in Kindergarten, 1st an 2nd grades. I have taught special ed for 34 years. Through my teaching I have interacted with all types of student services, especially speech ,APE, and OT and PT services. I have also helped the parents to try to get the correct health services.	4/20/2015 4:37 PM
681	Most individuals in my area with DD need more service providers that are familiar with the local area and Spanish culture or who can speak Spanish. Families tend to not support their family members in service delivery because they themselves cant participate in meetings due to lack of transportation or conflicts per work schedules.	4/20/2015 4:19 PM
682	drtqere	4/20/2015 2:29 PM
683	If I needed a job I go to VTE- UC Davis for dishwashing/ If i get more other jobs I go to CES for Davis/ If I get more activities and work on my math and budget, I go to No Barriers in Woodland also I got from No Barriers helped me to go to get a volunteer job at computer concepts from the director of No Barriers Joseph Zavala. Get more job opportunities and experiences in goals and skills.	4/20/2015 11:21 AM
684	My son receives services through Maxim	4/20/2015 10:54 AM
685	Need services, opportunities, access and proximity to recreation for social and recreation resources, assistance. Employment - no opportunities - not ready. Too long with transportation, poor. schools not preparing.	4/20/2015 10:38 AM
686	None	4/20/2015 10:24 AM
687	education: early intervention is important, all services need to be continued to adult age. students continue to make progress even as they get older. services in education seem to fall away the older they get. Housing: many many families are in need of affordable housing. also more housing is needed for persons with disabilities who wish to live independently as adults with support. Self determination: these skill need to be reinforced with families and individuals. to often they comply with regional center requests rather then formulating their own ideas and needs and then getting the services they want.	4/20/2015 7:59 AM
688	We are concerned that the sheltered workshops will be shutting down. The Hope Services workshop in Gilroy has been an important part of our sons life and cannot be replaced with inclusion programs. Housing is also a large problem, we have yet to find an acceptable option and so continue to have our 26yo son live at home.	4/19/2015 9:53 PM
689	School related services are insufficient and it is horribly expensive to pay privately even when your insurance will help (due to copays) for what is needed. Also we could not get aba through regional center because we got our asd dx after 3.	4/18/2015 7:13 PM
690	Many clients are not involved with a job or day program. Many are wanting to feel valued and important and able to be indepentant	4/17/2015 9:59 PM
691	<b>We desperately need housing for my sister-in-law who has Aspergers and lives with us. She needs independent living skills so she can learn how to clean up after herself and daily tasks such as putting clothes away. She drives and makes her own meals and is at PRIDE in Natomas, but she needs housing away from family and no one helps us with that. She needs ILS to learn to complete daily tasks.</b>	4/17/2015 7:19 PM
692	Lack of transition services, difficulty even getting the regional center to respond to my three special needs children. Allowed out of home care and when one plans a vacation, even a year ahead of time, there is no coverage for vacation. There should be permanent vacation beds in which you can schedule your time up to a year in advance.	4/17/2015 6:33 PM
693	The services that I have experienced with help cleaning my own cottage, and learning how to learn who is safe and unsafe through friendship check lists has been wonderful.	4/17/2015 4:32 PM

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694	Getting quality health care, dental care, equipment----e.g., wheelchairs, hearing aids, etc. Living in poorly regulated homes----homes remaining open with substantial deficiencies, Waiting lists for community support services	4/17/2015 3:45 PM
695	When I was a child I received educational support for my teachers. I was involved in special needs classes, they helped me meet my educational requirements that I needed to progress in life.	4/17/2015 1:16 PM
696	In our area it is hard to find inclusive recreational experiences for our 10 yr old	4/17/2015 12:42 PM
697	With the help of Housing Choices Coalition, I have my son on the waitlists for multiple affordable housing 1 and 2 bedroom apartments in Santa Clara County. The wait time is long and in some cases his income (SSI only) is too low to qualify. He is also on the waitlist for " section 8 housing"	4/17/2015 9:08 AM
698	Advocacy for my sister by SCDD local agency there were able to help me.	4/16/2015 11:27 PM
699	Staff and teachers not following the Educational Plan or making excuses not to follow the educational plan.	4/16/2015 3:19 PM
700	Employment and Housing	4/16/2015 2:26 PM
701	I see families who care for a severely disabled child who have a difficult time with getting respite care and competent child care or activities for their child outside of the school day.	4/16/2015 2:13 PM
702	Employment: More training Self-Determination: I get to make my own choices, Housing: More affordable housing.	4/16/2015 1:56 PM
703	My mom has a bus service that picks her up but she has to pay 3.00 each way to use and i would say 5-10 times there late or a no show.	4/16/2015 7:41 AM
704	In remote areas the services are poor. We live in SOuth LAke Tahoe. Very few training opportunities.NO College welcome...Our Dis resource center is pathetic. They do almost nothing (one ILS CLASS twice a year) for people with DD. We have NO living arrangements being developed.. No SLS.... we are invisible here.	4/15/2015 4:18 PM
705	Regional center not willing to provide behavioral support without reducing my respite hours. My son's diagnosis has changed because of no one to help him transition in the classroom regional center refused Behavioral support For 3 years, so did the school. My son now had a diagnosis of emotional dangerous fm lack of behavioral services.	4/15/2015 9:28 AM
706	In Education, our family member has been incredibly lucky to be included in a number of pilot programs - Autism Spectrum Inclusion Program (ASIP) in Oakland Unified School District, and currently, College Link Program (CLP) at CSUEB. These programs have been a tremendous help and success for those people who were lucky enough to get into them. Pilots like these need to be copied in other education districts, and need to be expanded where they've already exist and made more affordable at the college level. Employment: my autistic college student is majoring in theater arts and wants to become a voice actor, working in computer and console games, apps, and cartoons/anime. There's no path to that, and we're trying to find a roadmap for him, help him get an agent, etc. He's done voices for one iPhone app "MotivateMe", which was a project of a computer science student, who "discovered" my son standing in line at an off-campus pizza parlor. We need to find ways to help nurture gifts, talents and interests, and get them paid for what they can do. Housing: He's still living at home, sharing a room with his high school aged brother. I've been trying to get him to live in the college dorms since he started attending in fall 2010. The CLP program has supports (life skills training) for their students who are living on campus. But somehow, we keep missing out. I'm not sure why.	4/15/2015 9:09 AM
707	My son with autism is 14. He is in the gap of not being old enough for some programs and too old for others. For any recreational activities we have to go to Thousand Oaks area and Conejo Recreation because there is nothing in Ventura /Oxnard area. Why is this? No summer activities especially! My other complaint is that my service coordinator at Tri Counties doesn't seem educated about resources and ideas about areas to help my son. Thank goodness he goes to Triton Academy for school.	4/15/2015 6:53 AM

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

Answered: 871 Skipped: 232

#	Responses	Date
1	Transportation and early intervention.	6/9/2015 10:40 AM
2	An increase in respite hours provided to families with special needs children would offer much needed help.	6/9/2015 10:38 AM
3	More training and education to self-advocates and the provider community on the Employment First policy, bills that would impact employment services, and information and training on self-determination.	6/9/2015 10:32 AM
4	Support equal and quality employment opportunities for consumers.	6/9/2015 9:29 AM
5	Assure Olmstead is implemented. Make sure Regional Centers are doing what they should for housing and reaching out to communities and not just working in silos.	6/9/2015 6:39 AM
6	Stay in touch with the visibly impaired community what our needs are with what I mentioned above	6/9/2015 3:16 AM
7	Promote more services to the community	6/8/2015 11:00 PM
8	I don't know how the State Council can help other than to help provide more support to our advocating agencies and help to ensure that places like our group/private homes that are paid/funded through the state are living up to the quality that our kids need and deserve. No body deserves to be locked up and only spoken to when there is a directive or an issue to attend to.	6/8/2015 4:56 PM
9	Begin preparing/educating young adults w/DD and their families about what they'll need in their adult lives earlier than junior year in high school; assign each family with a "Transition counselor" to help them prepare for transition; educate employers as to the benefits of hiring from the DD community	6/8/2015 12:07 PM
10	Empowerment for the families and the individuals with disabilities: training, grants to open daycare centers run by BCBA, provide advocates to go to the schools	6/8/2015 9:58 AM
11	Help us know what resources are available and how to obtain them.	6/8/2015 9:18 AM
12	More and intense services traing to teenagers	6/7/2015 2:10 AM
13	Increase funding to provide adequate services	6/6/2015 10:59 PM
14	assure that Lanterman and IDEA are being implemented; provide oversight and advocacy	6/6/2015 3:28 PM
15	Keep sending us information that is up to date. Most people don't know their kids' rights or how to obtain them. Do anything you can - no one else is doing anything. Realize autism is a spectrum - a highly varied spectrum, my 18 year old son who has a 117 IQ and received a diploma is in a work program hanging up clothes because he has never had the social skills available to him through school or Regional Center, or any type of behavioral help, and now that he has been kicked out of college due to outbursts. The work programs are all based on low intellectually functioning people - not high functioning with other issues. Where is the "I" in IEP and IPP???	6/6/2015 12:51 PM
16	Please provide answer #3!!!!!!!!!!!!	6/6/2015 7:00 AM
17	Self advocacy training should begin in high school. Our disabled young people need to learn how to advocate there needs and the sooner we can teach that the better. We need college programs that work with these students. Job training and safe housing options.	6/5/2015 8:44 PM
18	Support their inclusion and involvement as full members of the community. Work with us to educate those who do not understand developmental disabilities.	6/5/2015 5:35 PM
19	Are they planning at all for the young adults who are aging out??? what will are people do and where will they work??	6/5/2015 4:39 PM
20	provide necessary funding for intellectual/development disabilities to prevent languishing in underfunded facilities with substandard care.	6/5/2015 4:19 PM

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21	pressure the CA Dept of Education to create a fair Due Process system. Currently the CDE picks the hearing office and has a conflict of interest and families rarely win. New law needed that says that if a consumer doesn't have an attorney the school district can't have one either. Same is true for Regional Centers.	6/5/2015 4:04 PM
22	Provide or secure a resource for advocacy, especially with IEPs, I have called the DRC, Area Board 3, and all other agencies on the past and either did not get a return phone call or was told they don't do IEPs unless the issue is systemic.	6/5/2015 3:53 PM
23	More Funding	6/5/2015 2:42 PM
24	Provide more psych help to older Clients Because you don't find doctor or hospital who take Medicare and Medical	6/5/2015 2:08 PM
25	By just trying to understand that this is a person with a disability - not a foreign body to be shunned. Therefore this person has the same needs and desires as they do - shelter, food and care.	6/5/2015 2:02 PM
26	consider the person abilities along with limitations	6/5/2015 10:39 AM
27	Provide training, jobs, counseling.	6/5/2015 10:18 AM
28	Education about providers and services	6/4/2015 9:42 PM
29	Funding for appropriate, deficit focused services. Support groups for kids, county and mental health engagement at the school/IEP level, and CUT THE RED TAPE. Check boxes, endless protocol and useless procedures only delay services from reaching those in need. Failure should not be the call to action- interventions before kids are hitting rock bottom is critical to long term success & treatment.	6/4/2015 8:51 PM
30	Unsure	6/4/2015 6:28 PM
31	Be willing to advocate on an individual basis for families/consumers in situations when there does not seem to be another advocate and/or Regional Center is not responding to their needs.	6/4/2015 4:32 PM
32	Schools need to be proactively engaged in developing meaningful transition plans with goals that are relevant to the individual's needs. NOT just a couple of general goals so they can show they met the requirement for a plan. The districts here in No. CA need to engage with post secondary providers, Dept of Rehab and community colleges to begin the transition process sooner rather than later. It is a broken system in No. CA, they are not communicating with each other. CDE has \$ for this purpose but is not actively instructing the districts, voc rehab, providers, community colleges, etc. to engage. There seems to be no motivation to do so.	6/4/2015 3:41 PM
33	Have the people w/ID/DD AND THEIR FAMILIES, be the decision makers collaboratively to tell lawmakers what they want. It seems as if lawmakers are making rules w/input of a few of their constituents that have family members w/ID/DD, put that isn't reality. Reality is that most families are not going to have the financial means that the constituents have. So there needs to be REAL grassroots from regular middle/lower class people.	6/4/2015 12:51 PM
34	Just by not cutting the states funds and remain having specialist to help others with disabilities to pass off their goals in life.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
35	The purpose of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is to make sure that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families get the services and supports they need. I think that it is unclear to families and consumers as to what the state council can do for them and their families.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
36	By advocating for the quality of services provided by community non-profits who have not lost sight of the reason for their existence.	6/4/2015 10:53 AM
37	Have a system where the aids and special ed teachers are observed without their knowledge to see the real picture. My daughter is being told by aids to help supervise other special ed kids, then she helps and tells aids when there is a problem and they say it's not your job. Well if the aids were doing their jobs less talking to each other, on cell phones it wouldn't be an issue. So glad next year is a new teacher and new aids.	6/4/2015 9:19 AM
38	Increased transparency. Parents don't know what services kids are eligible unless other parents tell them! Regional center or state council on developmental disabilities should make sure everyone is educated about services and supports.	6/4/2015 9:05 AM
39	Employer engagement, employer intensives, job development for people with disabilities	6/4/2015 8:45 AM
40	Provide direct advocacy again along with education/training and outreach.	6/4/2015 8:32 AM
41	Be a stronger and vocal voice in the State Capitol.	6/4/2015 8:21 AM
42	lobbying political officials so there is more awareness	6/4/2015 7:21 AM

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43	work with supported life and help them with people who want to come the conference	6/4/2015 2:07 AM
44	Offer policies and procedures, assist family and or advocates be better informed to follow policy and procedures to ensure "appropriate" intervention/treatment to avoid or diminish further disability and promote inclusion of impaired individuals to be members of community.	6/4/2015 12:26 AM
45	NA	6/3/2015 11:03 PM
46	Know that each has his or own needs and may need time to achieve his goals, Growth and development is a process. We need to continue educating our community so there is no stigma or fear of ones capability.	6/3/2015 9:26 PM
47	Continue Quality Assurance follow up; be a resource for families and help advocate for eligible students in the education system	6/3/2015 7:50 PM
48	The State Council needs a balance and check system to oversee the programs in the county. I have been a special ed teachers assistant for the county and I can first hand attest that our county is out of compliance on many levels.	6/3/2015 5:50 PM
49	Provide work opportunities / incentives for our clients to be come employed, so they can show businesses their value to their organization. Continue to provide self advocacy training to our clients - through grants vendors can apply for. Encourage alternative transportation options, especially in rural areas	6/3/2015 4:50 PM
50	to assist and provide any/all type of services to either the individual with the disability or to the families who will be providing their care to create a community where the providers of these individuals to work together so that they are close by to the housing where adults with disabilities to live independently and to give their parents/provider their own space and assist each other in caring for these kids who will grow up one day	6/3/2015 4:36 PM
51	Continue to lobby for legislation that increases budgetary support for developmental services across the lifespan so that service providers receive a cost of living increase and case coordinator for Regional Center clients have lower numbers of client caseloads so that they can develop relationships with clients and understand their needs.	6/3/2015 4:08 PM
52	Talk to the families and start holding people accountable for maliciously reporting families to cps with no repercussion.	6/3/2015 4:07 PM
53	Provide self- advocacy training.	6/3/2015 4:01 PM
54	A rate increase for vendors would be a good thing. We need to hire quality people who will stay. In order to do that we need to be able to offer them a competitive wage that will allow them to make a living.	6/3/2015 4:01 PM
55	Train assistants better in psychological relations, audit assistants better for honesty for productive hours turned in.	6/3/2015 3:54 PM
56	Be more open to alternative programs. The state is unduly rigid in it's ABA approach to autistic children. I know of a program which is far more effective for a fraction of the cost.	6/3/2015 3:32 PM
57	I lot of people and agencies say they are working to help adults with disabilities but who checking in on them? Sometimes I wonder are they just creating jobs for themselves (non-disabled).	6/3/2015 3:31 PM
58	Continue with outreach to the communities and trainings.	6/3/2015 3:21 PM
59	Facilitate better inter-agency collaboration among local agencies committed to working together for the greater good. Create better awareness of Area Boards and their areas of expertise and responsibility.	6/3/2015 3:10 PM
60	Provide quality services, a continuum of services crib to career	6/3/2015 2:17 PM
61	Provide direct assistance to individuals struggling to navigate the system and obtain services Support expansion of the FECs statewide so that parents will have local resource for advocacy, system navigation, parent to parent support, parent rights, etc.	6/3/2015 1:49 PM
62	They can advocate for their rights. They can place checks and balances into the system. In addition, they can provide the services necessary to meet the needs of those they support by staffing the office in Chico. They can honor their employees by abiding the labor laws.	6/3/2015 1:48 PM
63	Shawn is listed as autistic without speech or ability to function on his own, We need you help in keeping reasonable funding for client like Shawn.	6/3/2015 1:35 PM
64	Stop making the process for receiving services so difficult to obtain and access. Too much paperwork, relying on government employees who are hard to contact, or get contact back from	6/3/2015 12:29 PM
65	Engage in conversations with employers demonstrating unique skills of people.	6/3/2015 10:47 AM

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66	Provide community outreach to systems such as Kaiser; medic Cal; doctors; all health care systems and community employers to begin the process of eliminating discrimination and segregation.	6/3/2015 9:52 AM
67	Affordable housing. Emergency housing. Assistance keeping, finding and obtaining an affordable home.	6/2/2015 10:04 PM
68	Look at a PFCA report from a hearing at the State Capitol, oh maybe a dozen years ago... then Just Do It	6/2/2015 9:05 PM
69	Increase the IHSS rate to include the 7%reduction give back and either more money per hour or overtime rates.	6/2/2015 5:36 PM
70	More staffing and funding for the schools, ie one on one paraeducator, one on one behavior services. Teachers need help. More secure facilities.	6/2/2015 5:26 PM
71	I think the State Council can better help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by helping educate the community about the strengths and abilities of individuals with disabilities. We need to help our communities focus on what individuals are able to do and bring to the table instead of focusing on what the cannot do or have difficulty doing. I think the more we educate our communities, the more supportive our communities will be and the more natural supports we will have to support individuals with disabilities in being active and productive members of society.	6/2/2015 2:44 PM
72	GIVE THEM FUNDING NOT THE BULLET TRAIN	6/2/2015 1:42 PM
73	Provide more proactive services for adults and teens.	6/2/2015 9:21 AM
74	Promote awareness to employees and companies who tend to avoid hiring individuals with ID. Provide more programs that fund job coaches and on-the-job training. Continue to support and fund programs like College to Career at the community college level.	6/1/2015 3:54 PM
75	more funding	6/1/2015 12:12 PM
76	Provide them with more instructional aides in the classroom.	6/1/2015 12:00 PM
77	Advocate for services and funding.	6/1/2015 9:59 AM

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78	<p>Fund day programs for longer hours so family members can have jobs like other people. Day programs that I've encountered are only 6 hours long. This makes parents of disabled children unable to work a typical 40 hour per week job. When you have a "typical" child you can drop them at Day Care as early as 7am. The day-care will take them to their school and pick them up after school and take them back to Day Care until you get off work at 5pm and keep them until 6pm when you can get there and pick them up and go home. This is what parents of disabled children – who turn into disabled adults – need. Also drop-in respite is crucial. It would be nice to get up on a Saturday, see a sale at the mall and actually be able to go and try on clothes, maybe even stop for lunch, or get your nails done maybe with a friend (that you would still have because you hadn't dropped off the face of the earth to stay home 24/7 with your disabled child – you can't invite the friends over either because the door jams and wall corners as well as all the furniture in your home is bitten up or broken in some way and the carpet is mega-stained and while that's embarrassing enough the worst part is when your disabled family member does sexually inappropriate things in front of your guests -pretty soon people don't really want to come over) anyway - instead of having to order everything on-line (at least that's an option now) and then have to send it back when it doesn't fit or look good. Also to be able to wake up on a nice day and go on a picnic with your other children AND your husband. I know, it seems like we should be able to take our disabled children along on a picnic but when he is a child that "elopes" your picnic experience is not a relaxing time like it should be. It's one of constant vigilance – worried not only that he'll disappear - get hit by a car – drown in the lake or get kidnapped but also that he's not taking other's food or drinks or pooping somewhere on the grass. And then when he's 18 and 250 lbs and takes strangers drinks or throws a tantrum until his pants fall down in front of a bunch of little girls, or possibly begins masturbating where he's sitting well we just really don't want to take him along and he really doesn't want to go. Also it doesn't allow parents to give attention to their other children because the focus is always on making sure the disabled child is not doing something untoward. It's not always easy to find a respite person (who is also a stranger in your home with your non-verbal child) especially on a Friday night when you want to go to your other children's sports activities. Unfortunately when you have a disabled child they don't grow out of having to be watched 24 hours per day. This puts a lot of stress on families. There are a lot of activities that families need to be able to do and often times the disabled member is unable or unwilling to go along This puts these families at a great disadvantage: Not allowing them to be as supportive of their other children as they need to be and also not allowing parents to be as cohesive as they should be; Which is why I believe many parents of disabled children end up divorced, My husband and I haven't been on a vacation together in several years. We love our disabled son and don't want to have to put him in a home away from his family where no one will take care of him or love him or understand him like his mom and dad. But with the respite supports that are currently in place if we ever want to be able to have any kind of life – like most people get when their children are grown, I believe that we will have to put him somewhere where he will be taken care of by strangers and it breaks our hearts. However, if we could drop him off for a few hours or a few days or even a few weeks here and there we would be able to have a life, take a vacation together and keep our son in his own home with people who love him. This would also create an astronomical savings to the State by not having as many disabled individuals living in group homes year-round funded by the State. Instead the vast majority of the year they'd be in their own homes. Many families of children with disabilities become second class citizens – having to stay home and watch the world go by. I took my non-disabled children to Disneyland without their father - who stayed at home with our disabled son. They had a good time but as a parent I would have loved to share their joy and the care-taking responsibilities of my "typical" children with their father. That's why we got married and had children - to be a family. As a society we still give/hide our disabled away from the rest of the world. Only now it's group homes instead of State hospitals. We say we don't but we do. I can't tell you how many people, friends, co-workers, professionals have asked me, "Are you going to put him in a home?" My typical answer is, "That's probably where he'll end up." And they nod and say "That's good." Is that good? I don't think so. I think it's sad. While I know that group homes are necessary for some people they are also not necessary for many people. They wouldn't have to end up in "A home" that's not "Their home" if there were more supports in place like after School or after Day Program Care or just longer Day programs and Drop off Respite Care. That's what we need. Please help us. (sorry I rambled) ;)</p>	5/31/2015 9:55 PM
79	SC can better help people with disabilities by ensuring their safety, freedom, and advocate for them in terms of future financial stability that will help them support themselves in the long-run.	5/31/2015 9:51 PM
80	Gather more information on what is happening in schools in inclusion, transportation needs and funding.	5/31/2015 3:25 PM
81	Perhaps help find services for after program day care or extend the program hours	5/31/2015 5:44 AM
82	By being a resource or bridge between possible individuals with disabilities and potential vendors or exploration of possible funding for areas that are lacking	5/31/2015 3:30 AM
83	Stop cutting back In the budget.	5/30/2015 3:51 PM
84	Effective communication with family on related information/services	5/30/2015 11:18 AM
85	to have special counselors in the schools for kids with learning challenges to help them in planning their classes and just be there to support them.	5/30/2015 9:03 AM

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86	By functioning as advocates when needed rather than imposing/decreeing by activism. I believe the special needs population should be identified as CLIENTS, as before, rather than as CONSUMERS.	5/29/2015 7:42 PM
87	Organize parents to be an effective advocacy interest.	5/29/2015 3:06 PM
88	Encourage and require more employers to hire people with disabilities by giving them incentives. There are far too few of the employers willing to hire people with disabilities. Create more programs to provide opportunity for people with disabilities to interact with typical peers. They are sadly too isolated and excluded.	5/29/2015 2:38 PM
89	Provide trade courses towards certification	5/29/2015 1:28 PM
90	Give us more guidance in how to find these opportunities for our adult children. We live in L.A County even though our daughter attends the program in Orange County. This seems to be a problem. Were told frequently we can't receive services because of the different counties.	5/29/2015 12:36 PM
91	Encourage companies to provide their own job coaching.	5/29/2015 10:59 AM
92	By providing services they need, like free health care, and help finding part time employment.	5/29/2015 10:38 AM
93	More classes for high functioning autistic as well as immersion to local community.	5/29/2015 10:32 AM
94	Help those without Regional Center support/funding with job coaching on the job.	5/29/2015 9:57 AM
95	More interaction to be sure the person is thriving and not being taken advantage of, it seems as though once the person leaves high school the backup systems fall apart. Finding a best buddy program for adults is non existent. Integration into the community is very hard.	5/29/2015 9:45 AM
96	Have more support	5/29/2015 9:42 AM
97	Help provide awareness of the challenges faced. Build business community partnerships to help educate employers. Help attain affordable housing options that are safe.	5/29/2015 9:23 AM
98	Medical and community support	5/29/2015 6:57 AM
99	Keep the curriculum challenging and the rigor up. Push districts to comply with set standards or loose funding or be fined. Don't just give them a slap on the hand and force them to get more training. Make consequences more severe so that recommendations, mandates cannot be ignored.	5/28/2015 9:57 PM
100	Get more housing set up for Orange County, CA	5/28/2015 5:47 PM
101	Have more sports/things to do that are affordable for young adults with disabilities. Also, more things to do with people without disabilities.	5/28/2015 3:22 PM
102	With this kind of services in schools that don't involve IEP because. IEP's most of the time don't help the student.	5/28/2015 12:54 PM
103	make typical private daycares accept a minimum of disabled students per ratio. Private daycares do not accept students with disabilities. A child with autism has behaviors and the typical private daycares kick them out because they have no hitting, pushing, disruption policies. Change the law so that each typical daycare privately funded and licensed has to meet a quota of disabled students in attendance. For students that have significant disabilities, they could require a one on one to attend so that the students needs could be met.	5/28/2015 12:16 PM
104	Improve the quality care of state-licensed care facilities, Adult Residential Facilities. DSS licenses these, but has insufficient staff to monitor well, and can only respond to complaints. There is no oversight/audits over the use of the funds. Most of these places are dumps where owners embezzle the monies and pay unqualified staff minimum wage. I don't want to put my family member in one of these places, but have few options.	5/28/2015 11:01 AM
105	Better centralized resource listing of VETTED/quality community resources and services - both for intervention and recreation. Provide financial assistance for proven additional/alternate therapies (such as therapeutic riding for autism/sensory issues) that may not be accessible to families due to cost.	5/28/2015 10:54 AM
106	Provide support groups and services for parents who are advocating for their children with learning disabilities. Provide direction for parents who are seeking answers. There are no resources for parents who have been denied services for their children. I had to educate myself on my home computer. It is an unfair advantage that the school systems have over the parents and the state needs to recognize that!	5/28/2015 10:26 AM
107	I don't know	5/27/2015 9:23 PM
108	give every kid and parent the chance to receive help or support	5/27/2015 5:25 PM
109	Put control back in the hands of the individual Regional Centers and let them make decisions on what is best for their individual families.	5/27/2015 5:08 PM

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110	Have better programs with easier access throughout the community	5/27/2015 2:23 PM
111	Advocate for funding of services,	5/27/2015 12:36 PM
112	ENFORCEMENT IS NEEDED	5/27/2015 11:10 AM
113	Work with adult agencies to ensure better use of empirical practices.	5/27/2015 10:15 AM
114	Providing training, information and support; advocate for their needs at the state level.	5/27/2015 8:35 AM
115	Work with employers to provide more jobs for people with ID	5/27/2015 7:08 AM
116	Open up to more Q & A, create panels with broad knowledge. Travel more to Antelope Valley for functions. Have you visited Desert Haven?	5/27/2015 12:17 AM
117	To start, you need more people that are knowledgeable in this area, and more available staff. Once these students are out of school, an even bigger set of problems start when there is no way for them to find employment or to live independently.	5/26/2015 10:10 PM
118	Figure out how to make the self determination program available beyond the few that have it now.	5/26/2015 9:17 PM
119	Based on the self determination, "people not qualified SD for locked up facility" must be revised because even those patients are victimized as a consequence for not getting self-determination right	5/26/2015 9:11 PM
120	to provide variety of classes and programs for community inclusion	5/26/2015 9:02 PM
121	more communication	5/26/2015 8:59 PM
122	Lead systems change in the area of oversight for Supported Living vendors. Correct the exploitive use of Consumer Choice. My experience is that it id used as an excuse for taking responsibility and/or protection of consumers.	5/26/2015 5:02 PM
123	Make parents and clients more aware of the services available to them, and provide advocacy support, as needed, to receive required services. Increase training for staff supporting clients in the college and employment settings.	5/26/2015 3:59 PM
124	Educate folks on what services are available and make more services easily available.	5/26/2015 3:22 PM
125	Put programs in place outside of the school system for therapy. My son is non verbal, because of this he receives no speech therapy.	5/26/2015 2:45 PM
126	Get funding to provide additional services and activity options.	5/26/2015 2:09 PM
127	Working with the state government to allocate the proper funding and resources for these programs, and for the schools to be able to properly educate children with special needs so that when they grow up they are able to be independent as possible and lead productive lives with gainful employment.	5/26/2015 2:05 PM
128	Please look at small community housing projects, like large assisted living facilities that have activities, classes, meals and small apartments in house. These are currently not available for people with disabilities, only group homes, which may not be appropriate and are also underfunded and closing down - especially in expensive areas like San Francisco, where they're being sold.	5/26/2015 1:56 PM
129	Help us get a Day program that meets my daughter's needs, Help make PCP's more available to young adults, Provide more recreation and social activities for adults.	5/26/2015 1:45 PM
130	Insure that medicare is funded fully, that the regional center is funded enough to have adequate social workers with realistic case loads so that they may oversee all the services for their clients in an efficient way eliminating waste and insuring their clients are getting all that is required to keep them safe and as independent as possible.	5/26/2015 1:42 PM
131	Provide support to regional center offices by working with the state legislators to reinstate the programs and services that were cut and currently underfunded. Non-profit agencies do not have a capacity to help those in the community who need services.	5/26/2015 1:39 PM
132	Support privately initiated residential projects that provide safety, jobs and community interaction	5/26/2015 12:59 PM
133	more advocacy to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities retain choice and are not maneuvered into what seems to be politically correct such as managed care and competitive employment if that is not the choice of the individual.	5/26/2015 12:10 PM
134	Advocate for rate increases across the board for the DDS system.	5/26/2015 11:14 AM
135	Early Education/Better Intervention Services	5/26/2015 10:26 AM

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136	more education , more support.	5/26/2015 9:15 AM
137	Provide training/workshops/conferences parents, educators, providers in our community.	5/26/2015 5:54 AM
138	More financial help.	5/25/2015 8:33 PM
139	Stop budget's cuts to centers	5/25/2015 7:50 PM
140	Education, directory of resources for persons with I/DD, etc	5/24/2015 10:14 PM
141	We require more funding. We serve individuals that are severely involve. Most of them are on wheelchairs, can not use their hands & are non verbal. We pay minimum wage with health benefits. But staff can go else where & not work as hard. They wouldn't have to bathe, change diapers, feed, transfere clients from wheel chair to bed, etc. We would have better staff if we could pay more.	5/24/2015 2:35 PM
142	Transportation has always been my major concern with my daughter, I was lucky with the help of her counselor to obtain transportation via Roundtrip. The system of Access and Dial a Ride may work for senior citizen and those that defend themselves but not for individuals who have poor speech and are unable to protect themselves when taken to the wrong program.	5/24/2015 12:39 PM
143	The State Council, if concerned about consumer rights and freedom of choice, should conduct a survey of those people working in employment training programs(often know as sheltered workshops), to see how they feel about their programs and how they feel about working in community integrated settings. The State Council should also have the regional centers do surveys of businesses in the various communities to forecast job opportunities for those with moderate to severe disabilities.	5/24/2015 10:28 AM
144	You are all doing a great job, which is greatly appreciated, but if the facilities to take care of those in severe need(s) are close I worry about them. Opportunities for abuse in community care may become very serious. At least in central sites like that in Glen Ellen can be monitored by parent volunteer groups.	5/23/2015 9:11 AM
145	If better services were available.	5/22/2015 11:36 PM
146	Train legal counsel for i/dd individuals, ie: PVP attorneys, to better represent their clients desiresw.	5/22/2015 10:39 PM
147	Better awareness of services that are currently available for newly diagnosed families and a shorter waiting period when confirming eligibility for services.	5/22/2015 9:58 PM
148	dont know enough about the state councils resources to answer this question	5/22/2015 2:56 PM
149	Please consider increasing the number/frequency of trainings for families around accessing school, Regional Center, IHSS, Dept of Rehab, SSI, and other services. Also, trainings geared toward educating professionals are greatly needed--if more professionals were aware of what is available and how they can guide families through the often very challenging processes, it could help the families. Lastly, if the State Council sought input/feedback from professionals on a more frequent basis, e.g., could choose a topic/service area and ask for examples of where the systems are not working, I think they would get a better sense of where the major problems are, and that could drive some of their education efforts.	5/22/2015 1:14 PM
150	Eliminate budget cuts from 2009. Consider repealing/revising current State Law requiring families to access private insurance for services. Review and revise audit criteria for natural environment. Shift the paradigm focus of DDS auditors from semantics to solutions. Rethink priorities when considering the State budget, Invest in the First Five concept. As an Early Start Service Coordinator, I have witnessed hundreds of children successfully exit the Early Start program at age 3 with little or no continued educational support. Financial priorities should focus on spending a little now to avoid spending a lot more later on. Sacramento needs to take a step back and realize high-speed rail and Delta Smelt should not be in the top ten or even twenty of priorities. Social Services, education, and the Department of Mental Health need to come first.	5/22/2015 12:53 PM
151	Need more options for housing and independent living strategies. We need qualified people for respite and teaching independent living skills. Long term employment and mental health support. Desperately need more programs for lower functioning consumers, Everything is for the higher functioning and funds are being used in this category only. It's like the discriminated are being discriminated. Lower functioning people can be productive too!	5/22/2015 11:11 AM
152	1) Make sure that NO ONE is left behind; 2) That any changes being implemented cause no harm; 3) Ensure that citizens with disabilities receive a preference; 4) NO unfunded mandates! 5) Consumer CHOICE is Imperative! Whatever our state's plan for implementing WIOA and the New CMS regs, these five points must have an over-arching mandate throughout the plan.	5/22/2015 11:00 AM
153	Using their influence and power at the state level to make sure the funding is allocated for services. This includes the depopulation of the DC's and the funds saved following the clients into the communities they choose to live.	5/22/2015 10:49 AM

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154	Educate families that things change when you leave school. New language new process told service coordinator working for you but they answer to people and work in a process that is non responsive	5/22/2015 10:41 AM
155	Additional education for parents, teachers, the community and Case managers regarding the availability of services and how to get them including understanding how to appeal, what to do when told, "no"	5/22/2015 10:36 AM
156	Fund programs that support education, employment, and community integration with individuals with disabilities. For example bookmark funding for post secondary educational funding, Workability, Regional centers, and other community out reach programs.	5/22/2015 9:14 AM
157	concentrate on the autistic adults that are over 22 years old	5/22/2015 9:11 AM
158	Believe that this group of people can learn and be a functional part of society. With appropriate intervention this group of people can be benifitful to our community. It sometimes just takes th a little longer to learn what u and I take for granted. Let's educate our communities. Our schools, our teachers. So much discrimination in School districts. It a against the law, but it happend every day. Education is key. All people r equal and deserve access to education and socialization in the least restrictive environment.	5/22/2015 9:01 AM
159	To help intervent in cases that help single parents of adult disabled children and not take so long to help get services.	5/22/2015 8:38 AM
160	Make the process simpler. Make it clearer about what services are available, how to get them, and where to go to apply. It is an advocate's full time job to wade through the process.	5/22/2015 8:34 AM
161	Need more programs for adults at age 22. Programs that exist have waiting list, More work programs that do not exclude adults.	5/22/2015 7:48 AM
162	There needs to be accountability for the success of students with disabilities, and measurable gains of success!	5/22/2015 7:26 AM
163	Schools have different goals; they did not do enough for my daughter or her friends. Given proper training, these individuals can be productive workers in types of work that interest them. They deserve to be paid at least at minimum wage too!	5/22/2015 3:06 AM
164	1) Develop a statewide crisis home for people who need emergency placement due to severe behaviors that can't be handled by the person's family or in a group home or by an SLS. Psychiatric revolving door 5150 interventions not appropriate and can be very damaging. 2) allow more families to get involved with self determination model. 3) Provide money for creating new programs and start up money- tell the legislature this will be cost effective 4)	5/22/2015 12:59 AM
165	Individual case management and advocacy	5/21/2015 11:21 PM
166	Make sure there are trained and experienced counselors in the system - guess that means you need to increase funding so regional centers can keep good social workers and service providers can keep dedicated, smart community instructors and job developers/coaches. Fight for better transportation - hard to keep a job without it. Make sure Employment First is NOT Employment Only - We need to keep meaningful day activities. Oversight - Quality assurance.	5/21/2015 4:23 PM
167	support services funding	5/21/2015 4:14 PM
168	create a realistic plan for developing, including identifying a dedicated funding source, for creating affordable housing options in the community. The Council needs to be involved in advocating for this funding at the level of State Housing and Community Development and the Tax Credit Allocation Program level to enable the limited funds dedicated for this purpose by DDS, to be leveraged to create this housing.	5/21/2015 4:06 PM
169	Generate funds and grants to support organizations that provide assistance to this population.	5/21/2015 3:34 PM
170	Help organize recruitment programs to staff adult programs. Train, educate, assist in development of new programs.	5/21/2015 2:48 PM
171	Continue operating Regional Centers, group homes, and employment opportunities.	5/21/2015 1:52 PM
172	support the 10% increase in DDS funding for next year, plus make reforms to have the payments to the local agencies like SARC be adjusted to reflect the cost of living in their service area. Also, support a bond issue for building new government-owned housing for this population, as there is a huge shortage now and the current system primarily uses rental housing that has gotten too expensive for the clients and agencies supported by DDS to afford it.	5/21/2015 1:23 PM
173	More supportive vocational and employment venues. Those who can work should attempt to work. Entitlement should not breed or enable avoidance for motivation, effort, contribution and participation.	5/21/2015 12:47 PM

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174	Advocate, advocate, advocate. We must have more people in our communities that will HELP people with DD, and their families.	5/21/2015 12:33 PM
175	Focus on helping us with housing for people with developmental disabilities.	5/21/2015 11:16 AM
176	You need to talk directly to parents through the schools. Develop a better partnership. Most parents don't even know that things are available and where to go and find them. Information also should be given just on a single night at some meeting, it should be made available all of the time through some site, etc.	5/21/2015 10:07 AM
177	Help people that are middle class.	5/21/2015 9:34 AM
178	Offer programs and vendorized programs and have levels within this population. Also, I see public schools having to cope with ALL students and we are not able to handle the aggressive students. We need residential placements that are close to their homes.	5/21/2015 9:17 AM
179	Advocating to improve quality of life	5/21/2015 8:59 AM
180	Researching opportunities and educating people concerning the opportunities discovered. Therefore presenting more choices, better fits and various opportunities,	5/21/2015 8:27 AM
181	provide funding for employment opportunities	5/21/2015 8:22 AM
182	I don't know what the State Council's job is, or what it is. What would help us would be programs to help people with developmental disabilities who have a lot of anxiety, but don't have a cognitive disability. Then we need help finding these programs. The RCOC couldn't find any programs. I'm trying to contact all the programs I can find from the RCOC listing.	5/21/2015 8:17 AM
183	Have more case carriers to help with more services at the county level.	5/21/2015 8:01 AM
184	Conduct more seminars relate to the services and supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families	5/21/2015 7:25 AM
185	Support Kern Regional Center as it fixes myriad problems.	5/21/2015 5:44 AM
186	Advocate for legislation for the above services	5/21/2015 1:04 AM
187	Better quality services through school districts, local advocacy organizations, more recreational and educational services for people with disabilities, self help, jobs and education for those with disabilities	5/20/2015 8:35 PM
188	Advocate for funding for affordable housing.	5/20/2015 8:23 PM
189	Continuing education after high school, social and recreational resources	5/20/2015 7:24 PM
190	Helping the parents because Social services are hided for most of the people if we don not find out for ourselves we never know :(	5/20/2015 6:59 PM
191	More direct job finding and coaching assistance	5/20/2015 6:44 PM
192	Work with DDS, DHHS, HCD, etc. to develop a pilot program similar to HUD VASH that can provide rental assistance. Help improve the HUD 811 PRA program.	5/20/2015 6:33 PM
193	Continue to provide training on how to navigate the system and impact the existing system so that positive changes can be made. People with developmental disabilities often cannot advocate for themselves so caregivers need training and advocacy support.	5/20/2015 6:30 PM
194	EDUCATION FOR THE general public to help everyone learn that DD/ID people are real people who have the same feelings, thoughts, desires, urges, etc as everyone else. Plus, see that even those areas of CA that are not heavily populated have adequate resources for even the basic needs like employment, recreation, and child care. We need additional VR counselors, Regional Center coordinators, and educational options and services for our fast growing population of ID/DD individuals and we needed it yesterday, not 5 years from now.	5/20/2015 5:14 PM
195	more funds	5/20/2015 4:15 PM
196	Have people (such as adoptive parents of FASD kids) on the State Council who understand the devastating effects of FASD. I volunteer. Paulette Benson 310- 204-1926.	5/20/2015 4:02 PM
197	Provide more seminars available regarding self-determination and free to low cost programs.	5/20/2015 3:50 PM
198	Offer more in the way of extracurricular activities for the disabled. These help with their progress as do the various therapy methods. It is hard to find places for dance and sports for kids like my son. Stuff for "regular" children are everywhere, we have to really look to find things for special needs children.	5/20/2015 12:54 PM

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199	Continue advocacy around the need for affordable housing for very low-income people with developmental disabilities.	5/20/2015 12:41 PM
200	When reasonable accommodations are asked for from section 8 I believe a state program, as it is parents are already overwhelmed & overloaded and an extra bedroom is a safe haven for a parent to escape to instead of being in each others way.	5/20/2015 11:56 AM
201	Widen the supports offered to those with higher functioning developmental disabilities.	5/20/2015 11:52 AM
202	Housing, mentor programs, less red tape programs like regional center and DOR and more opportunities for support that don't require the clients to fall under certain diagnosis umbrellas. I understand that you need to prevent people taking advantage, but I have seen so many youth who need those services not be accepted for one reason or another and they fall through the cracks. Also more assistance for residency and citizenship with these groups, especially since that prevents them from being eligible for aid like SSI.	5/20/2015 11:48 AM
203	Expand Employment, Health, and Housing options.	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
204	1) Help with personal advocacy. Increased presence of SCDD - improve SCDD regional-local websites to provide frequent updates to local links, resources, events. 2) Mandate more city/community services for social/leisure/recreational/therapeutic needs for teens/young adults with a view to promoting independence and smooth transition into the community.	5/20/2015 11:41 AM
205	While our adults with developmental disabilities have significant needs, I believe meeting those needs starts with you (the State Council) supporting the necessary services and supports to children with developmental disabilities and their parents. If you give a child a stable home and a community childcare with the appropriate supports to meet their needs, then that child will likely learn the necessary social skills to live in the community and get a job.	5/20/2015 11:17 AM
206	Assist in setting the affordable housing priorities at the state and municipal levels	5/20/2015 11:13 AM
207	Providing more respite care for families.	5/20/2015 11:04 AM
208	Higher more competent (better trained and educated) 1:1 aides/facilitators, respite providers to keep these individuals safe. Sometimes the respite providers seem to need support from the state themselves in one way or another (mental health issues). How can you put these individuals in charge of such a vulnerable populations?	5/20/2015 10:37 AM
209	The resources that are out there are some time hard to get in contact with a person from that agency, so better and easier access.	5/20/2015 10:36 AM
210	Provide funding and appropriate training for schools and educators to be ready for our children	5/20/2015 10:22 AM
211	There needs to be more active and direct support of advocacy for people with DD. This population needs support in sorting out financial issues, care provider issues, ensuring that services delivered are of the quality that was promised, locating medical and dental care providers.	5/20/2015 10:17 AM
212	Help them connect with one another, to band together to create housing options and develop other service models for Self-Determination, using today's technology tools. The State Council should be directly provided with contact information for all consumers in the state.	5/20/2015 10:14 AM
213	Reviewing and addressing every case individually to meet individual needs.	5/20/2015 10:08 AM
214	Demand instructional materials provided to inform ID & DD students have accommodations listed in the 3rd response.	5/20/2015 9:11 AM
215	Check Regional centers on how they regulate care homes. Lack of follow up from service coordinators and support on consumer needs.	5/20/2015 9:02 AM
216	Family members are really concerned about safety for their family member with IDD in day programs, transportation, group homes, etc. Our family members are prime victims, How can we make sure they are protected?	5/20/2015 8:51 AM
217	Advocating for the needs of people with developmental disabilities in having the best life experience possible.	5/20/2015 8:32 AM
218	1. Continue to lobby for sub minimum wages for those individuals who cannot perform well enough to earn minimum wages. 2. Hire more people at SCDD that can review and decide on health and safety waivers so response times can be shortened.	5/20/2015 7:54 AM
219	Advocate in Sacramento for appropriate funding and the return of programs lost in budget cuts during the recession. Stop allowing the Lanterman Act to be eroded and supports and services cut but never reinstated.	5/20/2015 7:30 AM

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220	Oversee the practices by school districts. They utilize substantial share of what funding is available, but the funds are spent on administrative expenses. They force parents to place their children at special schools.	5/20/2015 6:47 AM
221	Provide legal support to more families.	5/20/2015 6:34 AM
222	laud is making it so they deny services at the IEP meetings, and then give it to the parents who go to mediation with a lawyer. That shouldn't be allowed when we are talking about intensely dangerous elopement issues, the child could very likely be killed.	5/20/2015 6:03 AM
223	Money...for all services from housing to recreation to the ability to use transportation to where people need to go for daily activities such as jobs, shopping & volunteering.	5/20/2015 12:36 AM
224	Providing the services that are mandated	5/19/2015 11:51 PM
225	Offering more individualized supports not just a one size fits all program. I would like to see more adaptive/recreational sports, hobbies, groups within my local city areas.	5/19/2015 11:30 PM
226	Come up with a way in the IPP's with Regional Center to allow for money to be set aside for each client and then the money spent on what the client needs and wants for enrichment, programs, etc. rather than trying to make the client fit into a box. For example, music therapy and related programs, which are not funded for groups or individuals, but have shown to create vast improvements in mental functioning as well as being recreational and fun.	5/19/2015 11:20 PM
227	Hired people to best access what each individuals needs	5/19/2015 11:07 PM
228	Funding for: Better insurance coverage for early intervention therapies, medical tests, family counselling and support groups	5/19/2015 10:55 PM
229	Community awareness and inclusion. Employers need to offer internships and training	5/19/2015 10:38 PM
230	I found when the State Council went to IEPs it helped my son and daughter get the services they needed. I unfortunately didn't know about this council until to late in his education. I have recently been told they are no longer able to go to IEP's which is a real loss.	5/19/2015 10:29 PM
231	There needs to be transparency with the regional centers. Clients need to know EVERYTHING that is available to them and need assistance in accessing all services.	5/19/2015 10:23 PM
232	Protect our children's access to FAPE without forcing them to be vaccinated. Home schooling will not help a child who already has issues with socialization and speech. Provide information on how to plan for our children's future, what the course of it may look like.	5/19/2015 10:21 PM
233	By working with the Regional Centers, DMC, and other related organizations/agencies to create more opportunities in above mentioned areas.	5/19/2015 9:50 PM
234	Fund the programs that support them. Please!	5/19/2015 9:46 PM
235	more programs for them , stop budget cutting people with disabilities start budget cutting somewhere else	5/19/2015 9:08 PM
236	Stop treating them as nothing but a problem think of them as human beings and are as important as the voting public	5/19/2015 8:29 PM
237	Listen to parents of kids that have these challenges because they are the true people that know what its like to live and care for a child with disabilities. I feel like they just care about budget and not really care about helping these kids.	5/19/2015 8:27 PM
238	Allow parents to chose how funds from regional center and schools will be spend. Use funds to provide services not to prevent services	5/19/2015 8:21 PM
239	Be more willing to help parents with children who have Asperger's.	5/19/2015 7:33 PM
240	Not sure	5/19/2015 7:23 PM
241	Workshop on employment and housing. How to get these processes started.	5/19/2015 7:18 PM
242	For my son it is very important to find social groups, where he can learn how to deal with others. Autistic case is unable to communicate, so we need to teach him how to do. How to keep his safety and other's safety.	5/19/2015 7:15 PM
243	There should be a better process of being able to persue when they are mistreated this way. This causes a low self-esteem and violent nature to many because of judgmental treatment. They can't call harassment as quickly as others can or wrongful termination.	5/19/2015 6:38 PM

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244	Quit doing what you are currently doing . Start a whole new program. Become relevant.	5/19/2015 6:26 PM
245	The State requires <b>credentials</b> for teachers but once an person ages out of the education system the day program staff have <b>little to no higher</b> education. They are paid close to minimum wage to deal with our most fragile population. <b>The funding</b> for day programs needs to increased to allow programs to pay a living wage so they will have and <b>maintain quality</b> staff.	5/19/2015 6:19 PM
246	Help to get lifetime supports in place for the thousands of families affected by autism, most of whom do not receive benefits from the Regional Center or SSI	5/19/2015 6:11 PM
247	Providing a list of resources that can help vocational counselors understand the needs of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (reasonable accommodations, assistive technology, vocational planning, career assessments).	5/19/2015 6:03 PM
248	ENSURING that their rights are being upheld, they are NOT being discriminated against, and that the supports and services are available to ALL who need them. This is NOT happening now.	5/19/2015 5:44 PM
249	Better support and resources to help kids get a decent education.	5/19/2015 5:42 PM
250	Advocate for funding	5/19/2015 5:33 PM
251	Continue working to develop employment opportunities in our communities. Work with service providers to develop social groups for our DD community. Advocate to broaden the definitions set forth in the IHSS supports that allow for young people to remain safely in their homes.	5/19/2015 5:16 PM
252	more staff	5/19/2015 5:05 PM
253	Early intervention and education for the care takers & educators.	5/19/2015 4:45 PM
254	Encourage and help fund community colleges to provide educational/life skills programs for these individuals. Excellent examples are the found at Cypress College in Orange County and the TIP Program at Taft Community College in Taft, CA.	5/19/2015 4:22 PM
255	First low through with long term, fair pay for employing people with id.	5/19/2015 3:56 PM
256	<b>Continue to advocate for more funding and better supports and services. Recognize that the autism epidemic will create HUGE challenges for our developmental services system moving forward. We are simply not prepared for it. Self-determination, I fear, is not the answer. Parents and family members, and consumers, will need a lot of information to be able to make good choices.</b>	5/19/2015 3:40 PM
257	Listen to their mothers!!!	5/19/2015 3:32 PM
258	Raise budget for dental funding	5/19/2015 3:13 PM
259	Better mental health services!!!	5/19/2015 2:53 PM
260	by making service a priority over budget cutting.	5/19/2015 2:38 PM
261	De not ignore their needs. These are people who need complete care and attention. They have to be treated with dignity and become top priority for the state.	5/19/2015 2:20 PM
262	Educate health care workers and employers and the general public about respect for the disabled.	5/19/2015 2:11 PM
263	They can low excetive director wage to support regional center client	5/19/2015 1:37 PM
264	Advocacy	5/19/2015 1:04 PM
265	Better and more frequent assistance from our Regional Ctr counselors, it is difficult to get their attention and services, they are too overworked. They should be our best contact for help, but they don't respond to emails or phone calls unless it's an emergency, and then that's still not dependable.	5/19/2015 12:51 PM
266	To be more aware and to inform us of new laws/services/and anything else that can help out kids but having a newsletter with updates	5/19/2015 12:45 PM
267	Please come visit the special needs public school see it to yourself, this way you will feel for them being there & you are robbing them of quality education for them to hopefully learn & be better but not. I can just see frustration in them.	5/19/2015 12:29 PM
268	i dont know	5/19/2015 12:27 PM

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269	Having someone to ask when support or resources are needed, like Scarlett VonThenen at Area Board XI, made the difference in my son's quality of life. Please reinstate the ability for them to do personal advocacy again! It is a lifeline for consumers when even Regional Center disappoints them,	5/19/2015 12:22 PM
270	Visit programs, ask questions about their personal wants and needs.	5/19/2015 11:50 AM
271	More direct advocacy for individuals. Currently only classes are being offered, Also, lobbying for employment and housing and support services with state government.	5/19/2015 11:39 AM
272	get more help for disassiblties	5/19/2015 11:13 AM
273	Supply more funding	5/19/2015 11:11 AM
274	I'm not sure what the State Council does---I am pleased with regional center responses but realize they lack the resources to provide housing/employment/training of staff who work with DD clients	5/19/2015 11:09 AM
275	Our experience was that if your diagnosis is not in a certain box, you do not get services. My son is challenged - intellectually, socially, academically - yet he has often been ineligible for services based on his diagnoses.	5/19/2015 11:04 AM
276	Reduce case manager loads.	5/19/2015 10:41 AM
277	More day and night programs that keep the adults with disabilities to keep them better intergraded with the community and more behavioral programs for adults with autism.y daughter has been taking behavior meds since she aged out of her last program, And those meds cause so many more issues.	5/19/2015 10:40 AM
278	Raise school district testing (assessment) scores or have tiers in which the child may still receive services to better meet their level. It is all or nothing for schools. The therapists/specialists who evaluate children in the school district have to much power and claim testing findings are higher than what they truly are. No true quality assurance with these therapists. Thereby, decrease work burden for therapists.	5/19/2015 10:39 AM
279	Be more sensitive to the disable children and their family's needs. Please do not cut the budget of theirs.	5/19/2015 10:23 AM
280	Programs and opportunities to enhance lives on a daily basis.	5/19/2015 10:22 AM
281	To make sure the policies that are in place are taking place across all areas	5/19/2015 10:12 AM
282	Advocate for rate structure changes. !!! Better over sight of community providers! Expect more and pay for it!	5/19/2015 10:06 AM
283	Fully fund the Lanterman Act to pre 2009 budget.	5/19/2015 9:53 AM
284	More coordination between services, Lighter case loads and therefore more individualized support through the Regional Centers, More job preparation programs that lead to competitive employment.	5/19/2015 9:49 AM
285	continue the good work of educating caregivers of law, resources available monitor and ensure quality of service providers	5/19/2015 9:48 AM
286	RESTORE FUNDING AND STOP BUDGET CUTS.....	5/19/2015 9:33 AM
287	They need to listen to the parents and family members of these individuals. Often the political atmosphere dictates what needs to be done and it's so off the mark and it results in frustration and anger.	5/19/2015 9:25 AM
288	Reach the people with disability to get the service they need and make sure no discrimination for people with disability.	5/19/2015 9:02 AM
289	Start including services for communication when someone is deaf, Every worker dealing with deaf individuals should know basic sign language for communication.	5/19/2015 8:49 AM
290	add your voice to forstall the collapse of the system and advocate for new structures like self determination and new funding methodologies that have some relation to the cost of providing support - and to the value and quality of the services	5/19/2015 8:45 AM
291	Encourage more ADHC-type programs specifically for folks with dev. dis. Encourage other day programs for folks with medical needs, e.g., volunteer work, recreational programs, etc.	5/19/2015 8:40 AM
292	listen to family's concerns and correct those issues-in a timely manner. preferably in a year. appropriate housing is such a problem-but if it takes years to correct the families never end up seeing a solution, and never get a break from the constant care giving	5/19/2015 8:39 AM
293	support the 10% increase in our budget	5/19/2015 8:39 AM
294	Overall the state does a great job, I think california is ahead of most states. Maybe get more business s to accept or even let people in the spectrum work or even volunteer for them.	5/19/2015 8:33 AM

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295	Advocate for more support for after program hours/socializing and also providing the transportation for the family. Find ways to support families in navigating the health care system.	5/19/2015 8:29 AM
296	Educate families on the various services that are available and may be of a benefit.	5/19/2015 8:26 AM
297	My daughter had to wait a considerable time for ABA services. Their needs to be more resources and options to be able to provide our children the services they need.	5/19/2015 8:22 AM
298	Create more opportunities for them to be involved as an active participant in the community.	5/19/2015 8:11 AM
299	Get involved with employment and education for the dd population regarding avoiding perpetrators.	5/19/2015 8:07 AM
300	Be more consistent and more stable when introducing children to teachers and helpers. They/ We have a right to be treated with as much and consideration as "normal" people.	5/19/2015 8:05 AM
301	Do a better job of getting the information out there of what is available. It is almost like a hidden secret. I had to hire an advocate to get what we needed for out son.	5/19/2015 8:02 AM
302	Allow parents to advocate and speak with and for their children even after the child turns 18!!!! Also, community colleges need to be more aware that more students with disabilities will be attending college than ever before. The campus Student Disability Centers need to make some changes that allow parents to be more involved with the student's education especially if the student has been conserved!! More about this subject must be addressed!	5/19/2015 7:47 AM
303	Considering the amount of state budget dollars that are SAVED by our consumers being actively engaged in work programs and related vocational training programs, versus being institutionalized or "housed" during the day, the State should work to develop more support for work programs and related consumer support.	5/19/2015 7:34 AM
304	Listen to what parents and persons with disabilities say about themselves and their needs. Fund the needs. My son's quality of life and intellectual stimulation is much lower than it was when he was at home and in school, Yet, he wants to "move on in life", live away from home, have new experiences. There is a universal Underestimation of the abilities and mental capacity of people with disabilities in the system. Especially those who don't speak. There is a universal fear of technology, lack of education about it, etc. He uses a communication device, but they don't encourage it, know how to support it, or participate in any of the enrichment activities we do/did as a family. He goes to "program" and watches television. that's it. He shops for sundries with them but sometimes they make him wait in the car (with staff) while others shop independently. Not a social life! He does a few chores at the house, but his life has no meaning or purpose. He only goes to social activities on the weekends he comes home. He had a very rich social life all through school, and has many and varied interests, (horseback riding, swimming, hiking, meeting friends, church, dance lessons, amusement parks, restaurants, theatre (both live and movie), choir, camping.) The house says they can't afford these outings, even though most of them are subsidized and low cost. The residence are taken on outings to shop for junk at the dollar store that no one needs, rather than spending their money on outings or things that would enrich their lives and relationships. There is an assumption that they have a preschool mentality, and that their choice is for "trinkets" rather than enriching experiences.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
305	Be educated about the tsunami of children that are growing up NOW, and that are going to need services/support to become part of society. We cannot let these children "age out" of the school system and think that their disabilities go away.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
306	Find housing. Find jobs. Don't just let people with Autism sit in their houses with their parents.	5/19/2015 7:21 AM
307	Provide more support and advocacy in the above areas.	5/19/2015 6:48 AM
308	Work on policy and organize interest groups to push for what is needed. Coordinate trainings for those who need it.	5/19/2015 6:22 AM
309	Provide classes that develop employment skills. Provide nice times for companies who hire people with int/developmental disabilities.create. local county or federal jobs for these population.	5/19/2015 5:06 AM
310	Moe funding for life coaches.	5/19/2015 2:39 AM
311	Teaching other people with developmental disabilities they can be self advocate	5/19/2015 2:26 AM
312	Regional center only helps extreme cases, cases which they can see	5/19/2015 2:07 AM
313	Help the schools both public and charter - support w/training classes for the teachers and especially the aides. Visit special Ed class rooms and campus ' s to see how students with disabilities are being served. Work w/SELPA'S And Dept. Of Education /special Ed. Services are so different from district to district. City to city in CA.	5/19/2015 1:26 AM

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314	Insure better wages and training for direct care staff, Housing for staff AND for people with developmental disabilities is extremely expensive in our area. How do you maintain high quality, compassionate support staff when they don't make enough in wages to afford rent.... How do people with DD afford rents.	5/19/2015 12:04 AM
315	Get rid of the Regional Centers and replace them with an accountable state agency that has to publish its policies, People should have access to a list of services they can qualify for. It should not depend on if you live in Harbor or Westside whether you get services or not.	5/18/2015 11:25 PM
316	Stop putting so many restrictions on how or what a family can do to provide the best care and environment for our loved ones. Make automatic monthly payments to family members who are trustworthy, and good providers...so timecards are not necessary. Fix the timecard mess!!!!	5/18/2015 10:46 PM
317	By increasing hours of respite due to over exhausted parents. ABA insurance going down to little or nothing.	5/18/2015 10:15 PM
318	By having the state funding for an agency representing and advocate to families . No IEP should be conducted with out this assistance .	5/18/2015 10:06 PM
319	provide more seminars	5/18/2015 9:47 PM
320	Better advocate for them more programs.	5/18/2015 9:44 PM
321	More oversight of the care providers and housing for people with intellectual/developmental delays. Need to allow computer monitoring systems in the residential/independent living homes' common living areas so that families of residents can make sure their loved ones are being treated with love and compassion and are not being abused. as this family has learned of abuse that has gone on for years because there wasn't enough oversight of these homes and their owners. Also, hire on more trained/educated people for the local Regional Center offices. They need more staff! Most have over 100 clients PER representative. This is an impossible number for any human being to have to service at one time, let alone keep track of everyday!	5/18/2015 9:24 PM
322	Find a way to educate law officers identify and interact with this population, My son will not understand or sit still for anyone trying to hold or grab him. He just wants to stop the pain and he pulls away or runs. Officers are only trained and want to forcibly control situation. I am afraid of teachers and law enforcement harming if not killing my son. Improve instruction in schools and allow more assistance for better supervision.	5/18/2015 8:59 PM
323	See #3 above.	5/18/2015 8:39 PM
324	I'm not sure, it's so much help needed in many different areas.	5/18/2015 8:37 PM
325	Support our local agencies that do support our families such as Inland regional center, as the resources are limited. Illimate obsticacles that the school districts put up for parents that make it difficult to get services that would benefit your child and their needs. Provider more in thorough screening processing for individuals who have access to our children, and mandate trainings that educate on safety, behaviors, child development, psychology, Life skills, and safety. Listen to your parents, service providers, advocates and persons with disabilities.	5/18/2015 8:36 PM
326	Accessibility to free resources regarding rights.	5/18/2015 8:32 PM
327	Provide more money for programs.	5/18/2015 8:13 PM
328	Transportation is a problem for many people with intellectual/dev. disabilities. More social events would be wonderful.	5/18/2015 8:06 PM
329	Be a stronger voice.	5/18/2015 7:30 PM
330	our children need to be fully included in regular education classrooms but general Ed teachers and aides have no specialized training in how to teach and nurture children with Down syndrome. We need schools to be trained and ready for our children	5/18/2015 7:29 PM
331	Have a positive attitude and don't make parents and caregivers jump through hoops. Provide assistance in the procurement of advocates for special ed wars. Why is it a war?	5/18/2015 7:25 PM
332	Full funding IDEA. Investment in housing options and education about housing. Meaningful vocational training for all children with autism at the HS level beginning at age 15 to improve their employment opportunities.	5/18/2015 7:17 PM
333	Commit to fully funding IDEA. Invest in housing options and education about housing. Offer more vocational training for all children with autism at the HS level beginning at age 15 to improve their employment opportunities.	5/18/2015 7:02 PM
334	Continue to ensure the creation and expansion of Transition Programs and quality Day programs tailored to the needs of Autistic individuals. More options are needed.	5/18/2015 6:28 PM

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335	Provide community trainings / presentations in the Coachella Valley together with CALTASH, to address the lack of meaningful inclusion of students with significant disabilities (my son has a mild ID) in our general education classrooms and community recreation and childcare centers .	5/18/2015 6:16 PM
336	Don't roll over and play dead with AIDD.	5/18/2015 6:07 PM
337	Keep family and advocates empowered with knowledge	5/18/2015 6:05 PM
338	Provide individual with real opportunities for growth in the work arena, Provide workers with education of these populations.	5/18/2015 6:03 PM
339	Stop putting these services on the chopping block. It's hard enough that we have children with special needs that require constant assistance, but we are always fighting for support and retaining that support. We fight hard everyday, we shouldn't have to battle what's already in law.	5/18/2015 5:46 PM
340	Making the process easier. Not deny every request. Forthcoming with information.	5/18/2015 5:44 PM
341	Educating public	5/18/2015 5:24 PM
342	By providing individuals with an opportunity to work and be productive members of society.	5/18/2015 5:21 PM
343	Improve access to my concerns. Too many personas with disabilities are homeless.	5/18/2015 5:20 PM
344	Contingency planning. What happens if there aren't enough vendors?	5/18/2015 5:15 PM
345	Give 1 on 1 counsel and support at IEP meetings. It is the parent against 15 people from the school district in the room. Some of us have no one to support us at IEPs that know he law.	5/18/2015 5:13 PM
346	Provide quality jobs, not merely service industry jobs like grocery store baggers or stockers at Pet stores.	5/18/2015 5:04 PM
347	provide the same supports they do to autistic families.	5/18/2015 5:00 PM
348	I find that as my son got older, the important things he hoped for were, having a "real job", & wishing for more planned social activities with other people with disabilities. Also transportation that does not require standing on a corner waiting for a ride.	5/18/2015 4:43 PM
349	Build more welcoming generic services and advocate for the resources needed to provide the services you advocate (e.g. better pay for the direct service workers to secure higher quality/trained staff; affordable housing that is needed for supported living to be a viable choice)	5/18/2015 4:35 PM
350	Let them or their advocate pick their own services & needs.	5/18/2015 4:32 PM
351	Be advocates for the full range of needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 4:23 PM
352	1.) ADVOCATE for more funding for all Services Area, with more emphasis on the 3 I checked. 2) Provide a comparable pay to organization that provide this service. People who work with my family member with disabilities have not received a raise to reflect the current standard of living since the 2008 financial crisis.	5/18/2015 4:22 PM
353	Collaboration with local and state entities and also coordination with advocacy groups to bring these issues to the forefront.	5/18/2015 3:47 PM
354	continue advocating. need better job options. Improve the quality of day programs.	5/18/2015 3:26 PM
355	Promote and support collaboration with high school transition programs.	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
356	I hope to see programs that provide people with disabilities are properly funded, rather than cutting services. These programs include, but not limited to: adult day program, respite, supported living, independent living, supported employment, transportations services, etc. I've heard that these programs have had the same rate to provide clients with services. It seems to me that they should be getting an increase due to inflation. How do these programs continue to assist people with developmental disabilities become more independent, when they aren't compensated properly for the services that they provide. Minimum wage is rising, so should the rate that these businesses are getting for whatever services they're providing.	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
357	get the word out. that they can become useful members in the communities they live in	5/18/2015 3:10 PM
358	We need the State Council to be more hands-on with the people that we served to understand the day-to-day obstacles that care providers face with. To often, the decision makers are not the people who knows or ever worked with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Having experience with directly working with the intellectual/developmental disabilities should be required before becoming decision makers. For example Community Care Licensing knows very little about our field and they people that we serve. But, are decision makers??	5/18/2015 3:09 PM

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359	Spend some of billions on opening residential homes. Ive been caring for my son for 25 years. The regional center says there are no homes because the State is broke,	5/18/2015 3:07 PM
360	By developing alliances with large companies to hire people with disabilities. Also to invest in infrastructure that will help all Angelenos get around LA.	5/18/2015 3:04 PM
361	Stop taking away what already giving to them.	5/18/2015 3:03 PM
362	Help in putting the word out to clients by letter, email, facebook, in the client's own language about what options are available for community integration. I know the booklet on the Lanterman Act is a valuable resource but the Orange County Area Board ran out of copies in 2011 or 2012 and was not able to get English versions back in stock. People need the information in a variety of formats because there is no one size fits all for clients to process information. There need to be pilot programs set up to let clients see how working in the community benefits them and how to go about finding and getting a job in the community. Support of different types of community housing is also of major importance. Information on the different types of community housing available in each of the 13 regional State Council Districts should be made easily available and clients need an ability to be able to cross from one district or regional center to another for support and services they need but may not have in their home district.	5/18/2015 3:02 PM
363	Increase employment opportunities. Enable non-verbal children and adults the opportunity to learn Facilitated Communication.	5/18/2015 2:57 PM
364	Whit quality assurance- putting money on real programs, not on paper.	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
365	Working on more access to supported employment and mental health services for those dually diagnosed.	5/18/2015 2:53 PM
366	#1. Provide more funding for the programs and services needed through State funding not legislature pay raises, put the money where it is needed. #2. Increase the number of transportation vehicles and drives available to transport client's. #3 Open the lines of communication between Medical, the County and DDS and have them review the number of services provided and the need for more and new services to help everyone. #4 Have DDS evaluate the discretionary tactics that R/C's use when it come to CCF's. Why are some R/C's able to cut the number of client's in a CCF when others are able to work fine with the larger numbers in the CCF. If homes are not providing services then have licensing the R/C work together to correct the problem don't place barriers on those care providers who are providing a services that is needed.	5/18/2015 2:44 PM
367	Focus on the clients were are that "in between" (gray area) of functioning...higher than the low-functioning Day Programs and not quite as high as the Employability Programs.	5/18/2015 2:35 PM
368	Community Involvement	5/18/2015 2:29 PM
369	Continue to provide the oversight that you do, and, ensure that clients (and their families) know that they are represented.	5/18/2015 2:28 PM
370	More funding!	5/18/2015 2:27 PM
371	Provide more training on self-advocacy	5/18/2015 2:26 PM
372	Providing a back up for interventions not covered by private insurance or school systems, provide for secondary health insurance in addition to private insurance if needed to cover necessary services even if child does not financially qualify for Medicaid	5/18/2015 2:26 PM
373	More lectures about services and opportunities in the community for adult with intellectual/ developmental disabilities	5/18/2015 2:24 PM
374	More support and involvement	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
375	Provide more assistance for job training, employment and more support for agencies providing resources.	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
376	Please continue your informative workshops. They are very informative.	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
377	Provide variety of access.	5/18/2015 2:16 PM
378	We need strong advocacy (advocates/attorneys) system at no cost to the families to help fight for the rights and services. Families and individuals with disabilities don't have the money to fight for their rights and for services so we need advocates/attorneys who will go to IEP's, help with the IEP process, and go to Mediation/Due Process, etc. so the children and adults with disabilities can get the help/support they need to be independent, successful members of society.	5/18/2015 2:10 PM
379	Listen to what the individuals ask for!!	5/18/2015 2:06 PM

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380	To continue to advocate for additional financial supports.	5/18/2015 2:06 PM
381	Actively find \$\$ for small local SNF and other similar homes Be a watchdog to make sure that regional center staff know the resources available and pay enough so we have enough good useful non-time-wasting case managers.	5/18/2015 2:01 PM
382	Work with providers and state agencies to establish more facilities as many individuals aging out of schools have no program available.	5/18/2015 1:58 PM
383	By giving them direct access to the supports & services and not make them go thru a 'committee' to determine what they are.	5/18/2015 1:35 PM
384	Work in collaboration with school districts and other agencies. We need all the help we can get!!!	5/18/2015 1:30 PM
385	Be fair. There are assertive, well-off families with high levels of money and services for their family member, at the same time there are very similar clients with far less in the way of money and services. This is Governmental/tax-payer provided monies. The system is not fair to those with less aggressive advocacy. There must be a better system.	5/18/2015 1:29 PM
386	By training people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their family members about their rights and responsibilities, services, and resources; by working with community agencies to provide better access to services and resources for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities	5/18/2015 1:28 PM
387	Many educators have no concept of how to deal with children who "present" as neurotypical but aren't. A one-hour session for every school employee should be required, to be taught maybe by a parent advocate and clinician, about what each teacher and administrator can do to make all disabled children feel safe, accepted and competent.	5/18/2015 1:27 PM
388	Have more therapy available through health insurance and state (speech, independent skills training, social skills...)	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
389	In sure that services related to the identified needs of the client, verified by the skilled client, parent, care provider, service broker....are provided, or are continued. Clients conserved or not need to participate in making decisions but also in taking whatever financial responsibility they are able to provide.	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
390	Provide more options for housing in non-segregated living situations. Provide support- practical help- for those who struggle to be independent, ie, someone who is available at the regional center daily just to answer questions and give advice on how to negotiate the systems, fill out a form, etc.	5/18/2015 1:22 PM
391	Providding more services when they are under three would make the strongest impact on their future.	5/18/2015 1:15 PM
392	Work to ensure that the state funds a wider variety of work day programs for persons with extensive daily care and behavioral needs.	5/18/2015 1:14 PM
393	Increase funding to the RCs	5/18/2015 1:13 PM
394	It would be WONDERFUL to have a conference for clients to participate and social activities.	5/18/2015 1:11 PM
395	Help increase the budget by 10% to offset costs that have not been given to providers in over 20 years. This will allow vendors to hire quality staff who care about their jobs instead of inexperienced employees using SLS as a stepping stone to get through college and move on to something different in their lives.	5/18/2015 1:07 PM
396	Ensure that school districts are meeting their mandates especially in the area of transitional services. My son attends school in the Hart District and there have been many accounts that they are not providing appropriate services to students in the 17-21 year range to support transition to adulthood. In some cases I believe they may be exiting students from special education at age 18 without adequate transitional supports.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
397	Please don't reduce budgets for much needed services. Please bolster and provide incentives for new day programs and also the proper training and regulations for positive, healthy, & respectful home care providers. The program I work in operates on a 6:1 individual: staff ratio and yet we needed more staff to best meet the needs of our participants. Ironically, there is a belief that people dependent on social services who are on the highly-capable and highly-intellectual end of the spectrum of abilities, require less staff supervision. My professional opinion is that certain programs tailored to meet the needs of such capable and potentiated people, need just as much staff-participant ratio as programs catering to the severely disabled. People who are more capable need those capabilities to be achieved, which requires more direct job training, more counsel, more off-site experiences, more attention to customise programming to meet their unique needs.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM

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398	Create incentives to apartment owners and housing developers to create more affordable housing. The incentives shouldn't take an 'army' and 2 years worth of paperwork and process though. It should be mainstreamed. Create incentives and awareness to employers to create jobs. Create a team or a committee to provide awareness and education to all related groups.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
399	by giving more time of hand-on training before placing them, or even thinking of direct hire. More programs we can take students to be trained at, so they can be prepared for future placements.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
400	Create jobs or programs that will help the individuals feel better about themselves and teach them more independence	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
401	Continue what they are doing. Lobby to get more funds to increase the monies going to every aspect of the system. There needs to be more political pressure to increase funding.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
402	Put more restrictions on school staff and districts to be more accountable about the decisions they make regarding students and their immediate needs and safety.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
403	provide grants for extending bus services	5/18/2015 12:55 PM
404	Provide more quality day programs for special needs adults that emphasize community experiences and train for possible work placement. Also, fix the RediWheels public transportation program. It was absolutely terrible with no consistent drivers and extremely late with no consideration for special needs customers.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
405	Fulfill the Lanterman Act mandate.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
406	Help them to better understand, in their terms not the government terms, what they are going to either get or not get.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
407	How about how funds are allocated ....how about helping the kids who are most employable with aid they need, so they are not a burden on State/Federal but can work and pay into the system. Instead most of funding goes to the most disabled, who will never be employable.	5/18/2015 12:51 PM
408	up funding and quit uttng it on the chopping block. Limit some of the extensive red tape. Make sure that medi-cal ccs supply people are giving quality products without stealing the state blind.	5/18/2015 12:46 PM
409	Better supervision (abuse prevention) over care in the adult group homes.	5/18/2015 12:45 PM
410	Educate people to understand more about i/dd, especially public agencies like school districts, cities and other big cooperation should provide special program to accommodate people with i/dd.	5/18/2015 12:44 PM
411	Pay more attention to consumers before they get into bad situations! Once you have a consumer living independently who is addicted to drugs, it is very unlikely that the situation can be fixed. I know that California places the greatest value on independence, but I think you have to make safety an equal value.	5/18/2015 12:43 PM
412	Helping those in need find services. A faster easier way to the resources and funding.	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
413	1. Advocate for our rights. 2. Intervening when Regional Center takes control & doesn't support family advice. 3. Advocate for therapy, classes, & programs to help me become more independent.	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
414	Create resources that are culturally and linguistically appropriate to non English speaking families	5/18/2015 12:39 PM
415	They should be able to serve a client with a one-to-one approach and a case manager model follow up.	5/18/2015 12:38 PM
416	The State Council beside funding must push the organizations over see it in more details.	5/18/2015 12:36 PM
417	Outreach to under serviced communities	5/18/2015 12:35 PM
418	Please hold educators accountable!!! Please provide no or low cost advocacy to families.	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
419	more outreach to families to hear what's REALLY going on with Regional Center/services/supports.	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
420	increase supports for advocacy.	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
421	Continue to push to increase overall funding.	5/18/2015 12:29 PM

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422	More support for a free and appropriate education, talking with the governor and other people who make financial decisions to increase the budget for programs that haave been frozen for years, conduct surveys of parents satafaction with the ed system, help write grants for low income housing projects dthat includes middle income units. Send staff to requested IEP meetings, work with the Dept of Rehab to find out why they are not serving our population for training in real job sites. why does medical pull teeth ot repair them when no one will hire a toothless employee, increase courses at junior colleges for our population and stop the number of times a student can take a course.	5/18/2015 12:25 PM
423	It's all about self-determination...in order for many of the other pieces to be effective, individuals have to have the skills and opportunity to make their needs and preferences known. Families and professionals need to communicate more effectively -- professionals need to facilitate conversations that are more than just 'checking the box' that the plans are person-centered or person-driven.	5/18/2015 12:23 PM
424	Improve their methods of early intervention versus relying on the concept that everyone develops at their own pace.	5/18/2015 12:23 PM
425	Help them to live a full life. With jobs, friends and hobbies of interest to them. They need support be successful in these areas.	5/18/2015 12:17 PM
426	More funding, but, admittedly, I'm not sure where that would come from.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
427	Provide more financial assistance to families and organizations providing services to family members with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
428	The state council needs to start thinking that our disabled population are worth the time, effort, and care. If this does not happen, there will be no change for the better.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
429	Provide funding for Self-Determination at EVERY AGE. The general education classroom setting is not a one-size fits all approach, nor is segregation of disabled children grouped together with a severe lack of qualified professions and a horrifying ratio of too little adults to too many disabled children.	5/18/2015 12:13 PM
430	Standardize the RC system, some RCs are great at coordinating services and some seems to have know idea what they need to do. Or tell you they have the services in place when this is not true.	5/18/2015 12:12 PM
431	by have more opportunities	5/18/2015 12:07 PM
432	We would like to take them to their limit but still have some one watching over, like big brother-sister)	5/18/2015 12:01 PM
433	Providing more and better coordinated services for children with disabilities who are school age; respite care for parents of children with disabilities	5/18/2015 12:01 PM
434	Help support providers as they transition to new models of services which are based on inclusive opportunities and best practice services. Sponsor trainings on behavior supports, customized employment, transition from site based to community based services etc... there are great presenters out there. Grants to providers to transition or augment their employment first services.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
435	Provide services that deal with safety and prevention of abuse which leads back to educating people with these challenges about sexual behaviors and safety.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
436	If there were advocates for the parents, a liason worker that can arrange services and supports and all the paperwork involved my son can get the additional help he needs.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
437	More advocacy for more State and or Federal funding, legislation to provide funding to support services.	5/18/2015 11:58 AM
438	Expand services to accommodate multiple disability individuals. Put more supports in place to allow individuals to remain in own home.	5/18/2015 11:57 AM
439	be stauncher advocates	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
440	Make certain there is help provided when they have completed highschool	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
441	More actively partner with the community to address the areas of lack that I have outlined above.	5/18/2015 11:48 AM
442	Active involvement in from policy into real outcome. Create more housing project for adults with DD	5/18/2015 11:46 AM
443	Develop incentives for businesses to hire people with disabilities. As minimum wage increases, jobs that require special accommodations will be further reduced. Requiring workers who can't do the full job to be paid minimum wage is a nice idea, but probably not realistic. Develop resources for low-cost housing. Section 8 is nice, but the waiting list is about 10 years long.	5/18/2015 11:46 AM

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444	Make sure family members have all of the information they need to make informed choices for their loved ones with developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
445	The state council needs to push Governor Brown for additional funding of services for our people with intellectual disabilities by increasing funds to DDS.	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
446	I'd like to propose that the State Council consider partnering with California Health Advocates to educate service providers, caregivers, and consumers on topics such as Medicare, prescription drug coverage options, how other health insurance coordinates with Medicare, long term care planning, etc. Go to <a href="http://www.cahealthadvocates.org">www.cahealthadvocates.org</a> or contact Elaine Wong Eakin, Executive Director at <a href="mailto:eweakin@cahealthadvocates.org">eweakin@cahealthadvocates.org</a> or 5108851995	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
447	Better financial assistance and health care	5/18/2015 11:42 AM
448	Instead of lumping all DD students together, figure out how to group those with specific education needs, training needs, etc.	5/18/2015 11:37 AM
449	Better training for Regional Center and DOR workers to understand the high functioning population of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder who, with the appropriate opportunities, can become responsible, independent, tax-paying citizens who rely minimally on public benefits.	5/18/2015 11:34 AM
450	There is a great deal of disparity across the state in terms of what is available for people with a variety of intellectual/developmental disabilities. It would help families to have some continuity.	5/18/2015 11:33 AM
451	See item #3	5/18/2015 11:31 AM
452	affordable home, community jobs, and, no cost day care to parents.	5/18/2015 11:27 AM
453	Develop better programs. My Son could really benefit from an exercise program. Like a lot of disabled people, he is very over weight and could benefit greatly from an exercise program designed to help high functioning people with developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 11:22 AM
454	Providing state wide website with listed resources for all age ranges. Mandated to be on all school district special education websites.	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
455	have rallies at the state capital and hold these politicians accountable like the despicable Dr. Richard Pan	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
456	Proper nutrition. A healthy diet will help them feel better mentally and physically.	5/18/2015 11:18 AM
457	There is nothing as good as a loving family. They need some financial help, but it is far less costly than what we have at this time. Our educational system needs a great deal more help in accepting our clients in a regular classroom. the socialization goes far beyond into our society. There is much more, but not enough space for a true recognition of what needs to done in this survey.	5/18/2015 11:17 AM
458	Have more affordable housing in more areas as our son has a long waiting period for Section 8 in order to receive a voucher	5/18/2015 11:14 AM
459	By having more options such as day programs and community access.	5/18/2015 11:12 AM
460	Protect funds that are directed to the Regional Centers. Assure funds are spent appropriately. Lastly, prepare for the incoming flux of additional consumer given current and anticipated rates in autism diagnosis.	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
461	Need creative people to sit in the chairs of making decisions and develop programs.	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
462	Advocacy, workshops, and advice are tremendously important.	5/18/2015 11:09 AM
463	More education for care givers.	5/18/2015 11:08 AM
464	Advocate for the full range of services Not everyone will be able to work enough hours to have a reasonable quality of life. For those who can not work or can not work very many hours a month, there should be options other sit at home. Day programs enhance the skill that help support independence and work behaviors.	5/18/2015 11:05 AM
465	Provide to the budget that will allow education, employment and other support services to the DD population	5/18/2015 11:04 AM
466	Increased work and volunteer opportunities.	5/18/2015 11:03 AM
467	Support and train for Self-Determination. There is a lot to learn about the program, and people need to know they have choices.	5/18/2015 11:03 AM
468	Have more parental involvement.	5/18/2015 11:02 AM
469	listen and implement	5/18/2015 11:01 AM

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470	Proactively educate parents/caregivers on supports and services which are available instead of withholding information until a crisis.	5/18/2015 10:59 AM
471	Quality assurance with employment, housing and health care coverages for adults with I/DDs.	5/18/2015 10:58 AM
472	Improve support in the area listed above.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
473	Better support at the legal level...bring in people willing to work pro bono or a reduced rate to help the disabled. I am paying \$400 an hour for my attorney in order to fight the school system. I may have to sell my house so I can get appropriate services for my child. Something is wrong here.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
474	Empower parents, and hold the schools responsible for their abuses, neglects, unlawful practices, disregards for our children, and stop them from disabling Parents and children's right to an education.	5/18/2015 10:56 AM
475	Take positions on current legislation so that the Council can lead the advocacy efforts.	5/18/2015 10:56 AM
476	Gave them programs will allow themselves by home	5/18/2015 10:55 AM
477	Give at least a COLA increase after over a decade of none along with rate cuts and lost income from Mandatory days off without pay aka "The Uniform Holiday Schedule". The cost of everything has gone up. Providers are the primary link between the person with I/DD and their quality of life. If you don't provide adequately for their care you don't deserve the paychecks you collect for planning for their care.	5/18/2015 10:54 AM
478	Give the funding necessary to run quality programs. We are having to fundraise 20% of our budget. Help! Give us a raise...we have not had even a cost of living increase...This is a forgotten group of people...	5/18/2015 10:53 AM
479	Encourage communities to support recreational activities on a daily/weekly basis. The employment rate is so low for people with disabilities. More employment opportunities need to be created in mainstream arenas.	5/18/2015 10:51 AM
480	Continue to provide funding, with increases that keep up with the economy, in order to make services available to all who require it. Ensure that Regional Centers are educating families/individuals regarding the services that are available to them.	5/18/2015 10:50 AM
481	Needs to be more services offered	5/18/2015 10:50 AM
482	Get services in rural counties. MediCal is supposed to be providing ABA services but is slow to find providers to serve rural counties. Get more respite opportunities for parents. Get funding that will allow more respite and transportation reimbursement to parents of minors for long distance medical travel.	5/18/2015 10:49 AM
483	Get more help	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
484	Check on the vendors - especially the group homes. Do not tell them when you are planning a check so that you see that some are not following your instructions to the detriment of the consumers. The quality of workers in group homes could be a lot better in some instances - paying a decent wage would help.	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
485	advocate for more supports and services	5/18/2015 10:47 AM
486	Provide more employment opportunities Better quality housing and supports for consumers	5/18/2015 10:47 AM
487	Better support and more funding for supported living tailored to each individual's needs.	5/18/2015 10:46 AM
488	Push for better early and aggressive intervention including speech, ABA, OT and PT services to have better outcomes.	5/18/2015 10:44 AM
489	keep on the state government and federal government regarding funds to regional centers and to service providers to serve our clients with the best possible staff.	5/18/2015 10:43 AM

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490	Besides being a parent of a person with ID, I also work as a parent liaison for school districts that serve over 14,000 families who have children with disabilities. Many families and PWD who have good internal resources and support are able to do the time-consuming and difficult work of getting the services that are provided under the Lanterman Act and IDEA. However, for our most vulnerable citizens -- PWD who have no family or for families who do not have the time and resources to devote, they are often the ones who most need the services and are the most likely not to receive what they need to survive. In my experience Area Boards were the only ones who had the ability to step in and do the individual advocacy that was needed. They got results when no one else could. Without this individual advocacy the laws are irrelevant. This is also the best way to teach people the necessary skills to advocate for themselves -- telling them their rights and what to say in meetings is not effective -- they need to see it in action and see that it works. Employment -- again we need individualized support -- well paid and trained people who know how to create employment opportunities based on individual strengths and characteristics. Finally, and most importantly, reimbursement rates for vendored programs severely restrict the quality and retention of good staff. There are good and competent people out there who are willing to support our adults well for minimum wage, but not many. The good ones are typically in transition to more highly skilled and paid jobs. They daily struggles of people working for minimum wage and the overturn of competent staff makes for unstable support and frequent emotional, health and safety turmoil for our family members with PWD.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
491	Provide better post required training and better job training.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
492	There is an affordable housing crisis. Supporting programs that partner with all bay area cities and housing contractor to develop appropriate, intentional communities that that have supports built into the design and model much like Sunflower Hill Project in Pleasanton/Livermore area - we need this in Alameda, San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Cities and the states have abandoned properties that can be made good use of...	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
493	Advocate for them, better services, less fighting to receive those services. Support us in Sacramento. How do we have a Governor who doesn't support us yet we have a State Council????	5/18/2015 10:40 AM
494	more advocacy towards the rights of individuals with disabilities	5/18/2015 10:40 AM
495	Accountability of Regional Workers in getting resources to individuals	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
496	Get out there and see where our clients live and what they are provided and not. Be involved, be hands on. Truly see...	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
497	Help get kids to college instead of asking them in high school what job they want to have. Most high school kids don't know and that's why they go to colleg	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
498	Advocate for rules that truly people receiving services to earmark funds to meet their priority needs.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
499	OutReach and offering services to our Youth	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
500	dont keep giving us phone number after phone numbers that lead to dead ends	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
501	Provide more funding to lower income areas to ensure access to professionals providing services	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
502	Support sheltered workshops. Improve the level of funding and services provided within a sheltered workshop.	5/18/2015 10:33 AM
503	Make our legislature aware that the needs exist and with the right support an individual can become a contributing member of society, thereby lessening the cost to the State.	5/18/2015 10:33 AM
504	Provide greater financial support to non-profits that service the needs of people with disabilities. Funding increases will allow us to expand our service provision.	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
505	Allow parents/family members freedom to choose what services to support -- allow them to "buy" what works with the dollars dedicated to their child.	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
506	Make sure that each agency works with agencies to provide consistent assistance across the board.	5/18/2015 10:31 AM
507	hack this is what you need to do how workshopsmommy needs to tell the communion what is out there to get help I mean just for people just to talk about their problems	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
508	Get more funding	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
509	Assist with affordable housing development, advocacy for more housing vouchers. Encourage development of supported employment vendors Advocacy for better transportation	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
510	Advocacy, education and support for the services that do align with the new HCBS regulations	5/18/2015 10:28 AM
511	I think in the advocacy realm things have dropped off a bit. I think there should be more interfacing with adult ed students in transition programs, so that there are advocacy groups the feel right for the younger set.	5/18/2015 10:27 AM

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512	Community awareness and advocacy	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
513	Use CPP money to aggressive develop services to meet all 1000 clients of DC who will be displaced within the next 5 years through California.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
514	Overhaul the Regional Center Services; a non-profit should not have so much control over tax payer monies	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
515	Better marketing to highlight abilities and accomplishments of adults with intellectual disabilities. Also, education for the families about employment and access to services and disability payments and insurance.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
516	Recognize the value of a continuum of services	5/18/2015 10:25 AM
517	Outreach to seniors with intellectual/developmental disabilities assuring their rights to self determination and independence are secure	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
518	See above and hire people who care- NOT JUST WORKING FOR A PAYCHECK!	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
519	more social events and recreation for quality of life, financial and legal support	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
520	More information, more support, more coordination of services. As a parent, I feel very isolated & only receive info from other Mom's who also feel like they are in uncharted territory.	5/18/2015 10:22 AM
521	Assist families with more legal and advocates to help them understand policy and services with in school districts/private school services. Help family understand their rights and provided more support and guidance with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
522	put more resources into the end user and less at the top.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
523	Move away from vendored services which have an implicit bias towards self-contained services and do not provide equal services to consumers who do not use vendored day services.	5/18/2015 10:17 AM
524	1) take a leadership position 2) work to build partnerships on behalf of people with disabilities and their families 3) provide information/education to the legislature 4) work with different parts of government to get our issues on their agenda	5/18/2015 10:17 AM
525	Of Course we need more money in the system. Better rate setting system that is equal for both old and new vendors.	5/18/2015 10:16 AM
526	Early intervention & diagnosis with realistic prognosis..	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
527	Open the criteria for qualifying. Some individuals do not meet the criteria levels yet experience the challenges associated with disabilities.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
528	hire more Regional Center Workers.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
529	Educate pediatricians how to diagnose infants & help them better so that precious childhood days can be used to help them develop through early intervention.	5/18/2015 10:13 AM
530	more services, education for families/community in our rural areas. get self-determination going	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
531	1. Funding, 2. More opportunities in the community	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
532	Funding and continued appropriate oversight.	5/18/2015 10:11 AM
533	Keep work activity programs and other entry level training opportunities available for people that want them.	5/18/2015 10:10 AM
534	Put people first and ask dds to consider if they are discriminating against people when they implement practices like denying services to families with working mothers by demanding a parent participate in 100 percent of services provided to their child. Only rich people who don't have to work could possibly meet this demand.	5/18/2015 10:09 AM
535	Assist in pushing the schools to provide appropriate services and implement the IEPs. Provide inclusive recreation activities and adequate support for school related activities. Pressure the schools to investigate when a child is sexually abused to assure all children at the school site are safe.	5/15/2015 1:44 PM
536	Continue to educate, advocate and support families and individuals affected by ID/DD.	5/14/2015 6:11 PM
537	More training for Police Dept, on Special Needs adults ....and how to deal with adults with disabilities	5/14/2015 12:19 PM
538	By advocating strongly for real needs and to get away from rhetoric and "paper pushng"	5/14/2015 8:01 AM
539	Provide high quality services	5/13/2015 10:27 AM

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540	1. Develop Affordable Housing Options: New housing, New Financing Options and bring back Section 8 to our counties 2. More accessible Transportation - more hours of operation and transportation to outlying areas like: Rovana, Chalfant. Big Pine-to Bishop, June Lake	5/13/2015 8:46 AM
541	providing more hours for in home and school support would greatly help.	5/12/2015 5:52 PM
542	Encourage DDS to get more funding to Regional centers to develop supports and services for clients moving into the community from developmental centers or from where ever.	5/12/2015 12:08 PM
543	extra programs/better communication, psychologists that care and do their job because they love it not because of a paycheck	5/12/2015 10:50 AM
544	Educate the public, schools, physicians, mental health professionals, Create a system where everyone is treated with the same level of respect and dignity. Not everyone is capable of self advocacy, and I believe people are mistreated based on their knowledge or lack of knowledge.	5/12/2015 10:32 AM
545	Provide a coordinated approach to supporting individuals once they exit the school system. Adults who do not have non-disabled advocates are stranded and allowed to slip quickly through the cracks. services and resources are not consistent and do not provide an adequate safety net for disabled adults, and services and resources are counter-productive in many instances by limiting activities such as transportation and support for recreational activities which encourages social isolation and disengagement from the community.	5/11/2015 4:48 PM
546	Use TQM techniques, Have ongoing interviews with the consumers and compile date that can be used immediately. There is explicit and tacit knowledge that can be harnessed and used to improve the quality of life for these individuals. If you want to give me a call regarding some of my thoughts, maybe I could help, 707-294-3811	5/11/2015 1:19 PM
547	Need to be able to respond in a timely matter to consumers needs	5/11/2015 12:52 PM
548	Same as #3 above.	5/11/2015 12:17 PM
549	The self determination program will be helpful to provide services that have been denied by school and regional center regulations.	5/11/2015 10:48 AM
550	Continue to work on employment first and self determination	5/11/2015 8:49 AM
551	I like being supplied resources such as videos that are included in your e newsletter. These are very useful to me. Provide counseling services for the students when an evaluation shows that counseling is needed and would be beneficial.	5/10/2015 11:14 PM
552	Advocate against budget cuts for existing services	5/9/2015 4:32 PM
553	More funds and less red tape. We have to fight to get any help. Service Coordinators act like they are guarding gold and if you are not very knowledgeable and experienced (experience with paper work and knowledge of how funding works or disability law) then you most likely will get absolutely no help. We shouldn't have to be lawyers in order to be granted services, the people that need the most help are not getting it. The one's that fight and threaten to sue receive the most help and that is not how a disability program should be run.	5/9/2015 8:41 AM
554	Create levels of educational and practical standards to help them achieve and complete better with typical peers towards a more normal self sufficient life And independence.	5/9/2015 7:32 AM
555	Make the community more aware of their capabilities and assets. As people are more accepting of students with special needs they will be more inclined to include them in everything.	5/9/2015 7:00 AM
556	ensure inclusive practices are in place to allow access to services to those in need.	5/9/2015 6:40 AM
557	Help families get more respite, Happy parents who get a break better care for the child with an ID.	5/9/2015 12:52 AM
558	All service areas mentioned above are critical. To been denied these supports puts people at a disadvantage for their future lives. These services need to be available for all people who need them. Regional is suppose to support people. To deny supports is the opposite of what the are entrusted to do for people.	5/8/2015 10:13 PM
559	Better teaching in schools of what intellectual/developmental disabilities are so that pupils can understand them from an early age and be more inclined to accept and befriend a child with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	5/8/2015 5:50 PM
560	Help direct individuals for one and one services in the three areas I selected	5/8/2015 5:35 PM
561	Relax efforts and priority on resources for persons at the state developmental centers at the expense of the 99% of individuals in the community. The Regional Centers will continue to move the remaining individuals out and eventually close another SDC.	5/8/2015 10:30 AM

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562	Support community action from the bottom up, not from the top (State) down.	5/7/2015 1:33 PM
563	Money - more programs need to be funded to provide the services. Vendors can step up for those services however, funding, development of these programs need to be backed up with MONEY!	5/7/2015 12:54 PM
564	In form of benefits and rights	5/7/2015 12:49 PM
565	By increasing legislation that mandates affordable housing options.	5/7/2015 12:01 PM
566	I'm not exactly sure what is within your purview, so I'm not sure how to respond. I've worked at Kern Regional Center for 15 years, but I don't know much about SCDD. I do want to thank Joe Bowling and Vicki Smith for attending our board meetings and educating the board and public about the board's regulations.	5/7/2015 11:34 AM
567	You are all doing a great job. In terms of housing, perhaps someone would like to attend/join Partners in Housing in Ventura County - a nonprofit housing development corporation focused on improving housing for individuals with special needs, We have one project in development right now in Ventura.	5/7/2015 11:09 AM
568	Advocate to keep supported employment in place. Advocate to increase SLS/ILS rates to providers to keep up with rising costs to provide services. Remove the barriers that prevent providers from owning housing units and renting to clients.	5/7/2015 10:29 AM
569	Provide better one-on-one legal assistance.	5/6/2015 4:57 PM
570	Not sure	5/6/2015 4:50 PM
571	They need more opportunities which equates to funding/reimbursing vendors who are willing to provide these services for their work.	5/6/2015 9:49 AM
572	More individualized surveys for the individual and family. Then provide the services.	5/4/2015 5:32 PM
573	LOBBY MORE	5/4/2015 4:08 PM
574	STOP hurting the majority of DD with this totally idealistic policy on sub minimum wage group. First rule of SCDD should be "first do no harm". This means no only harm to consumers (should change to "clients") but harm to families. I have helped with employment of over 130 clients as a for profit business manager, STOP and get some business advisors. Since 2005 the percent of clients earning wages has dropped by at least 20% not to mention number of hours worked or number of days worked.	5/3/2015 7:35 AM
575	Has there been a serious attempt to raise the issue in schools (in PTAs) and through other possible contacts with affected parents?	5/2/2015 8:28 AM
576	Support full funding for Regional Centers and community recreation programs. Support funding for dental care. Support more funding for community living, enable family member with dd to be close by to maintain contact. Outreach to legislators.	5/1/2015 10:46 AM
577	Review current offerings and funding levels for Supported Living (for Adults with severe autism).	5/1/2015 9:48 AM
578	Continued advocacy and support to advocacy groups.	5/1/2015 9:22 AM
579	Once a person is "deemed" aka "institutionally deemed" and becomes a life-long client of the regional center, it would be wonderful if the family didn't have to re-apply and/or prove eligibility every year for programs like Medi-Cal, HIPP, personal assistant hours from GGRC etc. It's actually really scary to receive those letters from Medi-Cal that say you may lose your benefits so fill out all this paperwork and show proof of income. Every year I write "GGRC Deemed" over the forms and worry THIS is the year it won't matter. Again, I think once a regional center client is deemed, there should be LESS red tape obtaining and maintaining services. Oh, and more camps and after-school options for kids with severe disabilities. My daughter is largely non-cognitive. A regular camp, even for disabled kids, isn't appropriate for her. But a camp focused on pool time or some other sensory activity like music class or massage or something to enjoy passively would be great!	4/30/2015 9:56 PM
580	Push for more availability of Section 8 housing.	4/30/2015 9:21 PM
581	Continue to provide advocacy for my family	4/30/2015 12:37 PM
582	I think helping by advocating for more money but also better quality of services.	4/30/2015 11:59 AM
583	Assist with the above mentioned needs.	4/30/2015 11:37 AM
584	Better Quality assurance of current supports and get rid of supports that do not work	4/29/2015 2:47 PM
585	Give information the community through email or mailing fyers	4/29/2015 11:39 AM

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586	Educate them with resources and ease of obtaining resources. Show them how to make contact, don't just tell them!	4/29/2015 11:23 AM
587	Giving more training and support them to find information, and education about where to go who to ask for services and resources.	4/29/2015 11:09 AM
588	Keep going to Governor's office and advocating for our cause let the people that are getting the services talk to the Sacramento let them know how there life is day to day more services in tune with Regional Center, Bring Lake County up to the 21 st century and advocate more for a faculty in Lake County to help everyone with developmental or intellectual needs no one should be left behind and this sits right on the lap of the corrupt board of supervisors they would rather spend there 400,000 on a skate board park then invest into there community and mental health.	4/29/2015 9:22 AM
589	Advocacy, Both for specific programs (i.e., housing and employment) and for more money in the system (for both service providers and Regional Center operations/staff).	4/29/2015 7:50 AM
590	Set up programs with the individuals in mind that meet their personal needs and goals. Stop telling providers to not develop personal friendships with their clients. That just makes them feel like they are not accepted in the REAL world or by NORMAL people. It tells them that they are only to associate with their "peers", many of whom are less capable of maintaining a friendship that they are.	4/29/2015 4:16 AM
591	Support with resources advocate and guide to find where and how to get help	4/28/2015 7:18 PM
592	job support	4/28/2015 5:13 PM
593	There needs to be more government/community awareness of the needs of this demographic and the will to serve these needs.	4/28/2015 11:17 AM
594	Self determination should be initiated whenever it is possible. It gives an individual a sense of self worth and confidence. It takes individuals with developmental disabilities out of the dark ages.	4/28/2015 11:00 AM
595	Talk to the clients and ask what the needs are from them.	4/28/2015 10:50 AM
596	By continued community collaboration to build supports for those with developmental disabilities to be fully "included" in the community.	4/28/2015 10:35 AM
597	I think we need more community awareness that you exist & what you do.	4/28/2015 10:29 AM
598	Support public education, the regional centers and education and training for experts in the kinds of services that will help people with developmental disabilities.	4/28/2015 10:26 AM
599	Oversee the Tri-Counties to make sure they are following up on referrals and are being responsive to those individuals who need their help.	4/28/2015 9:23 AM
600	The most important work the State Council does is the one on one advocacy when a person is falling through the cracks. When supports are not being provided, having an area board staff in your corner can be extremely vital.	4/28/2015 9:08 AM
601	For jobs, more public relations on abilities. For housing advocate for supplemental housing allowance in high rent communities.	4/28/2015 8:55 AM
602	Accountability of adult agencies-make sure they are provided the services they are paid to provide.	4/28/2015 8:40 AM
603	Secure more funding for programs and services.	4/28/2015 7:31 AM
604	Providing more money to the elementary/middle school for Special Education, so that we can have the staff and materials needed to provide a positive educational experience for the students.	4/28/2015 7:27 AM
605	Advocacy for improved rates and reimbursement structure for supported employment for more people to be gainfully employed. Advocacy for affordable housing, self-determination training for advocates, families, providers and RC staff.	4/28/2015 7:08 AM
606	More housing options	4/28/2015 6:47 AM
607	Make certain more good/safe services are available for individuals and their family members. Limited services in smaller rural towns, again local community colleges need to step up more.	4/28/2015 3:42 AM
608	More educational opportunities/local workshops for individuals and their advocate/caretakers.	4/28/2015 1:00 AM

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609	Help to keep programs available and easily accessible to people with disabilities, especially when they are out of school and have no built-in supports anymore. And also, on the opposite end, helping to fund and design early intervention can help families and schools learn about how to help their child with disabilities and promote lifelong learning for the whole family.	4/27/2015 9:29 PM
610	Get rid of the regional centers	4/27/2015 7:21 PM
611	Make sure the older ones have housing, and make sure family members know how to get them help	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
612	make a separate wage category, lower than minimum wage	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
613	I don't know.	4/27/2015 6:30 PM
614	Attend IEP meetings with youth. Schools often mislead parents and parents are unsure of their rights.	4/27/2015 6:14 PM
615	They could stay by educating and screening children to catch these types of often overlooked disorders. As it is in our country there is only one occupational therapist for children my son's age and is 45 minutes away	4/27/2015 5:57 PM
616	As a parent, it would have been really nice to have an advocate from the time of initial diagnosis to help guide us in the right direction for services, medical care, education, etc,	4/27/2015 5:06 PM
617	Continued support to programs falls short. In home support or support in our communities is lacking. There needs to be more education options and support to home based programs etc...	4/27/2015 4:03 PM
618	This all starts at the roots. State funding drives services and supports as well as case management that can assist and advocate. We need to put more funding into regional centers and their vendors so services and supports can expand and continue to develop including being able to provide information and training to individuals.	4/27/2015 4:01 PM
619	I think that the State Council should assist people in realizing their rights in reality; such as, housing and support in residential services, employment services that pay living wages for all people, insuring that the regional centers are providing the services to clients (QA), access to all services that are needed in the community.	4/27/2015 3:12 PM
620	The local offices must get to know the community and its needs, and build a real partnership with the regional centers, to determine the best methods for making improvements in that community. The managers must be leaders who are effective, positive communicators.	4/27/2015 2:04 PM
621	Need to move funding from Day Programs and Sheltered Workshops to Integrated Competitive Employment. Need to start to reduce and then eliminate funding for Day Programs and Sheltered Workshops.	4/27/2015 1:53 PM
622	Education of nurses, doctors, etc on the needs of our clients. Transportation to better help our clients. Dental care has to be dealt with as that's the least taken care of aspect of our clients. Clients who are aging is also something that is popping up quite a bit, putting in supports to help aging disabled clients rather than resorting to nursing homes would be hugely beneficial.	4/27/2015 1:30 PM
623	Lobby for a separation between highly qualified evaluators and funders. If schools ID a student - they must pay for services. If the regional center IDs a child in need of services - they must pay for services. This results in under recognized developmental needs - and delayed access to care.	4/27/2015 12:57 PM
624	Treat them with as much value, respect, and potential as you do the Neuro-typical children.	4/27/2015 12:45 PM
625	Convince the governor and all government representative to give support to the most defenseless people in our state.	4/27/2015 12:19 PM
626	helping all people with employment support after they reach 18 years old. And having free employment and life coaches who are qualified.	4/27/2015 12:16 PM
627	Work closely with persons with disabilities and their families	4/27/2015 11:57 AM
628	Work with people providing or developing services for Not just DHCS. often mgmt. out of touch with needs and DHCS and Denti.Cal totally out of touch. .	4/27/2015 11:41 AM
629	Provide accessible ways to access flexible budgets and get the family fully involved.	4/27/2015 11:11 AM
630	Start at young age to provide support for families.	4/27/2015 10:50 AM
631	It's simple, think of the client first and everything else should be secondary.	4/27/2015 10:50 AM
632	Monitor the regional center better to ensure they have programs people need and are regularly funding them. Currently regional center acts more of a roadblock to services and supports than facilitators.	4/27/2015 10:49 AM

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633	More services to help the families .	4/27/2015 7:29 AM
634	consider siblings that are not challenged when setting up respite. I have 3 kids 2 have challenges. But since the 3 child can not be left with the worker, it doesn't give parents a true break.	4/26/2015 7:25 PM
635	Families should not have to beg, find out from others what services and opportunities would support each client. Choices and possible amounts of various services should be visible such as respite care, DOR, behavior services, IHSS, other agencies for day program supports. There are differences in possible options given to clients within regional center. Adult Individuals living with families should not have only 4-5 hours of respite care, while others clients receive more services because that family knows of more service options. Agencies that serve should continue to have a plan with printed materials to train for nutrition, meal preparation & cooking skills, and behavioral plan as needed for individuals that are followed through by agencies providers that are serving TCRC clients.	4/25/2015 10:00 PM
636	Provide efficient training to community resource providers serving families/people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Parent "Bootcamp" Orientation to community resources; a booklet (?) Having family members, parents of children with developmental disabilities, on every decision making council to best provide input on necessary support systems; how to best improve? what else is missing? In what ways will "this" help this population?	4/24/2015 4:53 PM
637	I would appreciate it if the State Council could spend more time focusing on the current housing model and its limitations. Section 8 waitlists can be incredibly long, to the point where people may move out of county or out of state in order to be able to live. Perhaps some outreach programs designed to educate landlords about people with disabilities and to help remove some of the stigmas attached to landlords and people with disabilities.	4/24/2015 11:28 AM
638	I'm not sure.	4/24/2015 10:14 AM
639	We need more supports including financial incentives to get resources like the above to come up and provide our clients with these services. This is especilly true since we often have to get established, out of the area providers to come up to our rural area to set up a program in our area.	4/24/2015 10:00 AM
640	I believe that if the community resources were available, parents would utilize them to improve their families and to better serve their children. State Council can better help people by working to get these community resources available.	4/24/2015 9:43 AM
641	From my perspective, it would be beneficial if regional center staff fully understood what the vision of the State Council is and how to describe the State Council to clients and their families. Service Coordination is the first point of contact for clients and families, typically, and without that understanding they may not be able to assist clients and their families in contacting the State Council until there is an emergency or an issue with the local regional center. In addition to that, advocacy, outreach and lobbying to increase awareness and opportunities for clients is a huge asset to our communities.	4/24/2015 9:42 AM
642	Provide training for providers in the area of strong ISP / appropriate goals/objectives, boundaries and professionalism.	4/24/2015 9:27 AM
643	Support additional funding for the development of much needed programs and to increase the quality of existing programs.	4/24/2015 9:23 AM
644	Outreach and being visible in the community. Education of legislators and local government and community members that have influence.	4/24/2015 9:22 AM
645	Promote the develop of these resources, particularly affordable housing options.	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
646	More supports for Dual Diagnosis clients as they take up a majority of time.	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
647	Continue to advocate for mor elow cost housing (or alternatively more access to "section 8 rental certificates", self determination and safety training (incl. advocating ith/law enforcement in any way possible to take crimes against/by people w/ disabilities more seriouly).	4/24/2015 9:02 AM
648	Offer varied support for people with rare conditions.	4/23/2015 6:59 PM
649	Continued advocacy and information regarding available community services.	4/23/2015 2:45 PM
650	ensure the regional centers are providing the services and support they are tasked with through the lantern act, provide the funding necessary to train service coordinators to be better advocates for clients and their families. make the process easier for those wishing to start or engage in meaningful day programs.	4/23/2015 8:28 AM
651	I feel that SCDD could be more active as an advocate by directly contacting regional centers on behalf of consumers when regions statewide express similar concerns about regional center services and practices.	4/22/2015 8:03 PM

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652	They can give more money to these programs so that they don't have to stop and I can keep getting all the help I need and get even more help.	4/22/2015 6:57 PM
653	I am not sure! Do folks even know about the State Council? What it is for and what it can do? I work in the industry and I don't know, not sure how families could even know.	4/22/2015 6:02 PM
654	I am very please with all the services that area board9 provides	4/22/2015 5:34 PM
655	Outside tutoring, placement with organizations to work on social behaviors	4/22/2015 12:08 PM
656	Get rid of redundant services, revamp services to include all STEM w/in any program w/in the region to be competitive. People coming in the system, specifically those w/autism, have all been raised on technology, and almost 100% of any programs are not utilizing technology in this fashion.	4/22/2015 10:08 AM
657	Increase the availability to the above.	4/22/2015 7:45 AM
658	Advocate for realistic funding of services for adults with intensive needs.	4/21/2015 4:17 PM
659	Continue to provide advocacy.	4/21/2015 3:40 PM
660	Help advocate for appropriate funding so quality services and these increased services are possible..	4/21/2015 2:45 PM
661	Continue to help make sure I get the services I need.	4/21/2015 2:36 PM
662	They can continue to offer individual-advocacy to individualizes with developmental disabilities. I feel that is one of the most important ways they have supported me in my life.	4/21/2015 2:12 PM
663	There needs to be more choices for the future of the disabled after they age out. New programs or idea for these individuals. There needs to be more safety checks to make sure that the disabled are being taken care of and not abused. More education on autism and other disabilities.	4/21/2015 1:12 PM
664	acknowledge that these disabilities cant always be seen	4/21/2015 12:35 PM
665	The State Council could provide more funding for programs that deal with people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. If there was more funding we would have more supplies and materials to do our job better. Cheaper bus passes so everyone can get where they need to go in the city without the worry of not being able to afford it. People could take the bus to get to school, go to program, and doctors appointments much easier. The State Council could make housing cheaper, which would keep a lot of homeless people with disabilities off the streets.	4/21/2015 11:41 AM
666	Supported living for people with significant physical disabilities. Expand supported living for people with intellectual disabilities.	4/21/2015 10:43 AM
667	Employment: CA state law/Action needs to be taken that requires companies of a certain size (50+ employees) to hire person with a developmental disability.	4/21/2015 8:09 AM
668	I think the state council could help by having more resources open for the people with the disability and not be limited on how long they could use a service. also I think they could help too by bettering schools services for people with disabilities.	4/21/2015 5:36 AM
669	Help families with the transition to adulthood and the conservator ship. It is crazy that we need to hire 2 lawyers to represent us and our daughter who doesn't even understand what is going on.	4/20/2015 6:29 PM
670	Let the families chose what is best for them.	4/20/2015 5:03 PM
671	One of the pressing problems for the students and their families is to be able to get needed services for their children. The families either needs to learn how to connect to services, or more options are needed.	4/20/2015 4:37 PM
672	provide after normal business hours service coordination, access to translation services, supplement transportation training, development of more day program activities, more active quality assurance and visits to service providers for residential services.	4/20/2015 4:19 PM
673	aertqwert	4/20/2015 2:29 PM
674	Reaching out to meet to new people and show them how this would be better a place for more opportunities working in 4 years from now even with intellectual developmental disabilities. State Council wanted to show them how they were respecting and understanding the people has disabilities.	4/20/2015 11:21 AM
675	More knowledge on family wills and so forth	4/20/2015 10:54 AM
676	Participate more with on the job observation.	4/20/2015 10:24 AM

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677	Be proactive about finding out from locals what they need in their specific city. transportation? housing? work? recreation etc.	4/20/2015 7:59 AM
678	Please continue to fund sheltered workshops such as Hope Services, provide incentives for companies to contract with sheltered workshops so our family members can have a place to be productive members of society while being able to socialize with their peers.	4/19/2015 9:53 PM
679	Continue paying for related services through age 12. Or cover copays and deal with billing insurance. It's a terrible hassle and financial burden that there are no therapy providers that take medi-cal. So we have to go private or do without.	4/18/2015 7:13 PM
680	Service coordinators need to be more attentive to many of their clients. Many have had to wait 6mo to a year before seeing action to their request of what is available to them, We need a list of different organizations that have contracts for work for the Disabled.	4/17/2015 9:59 PM
681	I don't know.	4/17/2015 7:19 PM
682	I believe that the State Council can better help people with disabilities is by actually listening to what we have to say. I feel like many of us are pushed aside because we are labeled as "different" which we are not we are all people and we have feelings that should be taken into consideration as well.	4/17/2015 4:32 PM
683	Secure specialized grants for program development.....(e.g., for a specialized dental clinic); continue to offer individual advocacy on a case-by-case basis.	4/17/2015 3:45 PM
684	More available/inexpensive housing. Roommates and in house care. Health care benefits and schools with more classes and interesting activities to do.	4/17/2015 1:16 PM
685	Provide more opportunities for people with disabilities to come together as a community	4/17/2015 12:42 PM
686	Create more ways for parents to provide housing for their adult children with disabilities without compromising their SSL. Create ways for people to create housing that is specifically for their child.	4/17/2015 9:08 AM
687	To continue having Advocacy for our families,	4/16/2015 11:27 PM
688	Have more resources within the classroom and at home.	4/16/2015 3:19 PM
689	Do more trainings	4/16/2015 2:26 PM
690	Help support their families.	4/16/2015 2:13 PM
691	People need a place to live. The system needs to be more efficient. The process to get housing and services takes too long.	4/16/2015 1:56 PM
692	Service providers need to be funded at a rate where they can provide quality staff, oversight and quality assurances.	4/16/2015 11:04 AM
693	More resources available for them, to get them out of the house for few, reliable services	4/16/2015 7:41 AM
694	Reach into the remote areas... watch what goes on here... Even our schools are inadequate. We need technology options for these students. My son got an IPAD after he got out of school and that was only because I went to a fair hearing with RC and MediCal. THIS is the device that helps people with DD organize and be independent and we have no one here that knows about it and no one at the college that cares about it.	4/15/2015 4:18 PM
695	Provide better adocacy experts at iep, and disputes too better inform support parents. My son's school bucked off what myself and advocates for him had stated his needs school avoided the one on one intervention he needed.	4/15/2015 9:28 AM
696	Good programs cost money, and not every family has the resources to pay for the programs their family member needs. We need to find the best programs, and find ways to make them available and affordable to all who need them.	4/15/2015 9:09 AM
697	Make sure communities have recreational opportunities	4/15/2015 6:53 AM
698	Listen to parents....especially the stories/complaints that seem too far-fetched to be true.	4/14/2015 8:04 PM
699	We need more adherence to oversight. We need more accountability for CCL and Regional Center personnel. They are lax in many cases as they are all unionized and have no repercussions when they fail at oversight.	4/14/2015 7:11 PM
700	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

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701	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
702	Make families aware of what services are available. It is so difficult to transition from school into adulthood.	4/13/2015 8:22 AM
703	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
704	Talk with someone on an individual bases.	4/9/2015 3:05 PM
705	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
706	More education, a lot of people still don't know about the State Council.	4/9/2015 9:03 AM
707	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
708	They can supply more funds and resources to help mentally disable people	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
709	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
710	funding for dental and vision	4/7/2015 6:15 PM
711	Listen to us.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
712	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
713	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
714	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
715	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
716	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
717	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
718	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
719	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
720	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
721	More funding is needed <b>from the state and federal</b> government to make sure that services and supports continue to be available, especially <b>since we the families will</b> not always be here to help care for them. We are draining our personal resources to <b>support our adult children</b> with disabilities.	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
722	See #3	4/1/2015 12:29 PM

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723	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
724	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
725	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
726	Keep pushing the agencies to help based on what the families are saying the consumer wants/needs.	4/1/2015 8:46 AM
727	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
728	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
729	Get more free programs with people with disabilities. Social programs, How to live independently program, Housing program,	4/1/2015 6:00 AM
730	See above.	3/31/2015 9:37 PM
731	Create awareness for all programs and help individuals be where they choose.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
732	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
733	Lobby for improved funding and knowledge about the need at all levels - state, county and city	3/31/2015 7:46 AM
734	yes	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
735	By asserting a zero-tolerance for evictions resulting in homelessness for people with developmental disabilities.	3/30/2015 5:05 PM
736	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
737	Work on public / private partnerships to fund gaps and develop solutions.	3/30/2015 1:02 PM
738	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
739	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
740	Additional funds to support individuals/children with special needs, more work opportunities	3/30/2015 8:48 AM
741	Be part of the answer not a hurdle to overcome	3/30/2015 8:11 AM
742	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
743	IHHS wages better than fast food jobs.	3/28/2015 3:06 PM
744	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
745	Fund RC and service providers adequately. Build homes for our DD adults.	3/28/2015 9:03 AM

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746	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
747	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
748	Please provide child care of special needs kids.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
749	Increase the rates so that compete staffing can be hired and retained providing consistency and quality services.	3/27/2015 3:30 PM
750	Secure more money for transition to adulthood and early intervention services.	3/27/2015 2:42 PM
751	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
752	Identify disabilities and work with various groups (IL Centers for example)to streamline assistance that address their needs.	3/27/2015 7:31 AM
753	Adults services. support	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
754	Possibly provide resources that we can pass on to our students.	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
755	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
756	Increase hour quota for respite care	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
757	Provide more services	3/26/2015 9:29 AM
758	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
759	I do not know wnoh about this Council to answer this question. ! am willing to learn more	3/24/2015 2:22 PM
760	Provide Housing and employment.Also provide summer camps for Special need kids.	3/24/2015 2:05 PM
761	Put in more training for parents and caregivers on how to increase their independence.	3/24/2015 10:06 AM
762	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
763	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
764	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
765	Advocate for them to get the appropriate services needed.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
766	Make available more recreational activities and places they can get together with their peers.	3/22/2015 4:17 PM
767	The State Council can start providing direct advocacy to families and individuals with developmental disabilities	3/21/2015 10:22 PM
768	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

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769	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
770	I am not sure.	3/20/2015 1:28 PM
771	Ensure that children with disabilities are adequately served between the ages of 0 to 3.	3/20/2015 1:02 PM
772	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
773	How to get help more support. to cook more who needs more transportation on weekends.	3/20/2015 11:26 AM
774	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 AM
775	They are doing a great job	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
776	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM
777	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
778	More support and get funding - don't keep cutting from this area of great need.	3/19/2015 5:48 AM
779	Help advocate for more funding for Regional Centers and other such agencies that are helping the population.	3/18/2015 4:52 PM
780	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
781	provision of funding for programs to educate parents of services available for these community.	3/18/2015 10:50 AM
782	Simple!!! Return the Area Boards back to their previous model.	3/18/2015 10:39 AM
783	Housing and services that keep them living independently in their community	3/18/2015 9:44 AM
784	Make affordable housing accessible to the intellectual/developmental disabilities.	3/18/2015 8:54 AM
785	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
786	Provide more employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Maybe provide incentives to companies that hire people with disabilities.	3/17/2015 8:42 PM
787	Oversight over regional center services and SLS companies.	3/17/2015 7:46 PM
788	I don't have any idea what the State Council does to help the intellectual/developmental disability individuals	3/17/2015 7:43 PM
789	we are hearing disable	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
790	awareness from police etc	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
791	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
792	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
793	The State Council can help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by keeping them in mind when making decisions.	3/17/2015 4:23 PM
794	More education for parents to bring awareness of services.	3/17/2015 3:26 PM
795	Listen, listen, listen.	3/17/2015 3:11 PM
796	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

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797	Advocating for services, supports and training that lead to individuals being able to live independently in their community.	3/17/2015 3:03 PM
798	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
799	How about encouraging regional centers, etc. to hire more of us? "Nothing about us without us!"	3/17/2015 2:34 PM
800	Open more doors for them to have the most independence as possible. Living on their own.	3/17/2015 1:45 PM
801	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
802	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
803	Continue to work collaboratively with schools.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
804	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
805	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
806	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
807	More uniform funding, for example San Diego County seems to offer less and pay workers less.	3/16/2015 5:37 PM
808	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
809	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
810	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
811	Increase the budget and creative housing options	3/15/2015 10:18 PM
812	The State can provide funding for programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	3/15/2015 3:18 PM
813	increase training requirements for staff working with the disabled	3/15/2015 11:06 AM
814	Continue providing resources in these areas.	3/15/2015 9:52 AM
815	Provide households with additional respite hours and make the process easier for families	3/15/2015 3:37 AM
816	Better medical help.	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
817	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
818	Advocate for service providers to receive better services from the regional center; proper funding;	3/14/2015 5:01 PM
819	continue individual advocacy so that no family or disabled person feels alone and unsupported.	3/13/2015 2:58 PM
820	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

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821	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
822	More programs, funding for transportation and job opportunities for the above individuals.	3/13/2015 9:10 AM
823	We would like to see more hours provided to the child in need.	3/13/2015 9:06 AM
824	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
825	Give kick backs or tax breaks to companies who hire students/adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities.	3/13/2015 8:54 AM
826	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
827	Advocate for fair wages and to restore funding to programs that families need to remain healthy and thriving.	3/12/2015 9:20 PM
828	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
829	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
830	Listen to the advocates	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
831	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
832	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
833	Please don't cut respite hours !	3/12/2015 6:04 PM
834	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
835	Helping them create 6 months goals and thee 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
836	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
837	Be stronger advocates for the aging population	3/12/2015 5:17 PM
838	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
839	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
840	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
841	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
842	From a parents outlook: a clear picture of services, advocacy, opportunities for success. More funding.	3/12/2015 3:40 PM
843	More opportunities for recreation. More opportunities for job training.	3/12/2015 3:39 PM
844	Take a stand regarding Regional Center's unchecked power	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
845	Provide funding for programs that support individuals and families with these types of disabilities.	3/12/2015 3:21 PM
846	advocacy	3/12/2015 3:14 PM

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847	More of an intimate direct counsel and interaction.	3/12/2015 3:09 PM
848	Reduce the amount of red-tape for legal citizens to obtain services	3/12/2015 2:49 PM
849	Support these needy people	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
850	Looking into regional and having a set standard for services given, Regardless of income.	3/12/2015 2:42 PM
851	They can give them more benefits, money to Day programs so they can enjoy being in their community.	3/12/2015 2:06 PM
852	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
853	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
854	Develop training materials for clients on the importance of taking responsibility and follow through	3/12/2015 1:36 PM
855	advocate for more service dollars	3/12/2015 1:34 PM
856	Ensure that providers actually focuses on the individual. Many of the sheltered workshops that I have seen tend to offer group activites 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
857	More participants attending the monthly meetings.	3/12/2015 1:28 PM
858	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
859	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
860	keep vendor rates competitive Promote a positive image of people with disabilities as active members of their communities	3/12/2015 1:19 PM
861	work with school systems to foster work and educational skills.	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
862	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
863	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
864	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
865	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
866	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
867	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
868	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
869	Help them be more independent out in the community	3/10/2015 9:12 PM
870	By facilitating training, employment options, and full inclusion thinking as a paradigm change.	3/10/2015 3:26 PM
871	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 or information would you like to receive?**

Answered: 692 Skipped: 411

#	Responses	Date
1	none	6/9/2015 10:40 AM
2	See information above,	6/9/2015 10:32 AM
3	N/A	6/9/2015 9:29 AM
4	Future planning including housing, what happens to my child when I am gone.	6/9/2015 6:39 AM
5	More help with finding a home for my family . Training in the computer field for people with low vision	6/9/2015 3:16 AM
6	Flyers, emails, links and possible training sessions on what is available	6/8/2015 11:00 PM
7	I personally do not need any training/information but I that there are so many parents/caregivers who just do not know how to care for their loved ones who need extra assistance and the caregivers and/or homes do not have qualified staff, I believe that there needs to be more mandated training by the state and not leave it up to the homes especially in the area of behaviorally challenged people with varying intellectual/developmental disabilities. The quality of care is profoundly lacking on all fronts!!	6/8/2015 4:56 PM
8	Referral of statewide agencies that can help with employment and housing	6/8/2015 12:07 PM
9	How to better advocate for my son	6/8/2015 9:58 AM
10	A review of what types of services are available to my child that will be helpful with his specific disability.	6/8/2015 9:18 AM
11	Transition	6/7/2015 2:10 AM
12	Information on what is going to change	6/6/2015 10:59 PM
13	ongoing trainings about available services and supports throughout the lifespan, how to access those services and supports, understanding laws that relate to services for I/DD, and what to do if rights to access those services and supports are being violated	6/6/2015 3:28 PM
14	I have to track down most information myself by hunting the internet. I created an ABA home program back in 1998 when waiting lists were long and CARD and LEAF were the only ones available in Orange County. I am better trained than most teachers and aides out there, and the lack of consistency is appalling.	6/6/2015 12:51 PM
15	All of items on answer #3, but 1. He needs self care skill & independent living skill raining.	6/6/2015 7:00 AM
16	Any college programs and scholarships available for special needs students. Also any job training opportunities and summer camps available.	6/5/2015 8:44 PM
17	Building trades, computer skills (and not just assembly), art and music.	6/5/2015 5:35 PM
18	I would love to find out what services are actually avail for my child rather than having to rely on other parents and private networking. Our social workers are never up front about what is available.	6/5/2015 4:39 PM
19	I would like to see very carefully supervised housing and staff that bring out the most potential in each intellectual/developmental disability person regardless of age.	6/5/2015 4:19 PM
20	I feel that I have access to the info I need through our organization, Families for Early Autism treatment	6/5/2015 4:04 PM
21	Legal advocacy	6/5/2015 3:53 PM
22	Job training	6/5/2015 2:46 PM
23	computer training/ mobility training/ job training	6/5/2015 2:42 PM
24	I would like to know that when I die that my son will have a safe place to live and people to make sure he is healthy and happy.	6/5/2015 2:02 PM
25	driving and interviewing	6/5/2015 10:39 AM

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26	Everyday life skills. Money management. Eating healthy, food prep. Job coach.	6/5/2015 10:18 AM
27	Same as 4	6/4/2015 9:42 PM
28	resource for parents and caregivers providing information on all available services, where and how to access services, and what to do when you're STUCK.	6/4/2015 8:51 PM
29	More training incorporating the persons disability with work/jobs, and the availability and funding of adaptive technology..	6/4/2015 6:28 PM
30	I've attended all kinds of trainings but there seem to be relatively few quality programs that fit the individual needs of higher functioning teens and adults with DD, I am constantly scouring to find what's out there and how to access it.	6/4/2015 3:41 PM
31	Employment, Housing, Transportation. Certified at Community Colleges for family members seeking to utilize their 20+ years of experience to now go back into the work force and help make the system better from the inside out. They shouldn't have to be certified or credentialed. Their experience speaks for itself. Real input, from real middle/low economic structure families.	6/4/2015 12:51 PM
32	Education and being able to pass off my goals of what I am majoring in as a Radiologist technician.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
33	I think it is unclear to families how the regional centers provide services. 1) A training on the services that are provided would be helpful. 2) also it is my understanding that it is very difficult to get vendorized with the regional center and there is such a need for services. there are waiting list or no services in many areas. there are many young upcoming adults that are aging out of the school system and not enough service providers, the regional center system in California needs to get creative and become innovative. 3) Self determination- not so much what it is but examples of peoples lives and the supports and services they get.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
34	More help with sensory processing and how to help over stimulation.	6/4/2015 9:19 AM
35	Iep training is always useful, but how about training in what kinds of supports are available outside of the school district?	6/4/2015 9:05 AM
36	job development	6/4/2015 8:45 AM
37	Advocacy training. Bring back Partners in Policymaking!	6/4/2015 8:21 AM
38	written guidelines and contact persons	6/4/2015 7:21 AM
39	on how to be a good board member	6/4/2015 2:07 AM
40	More legal advocacy, procedural, after hours resource center, books and materials, advocates or council, work with OAH to bring back the outreach program to fund education re policy and procedures.	6/4/2015 12:26 AM
41	None at this time	6/3/2015 11:03 PM
42	Training us an ongoing process..what ever is available i am flexible	6/3/2015 9:26 PM
43	I want our county program to improve!!!	6/3/2015 5:50 PM
44	Opportunities for grants	6/3/2015 4:50 PM
45	Extensive Parent training for ABA and how to communicate with your child/adult not just a few sessions and then the trainers don't follow up or provide intervention when the approach they taught is not working or is done incorrectly	6/3/2015 4:36 PM
46	Self- advocacy; legislative advocacy	6/3/2015 4:08 PM
47	Conservatorship	6/3/2015 4:07 PM
48	Legal, personal, Employment Training.	6/3/2015 4:01 PM
49	Would rather give the training and information	6/3/2015 3:54 PM
50	I would like information that I can give to parents for support—like how to help their child with social groups, with getting and keeping a job, with continued adult learning/recreational experiences—without having to fill out lengthy applications again and again.	6/3/2015 3:31 PM
51	I attended a training on Trusts and Will's and I would like to receive more information and training on that topic so that I can better assist families.	6/3/2015 3:21 PM

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52	Training that is appropriate for people with difficulties in communication and who need information that is concrete, not abstract.	6/3/2015 3:10 PM
53	Common Core State Standards Self Determination How to become vendorized and ongoing support to develop a vendorized program	6/3/2015 1:49 PM
54	I would like to know how the State Council is going to fix their broken system.	6/3/2015 1:48 PM
55	Updates on funding issues and programs for these clients.	6/3/2015 1:35 PM
56	None	6/3/2015 10:47 AM
57	My family would like to know more about why the multitude of systems and millions of dollars put into the system has not achieved the simple goal of eliminating institutions and increasing community resources as of yet.	6/3/2015 9:52 AM
58	same as you've done, ongoing	6/2/2015 9:05 PM
59	Assisting technology training	6/2/2015 5:36 PM
60	State and county programs ie, in home resources.	6/2/2015 5:26 PM
61	I think training and information on Self-Determination would be great.	6/2/2015 2:44 PM
62	ANYTHING that will help the people who are unable to advocate for themselves.	6/2/2015 1:42 PM
63	More trainings to help with finding persons with disabilities a job.	6/2/2015 9:21 AM
64	I think that all disabled individuals should learn how to use Dragon Naturally Speaking. Also, all disabled individuals should receive services from Regional Center, Westview Vocational Services, Department of Rehab, and Dayle Macintosh Resource Centers.	6/1/2015 12:00 PM
65	How to get a grant to start a group home/respice home so I can utilize it myself.	5/31/2015 9:55 PM
66	Information on Employment opportunities and how to find a job.	5/31/2015 9:51 PM
67	More information on what the State council does.	5/31/2015 3:25 PM
68	Informational and how to go about seeking funding for these gaps in finding of services for adults, employment and relationship or social skills concerns	5/31/2015 3:30 AM
69	School/Service placement	5/30/2015 11:18 AM
70	I would like to be kept apprised of the 5-Year Plan Development.	5/29/2015 7:42 PM
71	None	5/29/2015 3:06 PM
72	We are always so afraid of our kids becoming victims of ignorant officers. we mandate police officers to regularly visit local schools and agencies servicing disabled students/people to familiarize themselves with the difficulties they face and help them what to do in case of emergencies. There should be a training of the officers role playing with real people with disabilities, like autism, so they understand the reality. It'd help people with disabilities to feel safer and protected.	5/29/2015 2:38 PM
73	How do we handle going across county lines and receive services that would enable our daughter to use transportation services, training and support.	5/29/2015 12:36 PM
74	How employment can affect disability benefits.	5/29/2015 10:38 AM
75	Job training not through Department of Rehabilitation but through the school.	5/29/2015 10:32 AM
76	Job Development	5/29/2015 9:57 AM
77	More job training for employer, maybe tax benefits for employers to encourage them to give people with disabilities a chance at employment.	5/29/2015 9:45 AM
78	Where to get jobs	5/29/2015 9:42 AM
79	Employers need the training and it should include people with disabilities doing the training.	5/29/2015 9:23 AM
80	Training for care providers	5/29/2015 6:57 AM
81	I want to know what the next upcoming level of education has to offer for my child before i get there. At this time everything is treated as a secret. The last thing the district wants me to know are all of my childs options for education and support systems, that way i will be more willing to accept because what they suggest is all i know.	5/28/2015 9:57 PM

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82	How to prepare my son for middle school and high school socially.	5/28/2015 5:47 PM
83	Any camps/groups for the summer. My daughter is 19	5/28/2015 3:22 PM
84	Parenting Low cost support for autistic people Low cost advocates	5/28/2015 12:54 PM
85	Researched based facts about autism treatment. Trajectory studies on long term outcomes of early intervention treatment in autism. Research based interventions to improve Joint attention, language, socialization.	5/28/2015 12:16 PM
86	Provide resources for parents to utilize. Provide advocates for parents who are fighting against the school districts on behalf of their children.	5/28/2015 10:26 AM
87	Hands on	5/27/2015 9:23 PM
88	how to make the school understand that processing problems are real and are not solved with speech therapy only	5/27/2015 5:25 PM
89	How to handle a disability patient with dignity	5/27/2015 2:23 PM
90	LAWS PRINTED IN A WAY I CAN UNDERSTAND THEM	5/27/2015 11:10 AM
91	More extensive services to teach people with mild/moderate disabilities to drive and pass driver's education.	5/27/2015 10:15 AM
92	Best practices for quality programs for transition aged youth (ages 18-22) and young adults (ages 22-30)	5/27/2015 8:35 AM
93	Going from 18 to 21 what are the choices? 22 and up how to plan for that?	5/27/2015 12:17 AM
94	Access to advocates that can truly help without costing parents all their savings. Easily understood information about laws that apply to our circumstances, and information regarding exactly what help there is. Need some plan to work successfully with public schools to: A) make sure that students with developmental disabilities get the education they deserve	5/26/2015 10:10 PM
95	I'm looking for programs from my regional center to get additional benefits(money) to support my necessities while living low income with my parents	5/26/2015 9:11 PM
96	independent living skills, health and recreation	5/26/2015 9:02 PM
97	terapias	5/26/2015 8:59 PM
98	What day program / adult services are available? What community settings are trained and ready (appropriate modifications/adaptations) for our population?	5/26/2015 3:59 PM
99	transition services, community services, mental health services, social skills services, job training	5/26/2015 3:22 PM
100	Any	5/26/2015 2:45 PM
101	What will happen to our aging population? Who will train aides to work with them? Where will they live?	5/26/2015 2:14 PM
102	Provide contact information to families and/or professionals so they can speak with someone directly about concerns as they occur.	5/26/2015 2:09 PM
103	Self determination training, person centered planning, new accreditation for teachers --both general education and special educators so that they learn how to teach and differentiate instruction for the full spectrum of students.	5/26/2015 2:05 PM
104	How to work with our city to get people with developmental disabilities their rightful place in line for affordable housing.	5/26/2015 1:56 PM
105	I would like to know what happens to a 100% disabled child when his parents can no longer care for him with a system that is not fully funded.	5/26/2015 1:42 PM
106	Housing for my daughter. Employment and training to provide for herself.	5/26/2015 1:39 PM
107	I want to know what you are doing about question 4.	5/26/2015 12:59 PM
108	State Council seems to do a good job in this area	5/26/2015 12:10 PM
109	information on emmloyment and day centers	5/26/2015 9:15 AM
110	How to advocate effectively for school-age children, Parental rights in the school system.	5/26/2015 5:54 AM
111	Sometimes there are classes, but they are expensive.	5/25/2015 8:33 PM

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112	A list of all benefits available	5/25/2015 7:50 PM
113	How to manage prepubescent years, latest research on ways to improve cognition, best educational practices, safety instruction for my child, etc	5/24/2015 10:14 PM
114	You name it we could use it: Communication, health safety, driving skills, behavior skills, cooking, etc.	5/24/2015 2:35 PM
115	If I had a younger child and would have benefited from programs that would assist me in learning how to make my child a productive person that can function in society to the best of their ability. I as a parent had to learn it all on my own but not everyone is lucky enough to have a medical background.	5/24/2015 12:39 PM
116	I would like to review the findings of the surveys after they are completed that I mentioned in question number 4. Responses from consumers and businesses can have a major impact on decision making and the success of proposed services.	5/24/2015 10:28 AM
117	Assurances that those in need of help (health and physical safety) will available 24/7.	5/23/2015 9:11 AM
118	Are there other transportation services available in addition to MTA and access?	5/22/2015 11:36 PM
119	Training regarding access to mental health services is needed.	5/22/2015 1:14 PM
120	Housing options for independent living and the supports that are available to make it happen. Alta needs to provide a list of agency's that participate. We have the right to review them, observe them, check if there is any infractions.	5/22/2015 11:11 AM
121	Methodical Lanterman Act Training for ALL Consumer Coordinators, Management, Regional Center Management and Service Coordinators.	5/22/2015 11:00 AM
122	Information that would help direct advocacy efforts where they are best utilized. Give the information to all advocates how to help us make the politicians understand the financial situation they have pushed service providers and families, care providers, etc.	5/22/2015 10:49 AM
123	Could have used some before but our attorney does it now. God help those who don't have the resources we have.	5/22/2015 10:41 AM
124	Simplified information on generic resources and appeal rights and the organizations responsibilities	5/22/2015 10:36 AM
125	All professional development training for M/S special education.	5/22/2015 9:14 AM
126	a main data base for those w/disabilities that can find safe employment, transportation and housing	5/22/2015 9:11 AM
127	InIntervenor - this person van help deafblind individuals but I believe it could help all individuals who r developmentAly delayed. Check it out =)	5/22/2015 9:01 AM
128	how to wade more successfully through the current process to determine how to best obtain services and supports.	5/22/2015 8:34 AM
129	I would like to receive the amount of money that is going towards each RCEB client starting with Alameda County. This would include any money from the Dept of Rehabilitation.	5/22/2015 7:48 AM
130	I want to know who out there is willing to work with students that have the ability to work and have disabilities!	5/22/2015 7:26 AM
131	We'd like to receive training that can lead her to productive work of her interest. We'd also like to receive information that may provide her safe housing for progressively independent living.	5/22/2015 3:06 AM
132	The providers of services for our adults desperately need training (SLS, ILS and IHSS workers and adult day program staff) - almost no funding given for this and they are expected to learn on the job. This is a dangerous situation especially in SLS and ILS setting. There are computer programs that can provide the training, First responders need more training to address how to appropriate handle crises with adults with autism. I would like information on how to find conservators to address my son's needs when I am no longer able to be his conservator.	5/22/2015 12:59 AM
133	How to fight and prepare for hearings and appeals	5/21/2015 11:21 PM
134	Your housing plan. Assurance that Employment First is NOT Employment Only.	5/21/2015 4:23 PM
135	job training	5/21/2015 4:14 PM
136	More information on housing and funding to create housing for people with developmental disabilities.	5/21/2015 3:34 PM
137	I have adequate information now.	5/21/2015 1:23 PM

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138	A first Aid kit to deal with client's associated personality disorders. Employees need training and understand the psychology of transference and the rescue syndrome.	5/21/2015 12:47 PM
139	Emergency assistance, self-advocacy, ability to function once parents are deceased.	5/21/2015 12:33 PM
140	There needs to be a comprehensive housing plan that is bigger than those coming out of the the Developmental Centers and CPP funds. I have been doing housing for over 18 years in the State, everyone says that housing is important but there isn't a focus on it or funds.	5/21/2015 11:16 AM
141	At this point, I like like with adult transition. What are our options for jobs, housing, integrating into the community etc. How do we move forward with and adult with IDD? What should we be doing and planning for?	5/21/2015 10:07 AM
142	How to change the rule that only poor people are able to get help for there child.	5/21/2015 9:34 AM
143	The schools and the outside providers need to work together. Often, the outside just comes making demands, and this is not helpful.	5/21/2015 9:17 AM
144	Housing, transportation and employment (no particular order).	5/21/2015 8:27 AM
145	employment advisement for students with ID	5/21/2015 8:22 AM
146	How to help my son to the road of independence. I'm hoping their is a program out there that can help. They said he has to be more positive, and say he CAN do what they ask of him. He takes things literally, and doesn't lie. He doesn't know for sure that he CAN do something, until he has already done it. He says he can try. Communication is one of his areas of disability.	5/21/2015 8:17 AM
147	Face to face trainings.	5/21/2015 8:01 AM
148	Information for people with disabilities know what they need to be independent and an active part of their communities	5/21/2015 7:25 AM
149	Updates on KRC's progress in fixing it's system.	5/21/2015 5:44 AM
150	Resource lists with Dr.s, Dentists, and child care for teens with multiple disabilities.	5/21/2015 1:04 AM
151	Help through IEP, behavior training, knowledge of how to access services in my community.	5/20/2015 8:35 PM
152	Social Security system navigation	5/20/2015 7:24 PM
153	Now,maybc about medical	5/20/2015 6:59 PM
154	Help with job search more intensely	5/20/2015 6:44 PM
155	Information on self-determination. Anything about the DC Task Force convening's.	5/20/2015 6:33 PM
156	In addition to what is now provided... information and training on who to contact and how to advocate for more funding to support day programs/employment and housing options and greater self-determination. A clearer understanding on how the current support system is organized and where the impact points are.	5/20/2015 6:30 PM
157	I think all agencies that provide services to this population should be interconnected in some way that would increase the likelihood of those services being utilized appropriately.	5/20/2015 5:14 PM
158	out in the real world activities	5/20/2015 4:15 PM
159	See answer to question 3 above. Do you help those with intellectual and/ OR developmental disabilities or just those with both?	5/20/2015 4:02 PM
160	Self determination, coping with teenagers with disabilities, programs available for all ages.	5/20/2015 3:50 PM
161	I would like to know more about how to help my child with the types of things they learn in therapy so that I can see potential problems and help to abate them. For example, my child is delayed globally with no diagnosis of a syndrome or "medical condition" it is just how he is. I need to know the difference between a symptom of a condition and just his delay. How to know to recognize symptoms of underlying issues and not just chalking things up to that is just him.	5/20/2015 12:54 PM
162	More training on the needs of high risk infants; more in-depth information on medical conditions/diagnoses leading to developmental delays/disabilities i.e. various syndromes; prenatal drug exposure	5/20/2015 12:45 PM

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163	my daughter is given through regional center a certain amount of conferences per year, special needs network give one free conference per year, what used to be known as area board 10 give a series of helpful seminars, I received from them a booklet on accommodations head regional center worker right to section 8 why it was necessary to have the second bedroom, even that did not help. WHAT CAN YOU SEND ME THAT MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ACCOMMODATION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME	5/20/2015 11:56 AM
164	How to support adults with disabilities that can live on their own, but are unsuccessful in long-term employment or social engagement.	5/20/2015 11:52 AM
165	Training the trainer, I currently oversee our mentor program and have so many mentors interested in working with our youth with disabilities, however they need training that I can't provide them because I myself don't know much about working with these populations. So training on all disabilities, and how to work with them and how to be a beacon of support for the mentors.	5/20/2015 11:48 AM
166	Information and training surrounding how to expand Employment, Health, and Housing options.	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
167	Disability-specific training/information with useful links/parent support group information. Information on new research in various disability fields.	5/20/2015 11:41 AM
168	All parents should be trained in the basics of ABA and neurology... that these individuals with disabilities are 'wired' differently and should be respected and loved, not treated in a punitive, belittling manner.	5/20/2015 10:37 AM
169	Behavioral training so that I can help my daughter coop with emotions when things do not go her way so that she will be able to get a job in her future and be a part of society.	5/20/2015 10:36 AM
170	Laws and information in inclusion schools	5/20/2015 10:22 AM
171	1. I would like to see SCDD develop introductory training videos in Behavioral Therapy (BT) and Adaptive Skills Training (AST) in webinar form, so that parents can achieve this training at home, and can review it as a refresher as needed. Right now ACRC requires parents to travel to Sacramento on weekends for training prior to authorization of BT or AST, which discourages the initiation of BT and AST. It is a tragedy to see children who are missing critical windows in their development, and who will likely require lifelong high staffing levels, due to a failure to address behavioral problems early on. Frankly, it is irrational to require in-person classes for parents who have a duty of care for their children on the weekends. College and CPR classes are taken over the web; and if regional centers won't deliver BT and AST introductory classes this way, SCDD should.	5/20/2015 10:14 AM
172	Health Care benefits and Social Security benefits	5/20/2015 10:08 AM
173	How to create easy-to-follow alterations for materials that are not accessible to students with ID & DD.	5/20/2015 9:11 AM
174	How consumer's money are distributed. Care homes do all the work and it is just fair that the money received for consumers should be evenly and fairly distributed	5/20/2015 9:02 AM
175	Right now, info on anything related to Adult Transition. What's out there?	5/20/2015 8:51 AM
176	Community Involvement. I would like to see more information given to the community on how they can support their neighbors with disabilities	5/20/2015 8:32 AM
177	1. A class for family or friends who might be interested in becoming advocates to replace aging parents. Go over what all is involved. 2. A class on how to establish a group home.	5/20/2015 7:54 AM
178	Access to a menu of available support and services and assistance with obtaining funding	5/20/2015 7:30 AM
179	an overview of what to anticipate until my child is 22 in terms of services and options that will be available down the road.	5/20/2015 6:03 AM
180	Living in the community whether it takes Supported Living or Independent Living Services.	5/20/2015 12:36 AM
181	How to get the needed services	5/19/2015 11:51 PM
182	I would like to receive some training and more information with regards to Self determination programs.	5/19/2015 11:30 PM

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183	Forget the training I have more training than most of the Regional Center staff!!! And I am not kidding. For 27 years with Regional Center, I find myself training ALL of the service providers and RCC staff that we are assigned. They are not vested with these clients the way parents are. The parents should be the instructor trainers for the RCC staff and service providers, but God forbid we are paid for anything we do, I am convinced that had I not been the advocate I have been and continue to be, my son would be dead or homeless left to the service providers. These clients are high maintenance and we are a family fully involved, educated, etc. but it is not enough. We also have found out that with our son being high functioning, that monies that are paid to the service provider for him, and not used to directly pay staff to care for him are 'rolled over' and used for clients that require higher maintenance, rather than being used to enhance my sons life. This doesn't seem fair. Make the providers, including RCC, show that the monies being allotted for a client are being used for that client and not others. I know that things like CP require 24 hr care, but to use money from a high functioning client to care for a CP client doesn't seem right, Allow the correct amount for the CP client and use the money allotted to others (like my son) for them, Recreation, social, education, equipment, etc.	5/19/2015 11:20 PM
184	None	5/19/2015 11:07 PM
185	ADHD, social/pragmatic language/constructive classroom conversations , parent training about mental health of intellectual/developmental/differently abled teens	5/19/2015 10:55 PM
186	Education opportunities that transfer from high school to college to employment	5/19/2015 10:38 PM
187	I have noticed great training coming from my local state council. I wished I has known about them earlier because it would have been very helpful years ago. IEP help, dealing with SSI, the regional center...all good training.	5/19/2015 10:29 PM
188	I want to know what my child might be able to receive.	5/19/2015 10:23 PM
189	On our rights as parents to refuse vaccinations because we believe that our child had been injured by them, We need support and advocacy and from council that cannot be bought like the senators and congress of this state.	5/19/2015 10:21 PM
190	Where do young adults with disabilities go after they graduate from high school to further grow and function in society ?	5/19/2015 9:58 PM
191	None at this time. I will be getting involved with The Housing a Advisory Committee at RCOC to help coordinate more housing opportunities.	5/19/2015 9:50 PM
192	Fundraising	5/19/2015 9:46 PM
193	N/a	5/19/2015 9:08 PM
194	I have all the training and information thanks to Fairview	5/19/2015 8:29 PM
195	I would love more support in services that can really help you as a parent of a child with a disability. Because its so hard to do it at times and there is truly a lack of support out there for us parents.	5/19/2015 8:27 PM
196	I would have loved to have had the chance to have learned the techniques of Applied Behavioral Analysis.	5/19/2015 7:33 PM
197	Job application	5/19/2015 7:23 PM
198	I need to learn how to lead my son for better communication, and how to stop impulsive behaviors. More, I need to learn how to serve him better.	5/19/2015 7:15 PM
199	How to more effectively make changes in the system in a timely manner	5/19/2015 6:26 PM
200	n/a	5/19/2015 6:11 PM
201	Resources designed to better understand the employment needs of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.	5/19/2015 6:03 PM
202	Tools to learn how to better advocate for special education services n health services. Dentist won't treat child	5/19/2015 5:42 PM
203	Realistic information to families. The "Dream" is not realistic without funding. Families must get involved in the political scene as all community services are dependent upon funding	5/19/2015 5:33 PM
204	Classes that guide families through the IHSS application and determination process.	5/19/2015 5:16 PM
205	Education on how I can advocate & be educated on how to help.	5/19/2015 4:45 PM
206	I would like to develop a program at Cerritos College in Norwalk, CA, like the one found at Taft. How can you help me do this?	5/19/2015 4:22 PM

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207	More information on the kind of supports currently available and what is required to be provided.	5/19/2015 3:56 PM
208	How to be a better advocate, not only for my son, but for the system as a whole.	5/19/2015 3:40 PM
209	Would like to know why my child can't get a Medi-Cal Waiver (genetic syndrome) and why after filling out 6 IHSS applications with no success, we still don't have help. We have SDRC, with limited respite. My child is severe...	5/19/2015 3:32 PM
210	Info about all financial resources for dental beyond Denti-cal	5/19/2015 3:13 PM
211	It would be good to have support and training for families on how to cope with serious mental health issues, We got instant support and training when our son became diabetic, but no support of any kind, not a single phone call or anything when he tried to kill himself.	5/19/2015 2:53 PM
212	How to navigate through the bureaucracy to get to needed services.	5/19/2015 2:38 PM
213	How is the rate for vendors determined?	5/19/2015 2:20 PM
214	Represent disabled youth on the special education committees at state level because currently it is all educator representation as far as I can tell.	5/19/2015 2:11 PM
215	on how the budget need to funding go and we need a watch dog team to over see of consumer	5/19/2015 1:37 PM
216	Advocacy	5/19/2015 1:04 PM
217	Please tell us what monies are available; keep us informed of gov't programs and funding (e.g. HUD); help landlords see the advantage of renting to dev disabled; help employers find new ways to hire us, help us find good transportation so we can get to work; make use of the computer revolution and keep in touch with us better; help us gain some pride in our independence, we want to make a contribution to society,	5/19/2015 12:51 PM
218	Anything having to do with autism	5/19/2015 12:45 PM
219	Teacher, assistant teacher, police officer, community, parents to know more about special people with special needs how they are & for people to learn to accept, respect & protect them.	5/19/2015 12:29 PM
220	direction	5/19/2015 12:27 PM
221	Where do we go from here? What kind of safe, affordable HOUSING and protection will there be when parents die and funds run out? How do we guarantee our DD community safety, dignity, and protection?	5/19/2015 12:22 PM
222	Training on cultural and social differences, interaction with law enforcement and training designed to address homophobia, racism etc...	5/19/2015 11:50 AM
223	IEP process, ABLE Act, SSI and IHSS	5/19/2015 11:39 AM
224	stop regional to be my paid	5/19/2015 11:13 AM
225	I would like to receive any information regarding programs, services for adults with DD. When my child was school aged I was much better informed but now as a parent of an adult with DD I am frequently feel out of the loop of info—no support for the problems that occur as our children experience independent living.	5/19/2015 11:09 AM
226	Help with finding appropriate work.	5/19/2015 10:41 AM
227	Autism and Behavior	5/19/2015 10:40 AM
228	How can families assertively advocate for their children. How can families receive 1:1 counseling and assistance with a non-partisan organization on how to secure services through the school district.	5/19/2015 10:39 AM
229	Customized employment.	5/19/2015 10:22 AM
230	what type of services are offered after 22yrs	5/19/2015 10:12 AM
231	Look at the standards of care for providers and the unacceptable rate structure!	5/19/2015 10:06 AM
232	Regular parent advocacy trainings, school district trainings for inclusion, Early Intervention 0-3 trainings, transition to adulthood trainings.	5/19/2015 9:53 AM
233	rights advocacy where to get help	5/19/2015 9:48 AM
234	I would like to know what I can do to help. How can I better advocate for my brother and others like him?	5/19/2015 9:33 AM
235	Right now, I would like some information on successful transitions for children into adulthood. What programs (governmental) should we know about? Where are there approved day care/long term care facilities...etc.	5/19/2015 9:25 AM

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236	I need training to cover my employment gap to get opportunity to work	5/19/2015 9:02 AM
237	Is there a place for her to go we Here she can get tested to see what she might be good at or what might interest her. She doesn't know what she wants to do.	5/19/2015 8:33 AM
238	ABA and pre-teen/teen social interaction groups, Parent training and sibling training.	5/19/2015 8:22 AM
239	The states plan for employing individuals with disabilities. Subsidized jobs are on the chopping block. What are the plans to implement more opportunities for individuals with severe - profound disabilities?	5/19/2015 8:11 AM
240	Education regarding implementing the governor's employment first policy.	5/19/2015 8:07 AM
241	I would like more information on education and how to promote and inspire higher education for those with less extreme disabilities.	5/19/2015 8:05 AM
242	To easily know and access job training, housing, schooling for my son. He is currently 16 years old and in residential school in Utah. It has been a traumatic road to get here. I don't know what it will be like when he gets home, i.e., school, housing, job training, etc.	5/19/2015 8:02 AM
243	As a vendor, we do not receive training or information.	5/19/2015 7:34 AM
244	I would like for you to require training and information for the people who staff adult day programs and residential homes. His staff is lazy, hate to say it, but, since the other residents are more independent than my son (even though it is a level three home), it never occurred to them to take him on an outing instead of dropping off the others at the mall and taking him home. My son threw a fit about this, and they reported behavior problems, but this is what they call participating in social outings with the home, "Going for a ride in the car," Bullshit! He is 23 years old and had a high school diploma. He wants to go to college and have a paying job some day. He is more dependent since moving out than he ever was at home, yet he doesn't want to come home either.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
245	Our children need social skills training for middle school and high school. They need safety and abuse training. They need job training and employment that they can thrive in. They will need support/housing when I DIE.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
246	Vocational. Wood working. Car mechanics. IT	5/19/2015 7:21 AM
247	Information on alternative supported employment options and the ability to help create more opportunities.	5/19/2015 6:48 AM
248	Not training for me, per se, but for providers and the community.	5/19/2015 6:22 AM
249	Are there employment training/classes in the community	5/19/2015 5:06 AM
250	Not sure .	5/19/2015 2:39 AM
251	to show people that live in group homes that they can live on their own	5/19/2015 2:26 AM
252	how to learn that there is really no help and when I get old I will probably be homeless because my mom will die of old age and all of you workers care only for your jobs and nothing will be done for help older ones	5/19/2015 2:07 AM
253	My son's support team (meaning his direct care staff, his Supported Living Agency and his Regional Center) does not have information or training on how to deal with issues involved with the Sexuality of people with DD. This is a problem right now.	5/19/2015 12:04 AM
254	Training in person centered planning, information on what services/ resources are available, diagnosis specific training in behavior (don't just lump us all in with the autistic families).	5/18/2015 11:25 PM
255	We know more about our son than most doctors or social workers; we have handled the situation for more than 50 years.	5/18/2015 10:46 PM
256	I would like to see more free training for the day program vendors.	5/18/2015 10:24 PM
257	Parent Support and help for the Severe Autistic Person	5/18/2015 10:15 PM
258	I like to receive free classes on how a works , child abuse and bullying and a list of resources that are available to your child .	5/18/2015 10:06 PM
259	IEP, self determination	5/18/2015 9:47 PM
260	Services available to individuals with disabilities.	5/18/2015 9:44 PM
261	quality adult services available.	5/18/2015 9:09 PM
262	sexual education (son went through puberty scared, yelling and crying. I had no help for this and he's 17 more to come.) parenting a young adult, Parenting through transition (18-22)	5/18/2015 8:59 PM

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263	There could be many possible jobs: supermarket bagging, fast food service clean-up person, feeding animals., stocking shelves, returning supermarket carts, cleaning, yard work, etc.	5/18/2015 8:39 PM
264	Who to contact when we hit obstacles in trying to advocate for our kids. Education on our children's rights.	5/18/2015 8:36 PM
265	Information regarding community agencies that provide services to the community.	5/18/2015 8:32 PM
266	Occupational programs and transition from High School into the workforce.	5/18/2015 8:13 PM
267	How to protect my child when a stranger is trying to involve him/herself in our affairs. The biggest challenge we have had is with the school district and help with IEP as it has not been followed for most of my child's schooling.	5/18/2015 8:06 PM
268	i am already much more educated and trained in my daughter's needs so not quite sure what this question is about	5/18/2015 7:29 PM
269	Job training, placement and support services	5/18/2015 7:25 PM
270	Vocational training in my area is only offered at Miller HS in the San Fernando Valley. Miller can only accept a limited number of individuals and it is not open to enrollment before age 18. Vocational skills need to be taught starting at an earlier age.	5/18/2015 7:17 PM
271	I would like my son to have substantive vocational training in his HS which is not available. For example I would like to receive training like that offers at Miller HS in the San Fernando Valley. Miller can only accept a limited number of individuals and it is not open until age 18. Our young men need to begin life and vocational skills earlier.	5/18/2015 7:02 PM
272	As above	5/18/2015 6:05 PM
273	Self determination - how is this different from having an IPP and developing plans and services?	5/18/2015 5:46 PM
274	as a teacher with special needs students mainstreamed into my classroom, I would love any training I can get	5/18/2015 5:24 PM
275	More information on work preparation programs and companies that are willing to work with individuals with intellectual disabilities.	5/18/2015 5:21 PM
276	No more training or information. We need services.	5/18/2015 5:20 PM
277	Behavioral approaches for consumers with limited communication.	5/18/2015 5:15 PM
278	Training on how to handle due process and mediation.	5/18/2015 5:13 PM
279	Jobs that provide a liveable wage and involve more than stocking shelves or wiping tables in a cafeteria.	5/18/2015 5:04 PM
280	ABA, Ds Conference (which Alta refuses to pay for unless your child has a dual diagnosis).	5/18/2015 5:00 PM
281	None at this time. But more local social integrated programs in our area would be wonderful.	5/18/2015 4:43 PM
282	Tell me what you are doing that makes a real difference	5/18/2015 4:35 PM
283	How to access services that my disabled child needs. How to find quality services . Laws that are easily understood .	5/18/2015 4:32 PM
284	Aba methods	5/18/2015 4:29 PM
285	newsletters and all kinds of training.	5/18/2015 4:23 PM
286	1.) Advocacy 2) Training on who to refer to at the state level to know who to advocate to. 3) Continue to provide information from Area boards so that everyone is informed of program and of any cuts to budgets	5/18/2015 4:22 PM
287	Further training and development for HUD and other agencies that provide low cost housing.	5/18/2015 3:47 PM
288	updated information on what services really work to get our individuals better job placement, better activities and programs to enhance their quality of life.	5/18/2015 3:26 PM
289	more access to advocates to help us understand the rights and responsibilities,we as family members must adhere to in order to help our love ones.	5/18/2015 3:20 PM
290	None	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
291	I think that, not just me, but people in general, should receive training on the different disabilities and the services that is available for them.	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
292	we need more training in the behavioral areas	5/18/2015 3:10 PM

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293	I would like more information on support groups for care providers, how to create a supportive system approach with CCL when dealing with situations.	5/18/2015 3:09 PM
294	Re placement	5/18/2015 3:07 PM
295	Vocational schools, self advocacy, life skills training, and community outreach programs that help disabled people to socialize and feel a part of the community.	5/18/2015 3:04 PM
296	None	5/18/2015 3:03 PM
297	Younger clients need information on supported employment programs and looking for jobs. Older clients need information on retirement programs in the community. And, we all need information on housing. People need to know how working would impact their SSI/SSDI and medical insurance in a way that is to the point and easy to understand--this has been a soft spot in supported employment programs.	5/18/2015 3:02 PM
298	Information on what the Department of Developmental Services is doing to increase the number of agencies offering services in Customized Employment, Micro-enterprise, and supported employment.	5/18/2015 2:57 PM
299	I would like to receive self-determination information in Spanish.	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
300	Information about supports for those who would like to do something other than a day program.	5/18/2015 2:53 PM
301	I believe that the R/C's need to provide mandatory training for the vendors that provide services to the client's when they change forms and requirements so there is no reason for them not to understand. This will confine the coming out of R/C paperwork to quarterly blocks and not daily up-dates. Our R/C requires ILS Facilitators to submit reports to the SC's concerning the services and barriers of a client, however a Personal Assistant who also works with a client does not have to submit any paperwork to the SC. Why is there a difference? How can a planning team evaluate what is working and what adjustments need to be made to assist the client to obtain their goals. The R/C program design needs to be up-dated to meet the current needs of our clients.	5/18/2015 2:44 PM
302	I think it's the State that needs the training -- that there's this huge population of disabled adults, ages 21 and up who are underserved.	5/18/2015 2:35 PM
303	Employment Support	5/18/2015 2:29 PM
304	Thru regional center/service coordinator. If they get info from you as to available resources, then they can pass on to families.	5/18/2015 2:29 PM
305	Simplified information regarding Self-determination for clients, families and service providers to understand. Specifically, the differences between being Self-Determined and not.	5/18/2015 2:28 PM
306	Future options for a child including colleges with inclusive policies, employment support and opportunities.	5/18/2015 2:26 PM
307	Repeat the lectures for people can not attend due to schedule conflict, or for people like to attend again due to "too much information to absorb in one class"	5/18/2015 2:24 PM
308	Resources	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
309	Special Needs Trusts	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
310	I would like information on services available in my community.	5/18/2015 2:16 PM
311	We need training on the rights of students and their families. We also need information on how we can ensure that schools don't get away with doing illegal things. What we need most is schools not be able to mess with special needs students lives.	5/18/2015 2:10 PM
312	What exactly are the services RC's offer, we have to ask. I live in a very rural community and lacks supports for everything!!	5/18/2015 2:06 PM
313	Housing in West Sonoma County for my young adult medically fragile almost totally impaired daughter.	5/18/2015 2:01 PM
314	Nothing at this time	5/18/2015 1:58 PM
315	The kind that will help my son overcome his auditory processing issues. His behaviors are a direct result from this.	5/18/2015 1:35 PM
316	Information of services and funding available for the consumer as well as the parent caring for the disabled.	5/18/2015 1:31 PM
317	SSI effecting people with disabilities getting employment!!!	5/18/2015 1:30 PM
318	How Regional Center allocation of money works- giving more to those who have better advocacy.	5/18/2015 1:29 PM

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319	Advocacy Adequate employment training Adequate Sex/Relationship Education Adequate training for care givers of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities	5/18/2015 1:28 PM
320	A how-to guide on services offered by the state. The Regional Center has rejected us twice (our 10-year-old daughter is high-functioning autistic) so we are flying without a net. I know the healthcare system is supposed to be "absorbing" us, but we are still waiting for therapies from Kaiser 11 months after seeking them.	5/18/2015 1:27 PM
321	I would like more information on how to develop living situations for people with disabilities, that do not emulate the isolationist impression of a "Group Home" as they existed in the past...somewhere accessible to transportation, to close at hand supervision but allowing the client as much independence as they are capable of within safe parameters. I would also like more behavioral support provided sooner rather than later so parents do not smother they challenged "child" and create the large co dependence I observe in the best of families.....parent training as well as training for all case managers and vendors who work with clients with exceptional needs.	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
322	I'm fine-	5/18/2015 1:22 PM
323	ABA training and free parenting classes would be awesome.	5/18/2015 1:15 PM
324	Behavioral and social skills training.	5/18/2015 1:14 PM
325	My son will be 26 at the end of May, I need more training on ILS, Work programs that train adults for working in the general employment area & not just sheltered workshops. Training of service providers on dealing with high-functioning autistic/Asperger adults.	5/18/2015 1:13 PM
326	Housing is such a necessity and the rent increases are making it more challenging to find nice apartments for adults to live in on housing.	5/18/2015 1:11 PM
327	Additional courses on trainings to support persons with Autism better. Diabetic education classes.	5/18/2015 1:07 PM
328	Information on transition, employment, and housing options and support for individuals transitioning to adulthood.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
329	Housing, employment and self-determination	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
330	training on how to include middle school age in getting employed and starting to make money, even if for few hours a week on a month to prepare them for jobs.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
331	Not sure	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
332	How best to reach the people who are going to be able to create change in the system, ie. community advocates, politicians, "movers and shakers".	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
333	More information about special needs children and their civil rights and discrimination laws.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
334	Each adult special needs day program should have vocational assessment and training included. The day programs funded through GGRC should be required to coordinate and collaborate with DOR to be sure clients get training and access to employment opportunities.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
335	Negotiation skills, mediation skills.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
336	How better myself at communicating with people with disabilities	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
337	There is Nothing that you have....I have a daughter (Aspergers) who is graduating from college, wants to get her Masters in Education so she can teach. But we are being held up by Pearson for testing which she needs to get into Grad school, won't accept her disability and give her accommidation that she has had since !st grade.	5/18/2015 12:51 PM
338	Behavior training. Working on that now.	5/18/2015 12:45 PM
339	I would like to know more about all the adult services—employment, housing, and recreation for developmentally disabled adults.	5/18/2015 12:43 PM
340	I would like more training in the various resources available to parents and students. The ease to find the resources and how they are funded along with clear purpose.	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
341	1. Communication with Regional Center. 2. Communication with Day Program. 3. All caregivers & therapists to work together.	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
342	As a treating physician of child with disability, I noticed that families need workshops for behavior management, medication treatment, coping with a disable person, stress management and access to resources available through regional center, public school system, IHSS etc. specially for non English speaking community.	5/18/2015 12:39 PM

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343	Every things.	5/18/2015 12:36 PM
344	Services, Education, Health, Employment	5/18/2015 12:35 PM
345	ALL resources offered to me/us not just a social worker/service coordinator's "choice FOR me/us." Where are the lists or guides of ALL services and supports? If 211 can compile resources for an entire county or state, why can't DDS or Regional Centers put our MORE information so that families can made their OWN decisions? Too much power in the hands of Regional Center staff that does not get out to families and no internal (or external quality control.)	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
346	More information/education and support for people dealing with PTSD.	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
347	A database to show, describe and outline all available options that everyone can use.	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
348	job training for a real outcome, housing in good communities( low income), increases for service providers,	5/18/2015 12:25 PM
349	More training on self-determination, facilitating person-driven planning, supporting meaningful employment that is more individualized.	5/18/2015 12:23 PM
350	How to find schools that fit the needs of students with ID	5/18/2015 12:23 PM
351	Parent Training and Community training regarding activities and places that are fully accessible for those with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
352	I would like to participate in trainings that will help families bridge the gap between available services and actually receiving services. I would like a better understanding of the law relating to our disabled population, for services required.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
353	I don't need training, I need funding to help my son - because the system is set up to fail these children and their families/caregivers. We feel like we're running a separate corporation just for our 3 1/2 year old son to get the critical services he uniquely needs to give him a chance at a joyful childhood and a self-sustaining life when he reaches adulthood.	5/18/2015 12:13 PM
354	see previous answer	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
355	I provide these services.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
356	A guidebook to services and supports available.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
357	Training pn determining what computer /technology may be appropriate for assistance /recreation.	5/18/2015 11:57 AM
358	information about co-mormid conditions	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
359	Names of employers that would consider internshios	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
360	Please tell me about the areas that I referenced above and how the State Council is working to enhance them.	5/18/2015 11:48 AM
361	Housing. Medical issues.	5/18/2015 11:46 AM
362	I let my Group Home Administrator training certificate lapse because I found it impossible to find 40 hours of training for Group Home Administrators. Our lone group home was one of the homes that we closed, so I no longer need it, but there is very little training available for Group Home Administrators. CCL has a list of vendors, but when you actually start calling or emailing them to sign up for training, they really only do trainings for ARF or RCFE administrators.	5/18/2015 11:46 AM
363	support group for families of adult consumers	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
364	Keep regional center updated.	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
365	The organizations we support, e.g. HICAPs, could benefit from more information on how people with intellectual/developmental disabilities get their supports and how. In other words, what is the hierarchy of organizations that support them.	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
366	How to advocate better to regional center as a client	5/18/2015 11:42 AM
367	I'd like to know how the level of training I suggested above is being implemented and when it will be completed,	5/18/2015 11:34 AM
368	I don't need any more training, I need advocacy support in IEPs.	5/18/2015 11:31 AM
369	Community jobs that are available to developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 11:27 AM
370	Everything!	5/18/2015 11:24 AM

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371	Develop exercise programs for the disabled and programs designed to help the disabled make friends with people on a similar functioning level. My Son doesn't have any friends, which breaks my heart. He relates more with the job coaches than he does with the other participants in the programs that he has been involved in. My Son is too high functioning for the Regional Center Programs he has participated in but not high functioning enough to be independent.	5/18/2015 11:22 AM
372	Parent skills for ongoing ADHD age milestone issues.	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
373	self advocacy training and disabled community networking	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
374	information on how we are improving.	5/18/2015 11:17 AM
375	self initiation training	5/18/2015 11:14 AM
376	Training on better ways to support adults with developmental disabilities as well as training in the areas of sensitivity towards adults with developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 11:12 AM
377	More training directed to new parents for newly diagnosed children, specifically teaching them principles and practices of ABA to better inform them. Allow them to be the driver's of their ships so that when funding ends (i.e. ABA insurance funded programs), they will have the education and resources to sustain their children's programs and progress.	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
378	Individuals with d.d. need additional supports and training during their school years so that when they leave at either age 18 or 22, they will be better equipped to connect with the right kinds of supports.	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
379	Information about how to be a better advocate for our child.	5/18/2015 11:09 AM
380	What services are out there, support groups, networking, seminars	5/18/2015 11:08 AM
381	Updates on State Council Activities	5/18/2015 11:05 AM
382	Lanterman Law training, IEP training, training regarding how agencies that work with DD work within the system	5/18/2015 11:04 AM
383	See above	5/18/2015 11:03 AM
384	Information sharing. Even information on how to get information.	5/18/2015 11:02 AM
385	Mandated supports and services, appeals process.	5/18/2015 10:59 AM
386	Medicare eligibility for SSI recipients & employers who offers on the job trainings in the lower SES communities of Orange County.	5/18/2015 10:58 AM
387	If there are supports already in place, information as to where to find them so that information can be forwarded to parents/caregivers.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
388	I want to better understand the court system as it relates to special education services and why the current climate is for judges to side with school districts over parents.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
389	How to teach my child myself. Period. No way can one parent go up against school lawyers, judges that have taken bribes, and insane education system that is below a human level of ethics.	5/18/2015 10:56 AM
390	Homeship programs Regional center offer loans programs they can owl or rent homes	5/18/2015 10:55 AM
391	How do we get the Department of Developmental Services to stop providing for unionized State Employees who have a horrible record of abuse and neglect and re-direct those funds to community based services that the State can at least hold accountable for the QUALITY of services they provide.	5/18/2015 10:54 AM
392	More resources	5/18/2015 10:50 AM
393	Better work programs that start at minum wage and I want computer training	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
394	Keep providers in loop more, with paid time to meet about consumers	5/18/2015 10:47 AM
395	Current trends in assessment and intervention for preschoolers. Best practice strategies	5/18/2015 10:47 AM
396	How to talk to my teen son about sex, friendship and sustaining relationships through non-verbal cues and communication.	5/18/2015 10:44 AM
397	Self-determination	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
398	more coaching and apprenticeship opportunities and find out how to get around minimum wage issues which is hurting the community.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM

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399	How to work with government agencies to secure land and housing monies for development of safe, secure, affordable housing for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
400	The law and what is offered for services and support	5/18/2015 10:40 AM
401	training on co-existing Autism and MH	5/18/2015 10:40 AM
402	A better understanding of what resources are out there	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
403	I love any type of training. Different behaviors, diagnosis, resources etc.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
404	College programs for our kids	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
405	How better to get our services to the community	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
406	I already receive all the information I can process from many sources.	5/18/2015 10:33 AM
407	Training on how to connect with other agencies and schools to support a seamless transition from one environment to another (e.g. academic and employment building blocks).	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
408	Housing, housing, housing... Desperate need for some sort of supported housing for Level 1. OC only has Level 2, 3 & 4.	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
409	How to better partner with agencies consistently	5/18/2015 10:31 AM
410	how to ask for help how to add for medical care jobs relationships how to budget how to eat healthy food how the you get good health how can I get a good welcome in my home how can I talk to my worker what is the State Council	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
411	Advocacy information designed for use by consumers and their families	5/18/2015 10:28 AM
412	A regular schedule of trainings regarding how a larger number of us can be of assistance at the legislative advocacy level (emailing or visiting representatives etc.)	5/18/2015 10:27 AM
413	SB486	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
414	What is the 2 year plan on spending CPP money in Southern California.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
415	transportation, medical advocacy, and employment services	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
416	Training on Autism Spectrum in adults: in education, workplace, behaviorally. Additionally, training to interact with the family, guardians, caregivers of the individuals with ID.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
417	Financial Literacy Employment Support strategies Education and training opportunities that include short term employment certification	5/18/2015 10:25 AM
418	How to support my brother to secure assistance without being seen as interfering in his life	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
419	None. I think the Regional Center Staff needs more training. What more do you expect parents to take on?	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
420	transportation support and access of community resources, who can provide resources and case management that is COMPREHENSIVE across the life span not just early start, school district, regional center and insurance separately.	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
421	What to expect at each stage of her life as far as what's available.	5/18/2015 10:22 AM
422	Additional free workshops and training on behavior and support services.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
423	What's' available?	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
424	1) honest and comprehensive information - if we talk about person-centered planning then we need more then how to draw nice stick figures, but how to make it happen 2) we need training from people who understand the real world - not the world of universities and consultation	5/18/2015 10:17 AM
425	none	5/18/2015 10:16 AM
426	Mental illness & independent living.. Where adults with mental illness can get help as they age out of the school system (young adults)	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
427	transition during school and school to college, school to life. School district staff need training on rights of individuals.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
428	Supports for parents in the home with individuals with severe disabilities.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM

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429	Behavior training	5/18/2015 10:13 AM
430	more access to everything in our rural areas and not just between 8-5..I work full time.	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
431	Train service providers in how to be more aware of generic resources and exhausted them; allowing consumers to use their full potential.	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
432	Practical, what-works approaches, new theories of learning, especially with adults with autism.	5/18/2015 10:11 AM
433	Employer hiring tax credits and other on the job training hiring credits.	5/18/2015 10:10 AM
434	information about available resource that can be distributed to families in our family resource center	5/18/2015 10:10 AM
435	I would like regional centers to receive training on ethics and people centered practice.	5/18/2015 10:09 AM
436	How to respond when the schools willfully refuse to implement an IEP and how to deal with school district retaliation when one complains about the implementation not being done.	5/15/2015 1:44 PM
437	None anticipated for now	5/14/2015 8:01 AM
438	I would like to learn how to develop more resources in the community. I would like to learn how to write applications for grants to help fill in the gaps for services like social recreation opportunities.	5/13/2015 8:46 AM
439	how to deal with emotional meltdowns on all scales.	5/12/2015 5:52 PM
440	None. I want regional centers to receive training on how to work in an efficient and professional manner putting the clients needs, supports, and services ahead of the cost \$\$\$\$\$. And to have them not push clients who are making the choice to live at a DC, look at other places if they don't want to until there is a closure date of the DC's announced. Lanterman act states they have a choice. Some choose the DC's. And some of their lives would be more restricted if they were moved to community.	5/12/2015 12:08 PM
441	more arts for children, culinary schools, sowing classes... not just train them to get a job at the local goodwill....	5/12/2015 10:50 AM
442	I would like to receive training on how to better navigate the system in search of answers on how to identify and set up intervention services in my own local area. There needs to be a way for all parties to work collaboratively and efficiently.	5/12/2015 10:32 AM
443	I want to be educated on all the options that clients have regarding: housing, programs, funding, rights, transportation and Life skill development.	5/11/2015 1:19 PM
444	Training regarding Self-Determination.	5/11/2015 12:17 PM
445	How to obtain services for the self determination program.	5/11/2015 10:48 AM
446	A Training on: How to support and teach the individual with intellectual disabilities. A Training on : How to teach: Social skills for individuals with intellectual disabilities	5/10/2015 11:14 PM
447	IEP prep	5/9/2015 4:32 PM
448	Transition, self determination, options for after high school.	5/9/2015 10:53 AM
449	More training on the laws, and easier access to information regarding exactly what we qualify for so we are not being told different things all the time.	5/9/2015 8:41 AM
450	Training on how to help my child develop their speech ability.	5/9/2015 7:32 AM
451	Advocacy training, information regarding laws and rights of people with special needs. Services we can ask for that may benefit our kids with special needs.	5/9/2015 7:00 AM
452	it would be nice to have caregiver training through regional centers that helps to find out about state services & access to those opportunities.	5/9/2015 6:40 AM
453	How to advocate. How to file a Fair Hearing and the process.	5/9/2015 12:52 AM
454	social, executive functioning support, transportation, jobs,	5/8/2015 10:13 PM
455	Training for providers of services would be beneficial. (ABA, Functional Communication, Social Stories etc.,) Training of first responders.	5/8/2015 5:52 PM
456	Training in the three areas I selected	5/8/2015 5:35 PM
457	How to successfully advocate for service needs.	5/7/2015 1:33 PM

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458	Help on options to help person being cared for	5/7/2015 12:49 PM
459	I would like to know more about SCDD, what you do, and how we could improve our relationship.	5/7/2015 11:34 AM
460	Perhaps the CCO could become a trainer for mandated abuse reporting that providers could pay to train new staff and do refresher training every few years. The Partnership for Safe Families in Ventura County puts this kind of training on as a train-the-trainer curriculum and I have had my staff attend. It was good but not specific enough to the issues faced in our system. Here's a link to one of last year's trainings <a href="http://partnershipforsafefamilies.org/uploads/3/2/6/6/3266461/upcoming_mr_training_workshops_march-may.pdf">http://partnershipforsafefamilies.org/uploads/3/2/6/6/3266461/upcoming_mr_training_workshops_march-may.pdf</a>	5/7/2015 11:09 AM
461	Training in how to access government programs.	5/7/2015 10:29 AM
462	not sure	5/6/2015 4:50 PM
463	Not sure at this time.	5/6/2015 9:49 AM
464	After 50 years of working in this field and dealing personally with a family member, I could and do frequently provide training in this field.	5/4/2015 5:32 PM
465	LEGISLATIVE	5/4/2015 4:08 PM
466	Need to understand why \$ per hour defines a person	5/3/2015 7:35 AM
467	I would like to see the SCDD dedicate a small budget to those California counties where there is currently little or no support network for parents of children with "less severe" learning disabilities, such as ADD and ADHD. I realize there are many children with more extreme needs, but certainly this issue also needs to have some importance in your 5-year planning cycle.	5/2/2015 8:28 AM
468	There needs to be more training on autism for service providers	5/1/2015 9:48 AM
469	Self advocacy, leadership, communication	5/1/2015 9:22 AM
470	I'd like to learn how to advocate more effectively on behalf of my disabled daughter and how to navigate the regional center's many rules and effectively appeal decisions that go against her.	4/30/2015 9:56 PM
471	Learn more about what services are available to developmentally disabled adults who do not live at home.	4/30/2015 9:21 PM
472	Laws that protect our family members that are more vulnerable	4/30/2015 12:37 PM
473	um really practicly anything that will help us all provide better quality care but I think we need to empower individuals more and make sure those who make the funding deccisions really know what is happening.	4/30/2015 11:59 AM
474	not sure	4/30/2015 11:37 AM
475	training in all above areas to professionals and families	4/29/2015 2:47 PM
476	Micro Enterprise	4/29/2015 11:39 AM
477	How to walk w/someone with limited mobility. What services are available based on need (financial, expense to cover, occupational/physical therapy.	4/29/2015 11:23 AM
478	work training, my daughter is turning 22 very soon and she would like to have a job where she can get pay and stop to have to depend on SSI	4/29/2015 11:09 AM
479	I have been on going training myself and several classes over the last ten years in the community and outside of Lake County I have a son of special needs and had to quit my job so his needs could be met in the school system here and not fall through the crack Lake County will not do an IEP unless you beg them, and have due process self advocate for parents of special needs children and ASSIST suicide prevention and a Peer Support Specialist, we need more job available in the county for our community through Behavioral Health.	4/29/2015 9:22 AM
480	Transportation/driving training. Training in a 'job' that will not compromise their income or health care.	4/29/2015 4:16 AM
481	life skills	4/28/2015 5:13 PM
482	We get good training.	4/28/2015 10:50 AM
483	Things to look for - indicators - that show we need to further explore what's going on.	4/28/2015 10:29 AM
484	I'm good.	4/28/2015 10:26 AM
485	N/A	4/28/2015 9:23 AM

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486	I can't afford to spend time away from my program to attend training. As the administrator of this program I am fully in the ratio and I can't leave (or have staff leave) as that will leave the program short. Again, if we were properly compensated, we could afford to have more staff coverage.	4/28/2015 9:08 AM
487	More trainings in communities on abilities, destigmatization, and the value of persons with disabilities.	4/28/2015 8:55 AM
488	Additional training around Employment First and how best to access community supports to obtain employment for individuals with a disability.	4/28/2015 8:52 AM
489	I'd like to know what kinds of services other communities and schools have and try to figure out why we don't have them and how we can get more.	4/28/2015 7:31 AM
490	How Social Security and MediCal benefits are effected as people become increasingly and gainfully employed.	4/28/2015 7:08 AM
491	Vocational	4/28/2015 6:47 AM
492	Dealing with persons with developmental disabilities and their again process, it can be/is overwhelming and frustrating at times since resources aren't readily available and if they are, very limited w/minimum waged employees,	4/28/2015 3:42 AM
493	Becoming a better advocate, learning how to share information with other locals in similar situations so that we can help one another, more information regarding self-determination and how to help my children access it.	4/28/2015 1:00 AM
494	I would love to know more about what services are available to adults and how to connect my graduates with those services.	4/27/2015 9:29 PM
495	Advocacy for thw residents	4/27/2015 7:21 PM
496	Autism	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
497	specific job training skills for repetitive, labor intensive jobs	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
498	I don't know.	4/27/2015 6:30 PM
499	Information on parents rights.	4/27/2015 6:14 PM
500	Adhd. Sensory processing disorder. Recognizing and coping skills, management of anger for those.	4/27/2015 5:57 PM
501	My daughter is 11 years old and our #1 focus right now is getting her an appropriate/successful communication system in place.	4/27/2015 5:06 PM
502	continued person centered training that allows us to connect with and really be able to listen to and appreciate each individual family for their unique situation, once a year is not enough to keep us focused and enthusiastic, I'd also like small trainings on some of the most common diagnosis, or even less common. I'd love to know and understand more about some of the conditions my clients deal with. Prader-willie, early childhood cancer treatment that causes intellectual disability, Down Syndrome, McKusic Kaufman, Dandy Walker, all types of epilepsy, turrets, missing corpus callosum, dementia, etc.	4/27/2015 4:01 PM
503	Person centered training tools for staff to use to assist clients.	4/27/2015 3:12 PM
504	It would be useful for a lot of people I know to get a brief training on what the Council does, and how it connects to the rest of the system.	4/27/2015 2:04 PM
505	Matrix does not adequately meet the needs of local families - in terms of IEP support, local educational forums etc. We need a robust advocacy group that is collaborative, but seperate from funders. The advocacy group needs to put children and families first.	4/27/2015 12:57 PM
506	On School Aid for Special Needs Children.	4/27/2015 12:45 PM
507	"Community organizing" in general	4/27/2015 11:57 AM
508	Grief Counseling, Coping with parent burn out, Abuse Prevention, How to navigate the system to get the supports we need, how to plan for the future or be better prepared etc.	4/27/2015 11:17 AM
509	Adovacy training for families. Behavior support from Regional Centers	4/27/2015 11:11 AM
510	How to advocate strongly and learn about resources.	4/27/2015 10:50 AM
511	I would like to be the trainer for legislatures and any other governmental representative, so they can clearly understand the needs of the client and minimize their focus on funds.	4/27/2015 10:50 AM

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512	I don't news training but my child needs requires social skills and life skills training for after post secondary success in college.	4/27/2015 10:49 AM
513	How to perpare them to be able to work and make in it in the world.	4/27/2015 7:29 AM
514	Training about ALL programs available with in your child's needs, for example a child that is total care should be told about IHSS. A child that has parents that work and have insurance should not be told to take their kids off their insurance but they should be told about the HIPP program, I was able to save the state millions of dollars because I kept my children on my medical insurance and had the state only pay 10% of the bill vs 100% of it. My draughts have spent months in ICU and I'm proud to have kept my insurance and not rely 100% on the states budget.	4/26/2015 7:25 PM
515	Parents need to have training on how to implement behavior plans after they are written for their family member.	4/25/2015 10:00 PM
516	Parent "Bootcamp" Orientation: prviding families with community resoruces that may assit during the journey of raising a child with special health care needs. What organizations will be involved in mychild's life and what do they provide CA-LEND Family Support Training program in the SF Bay Area- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND), Program is to improve the health of children who have, or are at risk for, neurodevelopmental or related disabilities by preparing trainees (parents and medical providers) from a wide variety of professional disciplines to assume leadership roles and to ensure high levels of clinical competence. Tranings for In-Home Support Services providers, not just an orientation to the country program. Specifically, learning about the different demands a person in the IHSS system may require (avoiding skin ulcers, how to properly clean someone, how to transfer to and from a chair to bed, bed to chair, etc).	4/24/2015 4:53 PM
517	I am open to many different types of training opportunities.	4/24/2015 11:28 AM
518	We are always in need of up to date trainings that directly relate to providing services to our clients as it is difficult to get trainers to come in to our area, unlike bigger cities. Specificaly training including working with a rural population, handling larger casloads with little resources, and working with diverse populations including indigenous people.	4/24/2015 10:00 AM
519	I would be interested in trainings regarding the community resources we have currently and how they work to serve our clients. It helps when I am correctly informed when I am speaking to parents.	4/24/2015 9:43 AM
520	What exactly does the State Council do?	4/24/2015 9:42 AM
521	IPP/IEP training	4/24/2015 9:27 AM
522	Due to the nature of my job, the training I would best benefit from would be anything around the development of services for person with developmental disabilities. However, the Regional Center system as a whole could use additional training in advocacy and inclusion so that we can better support our clients in the community.	4/24/2015 9:23 AM
523	How to be better at assisting people in our "system" to see their unlimited potential. How to overcome stereotypes and stigmas that people in the community have about people with a dx of an intellectual disability.	4/24/2015 9:22 AM
524	N/A	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
525	My caseload is so big, I don't have time for training. The people making DDS rules need to get out and observe what SC's have time to do and make things easier rather than constantly adding new documentation requirements.	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
526	No training just more help, qualified help which mandates s degree of education level to service the special needs community.	4/23/2015 6:59 PM
527	I would have liked to have an orientation by the regional center for my daughter and for me. I feel very strongly that communication from the regional center has been extremely poor. I had heard negative things about the regional center, but I wanted to make my own assessment. Sadly some of our first experiences were not handled as well as I would expect from an agency that was established to help people with developmental disabilities. Poor communication fosters distrust and suspicion. Basic communication could eliminate all of that.	4/22/2015 8:03 PM
528	I feel like I have ample access to good training. I wish I had money to participate!	4/22/2015 6:02 PM
529	Training on any new loss that can affect the people are people	4/22/2015 5:34 PM
530	See above...	4/22/2015 10:08 AM
531	Bus, Resource use and Crisis support.	4/22/2015 7:45 AM
532	None at this time	4/21/2015 4:17 PM

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533	updates on new laws to protect our person's being served	4/21/2015 3:40 PM
534	We are the National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families, federally funded, and are a source of training.	4/21/2015 2:45 PM
535	More self advocacy training.	4/21/2015 2:36 PM
536	I would like to have more training in how to have healthy relationships. How I as a person with developmental disabilities can help others with disabilities.	4/21/2015 2:12 PM
537	Education on available services for the disabled after they are 23.	4/21/2015 1:12 PM
538	anything that gives validation and certification	4/21/2015 12:35 PM
539	I would like to receive more training on how to deal with people with different disabilities. Training on how to communicate with certain people that I can't understand. Training on how to deal with being in public when assisting people with disabilities.	4/21/2015 11:41 AM
540	Reasonable estate planning. Most of the resources would be spent on an attorney,	4/21/2015 10:43 AM
541	Who has time for more training? Unless they come to me...	4/20/2015 6:29 PM
542	N/A	4/20/2015 5:03 PM
543	Person centered training.	4/20/2015 4:19 PM
544	aewrtqewrt	4/20/2015 2:29 PM
545	I like to know more of job training and experiences to reach out to meet new skills and objectives with perspective more goals to face head on with life to receive working with people had generous supportive life for training them how to be confident and fascinating work for more past to the future.	4/20/2015 11:21 AM
546	Planning for my sons future when I am not around	4/20/2015 10:54 AM
547	More info for parents of transition age students about employment options and planning. Also what those paths map to.	4/20/2015 10:38 AM
548	Management	4/20/2015 10:24 AM
549	an understanding of the legal rights of parents and persons with disabilities as regards to what they are entitled to under the law.	4/20/2015 7:59 AM
550	None.	4/19/2015 9:53 PM
551	Iep advocacy. Advice on what's appropriate help and progress for our child. Help with insurance billing. Help with applying for ihss and other programs to ease financial burden. Encouragement to participate in our communities despite being different. Support for inclusion.	4/18/2015 7:13 PM
552	I would love to help some of these clients and parents with information, regarding conservator-ship and social security difference from ssi and ssa. and organization with job information.	4/17/2015 9:59 PM
553	More access to resources in Sacramento County and how to ask for them. I need housing for her and all there is available seems to be in bad parts of town where she would get beat up. I need to know my rights with ALTA because they seem to not want to authorize much for her. All she has currently is PRIDE and closed transportation to and from PRIDE. I've pushed for ILS and someone to come to the house to teach her how to load a dishwasher...and I was told to attempt IHSS again before ALTA would think about authorizing ILS. I am afraid I will get turned down again because an intellectual disability is not so apparent to some as a physical disability. She's still disabled. She lives with us because she needs some extra help and Sacramento County can't seem to see that...	4/17/2015 7:19 PM
554	HIPPA, all the new federal regulations on the horizon	4/17/2015 3:45 PM
555	Financial support and more career options.	4/17/2015 1:16 PM
556	transition to adult services and transition from home to a group home.	4/16/2015 11:27 PM
557	Social activities for children with Autism that are in their teen years.	4/16/2015 3:19 PM
558	Empowerment Training to train people to have more power	4/16/2015 2:26 PM
559	Training to get certifications to make me more employable. More support in school. It's hard to have money to even get on the bus sometimes.	4/16/2015 1:56 PM

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560	I was a caregiver when i was 19-20 but I would have to say maybe CPR and more knowledge about medications my mother takes alot of them	4/16/2015 7:41 AM
561	Tech training for this population... ability to train in real work places during day programs. NOW we are limited to non profits... we have few here so the programs turn into entertainment and recreation.	4/15/2015 4:18 PM
562	Behavioral support at home for my son.	4/15/2015 9:28 AM
563	Advice about different therapies now that he is older-what is out there?	4/15/2015 6:53 AM
564	On what supports are available for adults that age out.	4/14/2015 8:04 PM
565	Parent-Advocacy and Self-Determination	4/14/2015 7:11 PM
566	Support training from an educated and experienced job coach to whatever career the child is capable of doing.	4/13/2015 11:25 AM
567	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
568	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
569	How to manage/use ABLE accounts. The advantages/disadvantages of Self Determination.	4/8/2015 4:09 PM
570	Work training	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
571	We have the training we need and Alpha Resource Center provides updates frequently.	4/8/2015 8:18 AM
572	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
573	To get a better job.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
574	n/a	4/7/2015 7:30 AM
575	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
576	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
577	Better guidance from DDS on all topics.	4/6/2015 8:54 AM
578	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
579	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
580	I would like a clear description of what options are available for my sons as they become adults.	4/1/2015 7:25 PM
581	No training is needed. More programs, opportunities, etc. is what is needed.	4/1/2015 5:19 PM
582	I would like more information on how to advocate more effectively for the above.	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
583	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
584	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
585	None.	4/1/2015 8:46 AM
586	IDK	4/1/2015 7:57 AM
587	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

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588	Independent living program like learning how to live independently on the weekend.	4/1/2015 6:00 AM
589	I am very knowledgeable.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
590	ils	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
591	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
592	Navigating the system	3/30/2015 3:29 PM
593	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
594	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
595	Vocational computer skills general education that is taught in a way that they learn best.	3/30/2015 8:11 AM
596	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
597	How to find good facility for our sons needs after we can no longer take care of him.	3/28/2015 3:06 PM
598	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
599	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
600	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
601	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
602	Parental traing to handle special needs kids. Respite for parents in child care of special needs kids.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
603	Just require time to provide the required and appropriate training to staffing.	3/27/2015 3:30 PM
604	Independence with some supervision	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
605	Job skills: interview, on line application, social skills.	3/26/2015 1:26 PM
606	Cpr first aid	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
607	What ever I need; I especially would like to resurect 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
608	How to care for kids with disability who has behaviour problems and other challenges.	3/24/2015 2:05 PM
609	Special education law	3/23/2015 6:16 PM
610	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
611	Training on navigating the system.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
612	I don't want trainings. I want direct representation	3/21/2015 10:22 PM
613	Self-determination research Reimbursement process for habilitative services	3/20/2015 1:31 PM
614	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
615	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

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616	advocacy training	3/20/2015 11:39 AM
617	Learn hoe to take the bus on my own more around the world.	3/20/2015 11:26 AM
618	None at the moment.	3/19/2015 11:47 PM
619	Job	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
620	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM
621	My disable child would like to receive training in life skills and work.	3/19/2015 5:48 AM
622	Networking for job development.	3/18/2015 2:49 PM
623	How is the State Council addressing the crumbling Developmental Services System.	3/18/2015 10:39 AM
624	group home placement options	3/18/2015 9:44 AM
625	n/a	3/18/2015 8:51 AM
626	I would like to find a job.	3/17/2015 8:42 PM
627	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
628	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
629	any job training	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
630	How about a brain transplant	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
631	More knowledge of services available to my clients.	3/17/2015 5:15 PM
632	cultural competency training	3/17/2015 4:53 PM
633	I would like internet technology training.	3/17/2015 4:23 PM
634	Financial services for adults with disabilities	3/17/2015 3:26 PM
635	Self Determination, Advocacy and Employment.	3/17/2015 3:03 PM
636	Talking points in communicating with various players. Also a short class for ourselves in making our own videos.	3/17/2015 2:45 PM
637	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
638	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
639	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
640	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
641	Safety. Transportation. Employment options.	3/17/2015 8:39 AM
642	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
643	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
644	I have plenty of training. Time is in short supply. Stress is in high supply.	3/16/2015 5:37 PM
645	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

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646	Behavior Mod	3/15/2015 10:18 PM
647	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
648	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
649	Available and affordable housing and how to research for them in San Diego county.	3/15/2015 9:52 AM
650	Behavioral	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
651	Training on what support services are available - where to get them. financial assistance, etc.	3/14/2015 5:02 PM
652	n/a	3/13/2015 2:58 PM
653	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
654	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
655	No training need at this time.	3/13/2015 9:06 AM
656	Training I don't need. I need resources and money to run the program I envision.	3/13/2015 8:54 AM
657	Education regarding upcoming transitions to high school, then adult life.	3/13/2015 8:22 AM
658	How to know what services are available to my daughter.	3/12/2015 9:09 PM
659	Ways to help my son and stay sane	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
660	Our daughter should get job coaching	3/12/2015 7:49 PM
661	Employment	3/12/2015 6:43 PM
662	Advocacy support and training for our son and for us. People First is fine but, its expensive.	3/12/2015 6:01 PM
663	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
664	More ABA programs	3/12/2015 5:28 PM
665	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
666	How to help my son with autism learn to work around his challenges	3/12/2015 4:33 PM
667	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
668	N/A	3/12/2015 3:49 PM
669	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
670	job training.	3/12/2015 3:39 PM
671	Advocacy	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
672	How to navigate through the system in order for my son to have the most opportunities for success.	3/12/2015 3:09 PM
673	None	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
674	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
675	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

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676	How to evolve from formal supports to natural supports.	3/12/2015 1:36 PM
677	none	3/12/2015 1:34 PM
678	How to file a complaint against a teacher, principal or district?	3/12/2015 1:28 PM
679	None	3/12/2015 1:27 PM
680	Successful advocacy for change.	3/12/2015 1:24 PM
681	how to create inclusive environments everywhere	3/12/2015 1:19 PM
682	IEP advocacy	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
683	none	3/12/2015 10:40 AM
684	Options counseling. Best-practice models exploration.	3/11/2015 10:04 PM
685	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
686	I would like to train the state board.	3/11/2015 8:19 PM
687	what agencies are supposed to be doing for our adult child and how do we access them.	3/11/2015 1:37 PM
688	training on various disability and their effects on the person, family/care givers, employers and community.	3/11/2015 12:12 PM
689	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
690	I don't know	3/10/2015 9:12 PM
691	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
692	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?

Answered: 662 Skipped: 441

#	Responses	Date
1	Keep doing what you do. It's helping!	6/9/2015 10:40 AM
2	I would like the state to be more aware of the use of developmental therapies (Eg. Relationship Development Intervention) for individuals with special needs in addition to parental choice. Some regional centers value and support developmental therapies, and others do not. It is unfair and unjust for some families to have choice over the support their family receives and for others to not based on where they live. The families deserve the right to choose which approach makes sense for their family's beliefs, philosophy and way of life.	6/9/2015 10:38 AM
3	Postsecondary education as a path to employment is something that should be given greater consideration. RC staff, community providers, etc., do not fully utilize the resources that exist at the community college level, nor do they understand the way we operate. But this is a generic resource that could lead to more training, skills, and a lot of efforts and dollars are being placed to bridge the gap between community college and workforce. Worth exploring and making a connection to provider more options to those with IDD.	6/9/2015 10:32 AM
4	Advocate for the regional centers to increase employment options in the community and also improve the regional center staff;s Dept of Rehab referral process.	6/9/2015 9:29 AM
5	I am a strong advocate In my community and always willing to help please let me know if I will be needed in any capAcity thank you, Robert	6/9/2015 3:16 AM
6	There needs to be services continuously for people with disabilities. They need to be supported because they are an important part of society too.	6/8/2015 11:00 PM
7	We need to somehow find more money to help adults with DD transition into becoming productive, working members of our society – the more they can work the less SSI they'll need for their lifetimes -- plus think of their self-esteem!!	6/8/2015 12:07 PM
8	My son has been in a group home for the last year, a group home run by a BCBA, his behaviors has gone down, he is thriving, the persons that wirk with him believe that he can learn and he is, Every child can learn dispite of his label, I have data to show the improvement, and i my self got my masters and i am acruing hours to be a BCBA. I want to open a center where parents can leave their child and know that they are not only learning but well taken care of, like a day care. Contact me 209-922-5651 Thanks for caring	6/8/2015 9:58 AM
9	Services are there but very hard to get. There are lots of stumbling blocks.	6/8/2015 9:18 AM
10	More behavioral intervention for teenagers turning adults and who have still behavior that needs to be eradicated	6/7/2015 2:10 AM
11	I am a single mother with autistic 11 yr old. I am a professional with a graduate degree. I have quit full time job 6yrs ago to care for my child. I have filed bankruptcy. Downsized,living in 1br granny flat...working per diem while child in school. Receive 60 hrs ihss..cant get protective sup. approved...because of age and no 911 calls...bcuz I'm always there!!! We are barely getting by...I can't afford dental work...loosing teeth! Soo much more support is needed ...we need real help with childcare..i can't find agency that has respite provs that are available! School cuts mean she can't go to summer school this year!! Last summer I had to apply for food stamps!!! I can't think of anything else to do!!	6/6/2015 10:59 PM
12	All people with I/DD need access to individualized advocacy services for complex meetings and for due process - not just those who can pay the expensive fees. Helping one individual has the ripple effect of helping many.	6/6/2015 3:28 PM
13	Parents need help. We need knowledge, information as to what is available. We need access to free or low cost advocates when we disagree with the school district, because they have unlimited legal budgets vs. our sad incomes, mostly spent trying to give our kids the services they're supposed to get but aren't. We need teachers and providers who actually care more about the kids than the district's budget and fear of losing their jobs if they speak up.	6/6/2015 12:51 PM
14	There are so many Autistic young adults need independent living skill & job training!!!!!!!	6/6/2015 7:00 AM

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15	That even though there have been great advancements for those with special needs this group still remains one of the most marginalized and neglected in our communities. Please help us to give our children and adults with disabilities the chance to have a safe, successful, and productive environment to lead rich and fulfilling lives.	6/5/2015 8:44 PM
16	Alta Regional Center makes getting any service for your child a BATTLE. Fair hearing is required everytime a simple request is made.	6/5/2015 4:39 PM
17	I would like to see parents or their responsible advocate to have more input about their child's needs and future once the parents are no longer alive.	6/5/2015 4:19 PM
18	respite is critical for families caring for children and adults with disabilities yet it is difficult to get or when you do have it, they can't drive the client, so there is no community access. This needs to change.	6/5/2015 4:04 PM
19	We have to navigate several bureaucracies at all times, and it feels like there are no resources to help when problems with them arise (other than hiring private advocates or attorneys). Social groups for disabled and support groups for parents are few and far between.	6/5/2015 3:53 PM
20	Would like more awareness of what disable people need.	6/5/2015 2:42 PM
21	It real heartbreaker for consumers Relatives to find out you have to fight for services need it to improve their way to lives A lot of us have to wish they die Before us we have to be fitting all the time what will happen when when we won t be here	6/5/2015 2:08 PM
22	I just want them to know how scary it is to be in my shoes. To have a child that will never be able to go the bathroom on his own, or get his own glass of water and that one day I won't be here to take care of him.	6/5/2015 2:02 PM
23	unsure	6/5/2015 10:39 AM
24	After three years	6/5/2015 10:18 AM
25	It's extremely difficult to get services if your child is high functioning- public Ed necessary regarding assessment and services	6/4/2015 9:42 PM
26	IDEA and FAPE need an overhaul. Take a look at the kids in "emotionally disturbed" programs at public school- aspergers kids can't be appropriately treated by sitting at a desk in a corner surrounded by a cardboard box. True story- this is "discipline" and "therapeutic behavior services" in the el dorado Union high school district. A shame booth. These kids didn't CHOOSE their disabilities. Get them the support and services they NEED.	6/4/2015 8:51 PM
27	Unsure	6/4/2015 6:28 PM
28	Our Orange County Area Board has been one of the key resources for families/consumers to turn to when other doors have closed. It is disappointing to learn that this 1:1 advocacy will not be available going forward. I think this should be reconsidered; oftentimes, a single incident can set a precedent and change policy/procedure.	6/4/2015 4:32 PM
29	These systems need to start talking to each other immediately and develop effective, meaningful programs with providers that understand the population they are working with.	6/4/2015 3:41 PM
30	Include a range of all ID/IDD, not just ones that are verbal, and also reflect this in their families. Reflect those w/moderate and severe disabilities and their families. We always hear from those who are capable of traditional everyday things, as NT do, but rarely if ever do we hear about those that need the services the most. Opportunities for them will be different, we need more real life role models there and less Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg. Thank you.	6/4/2015 12:51 PM
31	That the disability program that I am in is helping me fulfill the goals as a person with disabilities in education and in life skills.	6/4/2015 11:19 AM
32	The State Council should advocate for statewide rates for services that are all the same like how the Department of Rehabilitation looked at all services and determined a rate.	6/4/2015 10:53 AM
33	There are people with disabilities and they are not just foster youth. There seems to be many more opportunities for foster youth(18+) than there is for say kids who are privately adopted or birth children who cannot live at home. There needs to be supports in place for people who fall into the mild to medium range of disabilities as well as those who are severe. I would have loved form my son to be living down here but there was no way this was possible due to the resources available to him.	6/4/2015 10:41 AM
34	They need a lot more help advocates to help kids get out of regular schools that are failing kids. My daughter spent 5 years in regular ed. Teased bullied it was hell. If special ed kids r kept in regl large ed teachers need to educate teachers regarding students a bit autism. Understanding brings success, ignorance doesnt.	6/4/2015 9:19 AM

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35	The system is hard to navigate, and parents end up learning through parent groups and Facebook! More help to navigate this stuff, please!	6/4/2015 9:05 AM
36	employers need incentives to hire people with disabilities. The ADA has made them afraid of law suits and expensive accommodations.	6/4/2015 8:45 AM
37	Keep asking questions.	6/4/2015 8:21 AM
38	Denti-Cal lack of funding is causing un-necessary pain and suffering	6/4/2015 7:21 AM
39	having information on helping people live on their own	6/4/2015 2:07 AM
40	a membership/ or comprehensive unity of complaints, or request for more interaction with local CACs. Advisory committees to ensure that all complaints, concerns are heard and considered in policy/procedure writing.	6/4/2015 12:26 AM
41	Nothing at this time	6/3/2015 11:03 PM
42	I am available to help assist .	6/3/2015 9:26 PM
43	The Regional offices are an important component of the advocacy and safety network for people with DD. The importance of people to people contact at the local level cannot be over emphasized as a means of offering individualized resources and smoothing transitions for people with DD.	6/3/2015 7:50 PM
44	Nevada County Special Education Program needs to improve in many areas: have in place a special ed preschool program where the children learn and thrive mainstreaming is important for all grades in the county program certain special ed students need to be in a learning based program, where some of the other students could thrive on a motorskill/OT environment.....yet these 2 types of students are being put in the same classroom and it takes away from the special ed kids that can learn. Also, Teachers assistants are hired with no experience and they are left to teach these special ed children while the main special ed teacher is overwhelmed with IEP's and trying to figure out schedules for everyone and I see the special ed teachers burnt out not wanting to teach. Our county hires substitute teachers to teach special ed children because they can not find qualified experienced special ed teachers. Our system has failed!!!!	6/3/2015 5:50 PM
45	Programs vendored 20 plus years ago are just hanging in their. They have not received any cost of living increase since the 1980's. This is making it more and more challenging for us to keep qualified staff, as the newer programs are able to provided higher wages.	6/3/2015 4:50 PM
46	that there are more individuals and their families that are struggling and frightened of what will happen to our kids we don't want roadblocks or lack of quality service providers and plead to have services started as soon as possible to give the individual with disability quality of life thank you for letting me speak	6/3/2015 4:36 PM
47	Walk a mile in my shoes. Go to an IEP meeting. Deal with insurance companies who refuse to cover services and take all the judgmental nonsense the world dishes out. Did I mention as a parent it is my job to not only negotiate educational plan for my son but it is my job to fight the district for the services he needs, even if it means due proses. If they had it their way he would still not be able to talk. Life's of families affected by disability is hard enough getting our kids what they need to function shouldn't be a battle.	6/3/2015 4:06 PM
48	We are all human beings. Please lets remember to have compassion.	6/3/2015 4:01 PM
49	Rules of Regional Center's caregivers are not realistic. Do not allow for relationship building. "We are not your friend"—how would you llike your instructor to greet you with that statement?	6/3/2015 3:54 PM
50	Funding for all levels of the developmentally disabled should be unified. The current structure of separating "education" from other "categories" pits school districts against the regional centers and causes undue conflict. Individuals/families should be given vouchers for them to use for education/treatments/care/etc. Unfunded services that school districts provide developmentally disabled children reduces the amounts to be spent on normal education. This is unfair to both and puts school districts in a conflict of interest.	6/3/2015 3:32 PM
51	Doing a good job so far :)	6/3/2015 3:21 PM
52	You have an important role but the average family is not aware of you. Work with local agencies and other stakeholders to increase your visibility.	6/3/2015 3:10 PM
53	Community support services are not in place to receive the flood of Intellectual Disabled individuals in the community or about to enter adult life	6/3/2015 2:17 PM
54	The education system is moving away from effective transition for the DD population to the work place. ROP is no longer being offered. Students are not served by DOR. Schools are unaware of the changes in employment programs such as DOR. Transition should begin in middle school if not in kindergarten. It's too late at 16.	6/3/2015 1:49 PM

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55	if we can afford to increase the minimum wage for workers why can't we offer affordable payment to the group homes which do so much for these clients.	6/3/2015 1:35 PM
56	There are very little options for qualified child care for children with medical disabilities. Not every family personally knows someone who could be a trusted respite worker in their home.	6/3/2015 12:29 PM
57	There is a high need for low income accessible housing in Sonoma county.	6/3/2015 10:47 AM
58	Individuals with disabilities are still considered to have a lesser quality of life in the medical field and it is extremely difficult to obtain quality medical care and affordable housing in areas that are not filled with crime	6/3/2015 9:52 AM
59	Keep on slogging through the paperwork but at least fund people going to self advocacy forum, conferences...	6/2/2015 9:05 PM
60	Things take too long to get resolved. Things go from bad to worst, which could be avoided when the need is recognized and responded to in a timely manner.	6/2/2015 5:36 PM
61	Parents and other caregivers of children with intellectual disabilities need all kinds of help. Every day is a challenge. We need more behaviorists to help our kids, schools such as Anova that just focus on these kids in every way.	6/2/2015 5:26 PM
62	I am 21-years old and graduated from Chico State with my 4 year bs in business administration. I am an educated, productive member of society. That being said, there is no goal I set above changing laws for mentally disabled people. It is essential to have better pay for the special education teachers so all of the good ones don't leave to work in administrative offices so they can support their families. These teachers had a passion to help those who were born with such unfair circumstances, then we drive them out of the system because we pay them less than a garbage collector. This is not okay. My brother is in classes with a bunch of mutes who moan or with 40 year olds with stupid people who might as well be one of the special kids because they could give a hoot about the kids!!!! please help these kids.	6/2/2015 1:42 PM
63	That services for people with disabilities are vitally important.	6/2/2015 9:21 AM
64	Individuals with ID/DD should not stop learning/strengthening their skills when they exit the public school system (by 22 at the latest). These individuals need programs and opportunities to continue learning life skills related to employment and education. We need more programs that promote and/or provide internships (paid and unpaid) so that individuals can eventually gain valuable employment in the community and feel that they have a purpose.	6/1/2015 3:54 PM
65	I want to recognize the whole State Council body in making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities and to their families. May God guide you and bless you more in each endeavor. We appreciate the effort and work you have done for our children. Thank you so much.	5/31/2015 9:51 PM
66	That we are working hard to provide great programs for students.	5/31/2015 3:25 PM
67	Know that Our people need more help, Please STOP cutting Back their benefits.	5/30/2015 3:51 PM
68	Thank you for your service and care.	5/30/2015 11:18 AM
69	Since families come in all sizes the move to REQUIRE 4-bed homes seems rigid and arbitrary. Many special needs individuals live joyfully with kinship, great care, and choices of activities in six and twelve bed homes!	5/29/2015 7:42 PM
70	We are being ignored and we need to do something about it	5/29/2015 3:06 PM
71	Focus spending more money on people with disabilities to improve their livelihood - these are people with limited capabilities and are in need of all sorts of assistance, transportation, social programs they can participate, various workshops, etc.	5/29/2015 2:38 PM
72	Overall the programs and supports have been very beneficial to our daughter in her growth. The program at Wilshire and Staff have been outstanding. They have been patient and understanding of our daughters needs and have tried to help her grow as a responsible adult.	5/29/2015 12:36 PM
73	Health care is too expensive every month for people for disabilities who qualify for medicare.	5/29/2015 10:38 AM
74	We need family support especially for Therapists and Psychologists who can understand our children.	5/29/2015 10:32 AM
75	The local Area Boards have always been the necessary impartial resource/advocate for people with disabilities when other doors have been closed.	5/29/2015 9:23 AM
76	Parents of those with special needs are navigating through education, medical and care with limited resources.	5/29/2015 6:57 AM

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77	Change needs to happen NOW! My son will complete his education in 5 years. I cant wait that long. I need him in an inclusive environment with accommodations so that he can access the curriculum and be with his typical peers. He hates having his disability and wants to be like everyone else but the district keeps telling him NO. If i had the funding i would be taking this as far as i could legally but i don't and the district is well aware of it. The district calculates that into what they will provide or not, very very sad.	5/28/2015 9:57 PM
78	How to educate my son about learning to problem solve.	5/28/2015 5:47 PM
79	The school manipulates IEP's to they convenience.	5/28/2015 12:54 PM
80	We need more Autism Inclusion programs like Rady's Children's Hospital Alexa's Play C in San Diego for high functioning ASD kids. There has to be more Blended classes in San Diego Unified School District. How are there 1:67 boys with autism spectrum disorder and only one Autism inclusion program in San Diego with 30 available spots????? There should be Inclusion Preschools with HFA, some with LFA and more typical preschools private preschools that take a few kids that have disabilities. I separated the mild from the moderate to severe disabilities because kids imitate behaviors so better to have a severe kids with typical kids with the proper support. My son has been kicked out of 3 schools and he is only 3 years old. He attends a typical daycare with a full time one on one ABA therapist funded thru my insurance and he is still always one step away from getting kicked out. Autism is a social disorder. Why does early intervention happen in isolation in homes? Kids with autism have to be around typical peers to model language, behaviors and socialize. Why doesn't the model change for early intervention? Why not fund the same programs, but in private daycares that receive subsidies to enroll a few students with disabilities in their programs? ABA therapists could attend daycares with the kids and facilitate the goals in a social environment. The model of OT and PT should always be direct services not consult. In home OT and PT is not adequate. The early intervention model should make OT and PT provided in a facility with equipment and direct service not consult. Speech should follow the Hanan program or follow the child's lead. Social Thinking or theory of mind should be taught to parents in early intervention early on at a young age. Executive functioning should be fostered from the very beginning. Early intervention should promote theory of mind or social thinking, executive functioning (planning early on), socialization of kids with disabilities especially autism. Regional center should provide better case management services. The primary care taker is the case manager not the service provider thru regional center. If a parent is not organized, a researcher, educated or speak English they are not going to be a good case manager for their child. A class should be offered about case managing their child with the disability, organization skills needed for service providers, MD appointment, IEP, filing, etc, etc....	5/28/2015 12:16 PM
81	Regional center seems to be focused on minimizing costs/limiting budget outlays rather than serving the disabled and providing the services/coordination intended by law.	5/28/2015 10:54 AM
82	Support your parents!! The school districts are not always following the laws, they are not providing services, they are NOT honest, people are tired of fighting against them.	5/28/2015 10:26 AM
83	I would have liked to have gone to college and get an art degree and there needs to be a program at the high school and at the college level that focuses on academic post secondar success for students with learning disabilities like EOP and upper bound	5/27/2015 9:23 PM
84	Tulare County has a excellent Disability advocate her name is Rebecca Donabed	5/27/2015 2:23 PM
85	I AM NOT DEAD YET	5/27/2015 11:10 AM
86	We are open to any support you can provide.	5/27/2015 8:35 AM
87	More communication is needed through the use of each school district's Community Advisory Committee. State mandated group where it's members are all families with children with disabilities. Antelope Valley needs help. The AV CAC needs help reaching parents and families.	5/27/2015 12:17 AM
88	Need some plan to work successfully with public schools to make sure that students with developmental disabilities get the education they deserve. There should be a liaison between regular classroom teachers and special education/resource teachers.	5/26/2015 10:10 PM
89	There is a huge wave of adults with autism headed to your door with no real supports for them in the community and for employment. Help new businesses fill this void and be innovative in your thinking.	5/26/2015 9:17 PM
90	they should suggest law enforcement training to better handle people with disabilities	5/26/2015 9:11 PM
91	You already know the system is underfunded.	5/26/2015 5:02 PM
92	Increased advocacy support for parents would be great. Especially for Spanish speaking parents.	5/26/2015 3:59 PM

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93	Why is it that all the people that are there for support do not explain all the services that are available? We worked with our regional center since my son was an infant. I was never informed about IHSS. we didn't find out about it until my son was 7. We could have benefited greatly knowing sooner.	5/26/2015 2:45 PM
94	The amount of people with disabilities entering adulthood is increasing and there is a lack of available housing and activities/training available.	5/26/2015 2:09 PM
95	Cities should work with interested parties, like parents, to develop small community housing projects that encourage camaraderie among caregivers and residents, so they are not alone and segregated.	5/26/2015 1:56 PM
96	The regional centers are important. Reinstate the funding.	5/26/2015 1:39 PM
97	Residences that concentrate on abundant and effective supportive services require a focus on people with DD. We cannot achieve integration without focused supportive services. So larger, multiresidential complexes with focused services should be supported!	5/26/2015 12:59 PM
98	There is probably not enough information out about who you are, how do you fit into the system, what ways can you help.	5/26/2015 12:10 PM
99	they are cutting back on services to much, more awareness on what is available for help, more alta help.	5/26/2015 9:15 AM
100	Raising a special needs' child goes beyond the 24/7 clock and we need all the support we can get. Doors should be opened to us not slammed in our faces.	5/26/2015 5:54 AM
101	We struggle just like most families, but worse. Both parents should not have to work when they have a disabled child. We should be able to at least receive social security.	5/25/2015 8:33 PM
102	Improve pay rate and benefits for staff who work for people with dev disabilities Then retention is not a problem	5/25/2015 3:56 AM
103	It is hard sometimes being a parent of a child with an I/DD. It feels like everything is a fight to get minimal services and supports for my child. We fight with the regional center. We fight with the school district. We fight with health care service providers/insurance. We fight for her basic right to participate inclusively in community activities. Please help change this!	5/24/2015 10:14 PM
104	Individuals with disabilities are people just like you & me. They want what we have. It is difficult to provide a "good life" at our current rates. Many people don't believe that we should be providing so much for these individuals, that they don't contribute to society. On the contrary they contribute a lot. In my 31 years of service they have been my teachers. They have taught me patience, compassion, caring, satisfaction with what I have & I could go on & on. Let's face it, we all have one disability or another. I can't speak more than 1 language, have poor math skills, etc. if I were to sit by an academia at dinner, they would think I had an intellectual disability. We are all people & deserve a decent life.	5/24/2015 2:35 PM
105	I would like to know how was ARC Los Angeles/Orange County legally able to get rid of clients that did not meet their productivity percentage. We as parents are not looking for our children to bring in a pay check but to feel good about working and being productive even if the pay check is only \$5.00 every 2 weeks. I believe that productivity percentage belongs in companies that have normal working individuals and not imposed on persons with disability who have many challenges in life including poor health.	5/24/2015 12:39 PM
106	Consumers who I have spoke with working in employment training programs (labeled by regional centers to be "sheltered workshops") like learning new tasks for completing business contracts. I have also heard regional center employees state that the training programs are used as social gatherings. If the regional center employees spent much time in the training programs, they will find there is very little time to be social. People are working or completing training projects. The only social time they have is either break or lunch. The training programs are authentic working and learning environments. Consumers who work one to ten hours per week are not truly engaging in an authentic working and learning environment.	5/24/2015 10:28 AM
107	That you work towards keeping places like the care facilities in Glen Ellen are kept open. Perhaps in combination to privately/public facilities for indigent seniors who are not necessarily intellectually or physically disabled.	5/23/2015 9:11 AM
108	Nothing other than the fact that I think that services for the school-age population is pretty good; but once the disabled population are not attending school, services are harder to obtain.	5/22/2015 11:36 PM
109	Distribute information about services that can be accessed by individual with disabilities	5/22/2015 2:56 PM
110	It's time for politicians to invest in the people of the State of California and to stop being swayed by billionaires, large corporations, special interest, and public unions that continue writing large checks to buy votes in Sacramento.	5/22/2015 12:53 PM

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111	Pleas give us the tools and guide lines to help our children lead independent and productive lives, Consider living arrangements like Eskaton or Vine Village, Sweetwater, Sun flower Hill, Meristem,...style communities. Together and safe, yet independent, To quote Hillary Clinton "It takes a Village"	5/22/2015 11:11 AM
112	The inconsistency of regional center management and implementation of the law has been ignored for decades, and the confusion it causes for the Consumer, their families and the service providers is vast, Consistency in the implementation of the regs is needed.	5/22/2015 11:00 AM
113	We appreciate all efforts that are on the behalf of individuals with I/DD. It seems to be a battle at all levels of government. Please reach out to all vendors in the state, we received this survey forwarded from our local ILC, not our service system.	5/22/2015 10:49 AM
114	The changes made keeping the offices from supporting families through process is a major blow, They helped people who could not afford an attorney as we could and the I forget the name of the office but think its known as DRC or DCR or something like that is no help on individual by individual cases.	5/22/2015 10:41 AM
115	they do no have enough people with developmental intellectual disabilities on their boards.	5/22/2015 9:11 AM
116	stop thinking being deaf is a sickness and this community can not learn. Don't label syndrome and intellectually handicapped people. They r not. They r so smart if u educate professionals working with these individuals.	5/22/2015 9:01 AM
117	Better help to get conservatorship of adult disabled child went needed without having to pay thousands of dollars.	5/22/2015 8:38 AM
118	It is extremely difficult for someone new to the process to even know where to apply for services, Then, one must wait a long time to even hear whether they are approved, and often they are not until second or third attempts despite great need. This is particularly true of emotionally disabled people (autism in particular) as their emotional disability is not as easily seen as those who have physical disabilities, The need is still great to attempt to keep these people off of the streets.	5/22/2015 8:34 AM
119	During the K-12 educatuon years we focus on the importance that family is a vital tool towards a students education, When they turn 22 it is encouraged for a adult to leave home and live in a home. This is a personal choice. It insults me that you would pay a stranger 2000.00 to 5000.00 thousand to take care of our young adult, We should still continue to focus the importance of the family unit. Focus on giving the resources to the family to support this.	5/22/2015 7:48 AM
120	There is not enough support for students with disabilities and there is no oversight for service providers who provide services there must be State standards that are measured there must be success!	5/22/2015 7:26 AM
121	The welfare of intellectual/developmental disabled community is NOT a priority in most agencies, The State Council should consider recruiting families who are interested to organize and serve this community, as an agency does.	5/22/2015 3:06 AM
122	Blue Ribbon Commission on autism discussed the need for doctors to be educated and trained to work with our adults years ago. . There are very few psychiatrists who work with adults and know autism, No action has been taken and it has been years. Hospital settings are not set up to admit adults with autism in psychiatric crises. ARCA released a report on the DD system on the brink of collapse. It has not just started to collapse, Rather it has already collapsed. 1/3 of vendors have gone out of business. California is last in the USA, according to ARCA for individual funding. We need to do advocacy with our legislators differently. What we have been doing is not working, DDS Developmental services task force and Lanterman Coalition need new partners -recommend initiating a state task force composed of stakeholders, business leaders, private and non profit educators, professional lobbyists dedicated to changing the deplorable lack of funding from our California legislators and governor. The state council should write up measurable actions that can be taken with a appropriate timeline to address the many issues that the DD community has. We also need to hold our legislators and ourselves accountable for the deteriorated state we now find has occured for the California population. Lanterman Act is irrelevant without funding. There is a huge population of people with autism who will need services as they are aging out of school. Y et little or no planning has been done to address the coming tsunami of people with ASD. Every Life Matters- our legislators and governor seem to have forgotten that. We need to hold them accountable for our dismal underfunded DD budget	5/22/2015 12:59 AM
123	Many of our clients live on limited income and have to use public transportation. It would be great if there was a program that helped all people with intellectual disabilities with the expense of public transportation.	5/21/2015 7:15 PM
124	Housing, housing, housing. It is critical that people when they are ready to move out of the family home (usually in their twenties) be able to transition into living outside their family home while parents are alive to support them. It will be so hard on people with intellectual disabilities to leave home when they have lived their whole lives there, and at 40-50 years old their parents pass away and now they have to adjust to this major change. Higher quality day programs would be next on my list. Raise the bar!	5/21/2015 4:23 PM

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125	thank you for all you do for our community, especially within the current budget constraints	5/21/2015 4:14 PM
126	A safe, stable source of housing for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, will enable them to more successfully access and utilize other important quality of life services.	5/21/2015 4:06 PM
127	We need more adult recreational programs. Need more Adaptive college recreational classes that allow aides to attend free with client.	5/21/2015 2:48 PM
128	There should be more funding provided for vendors who provide group homes, employment, Adult Community Centers, ILS.	5/21/2015 1:52 PM
129	There is a huge need for additional housing for the clients served by DDS, including people who have autism, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and others. So there is a need for either new government funding to build this housing, and/or a change in tax law to allow tax credits for construction of new housing, so that developers would build it.	5/21/2015 1:23 PM
130	Enabling complacency needs to be avoided and never rewarded.	5/21/2015 12:47 PM
131	We need more help. More advocacy. We trust the State Council and want this group to be with us as we make our way through life. Please don't let funding take your advocacy away!	5/21/2015 12:33 PM
132	The Lanterman Housing Alliance, 16 housing organizations in the State of California is focused on this issue and would love the support of the State Council. I am a co-chair and would love to be contacted, Kris McCann, 408--438-7392. ED, Bay Area Housing Corporation.	5/21/2015 11:16 AM
133	There needs to be a easy path for parents to help their kids; a handbook of how to deal with regional center, how to find resources, how to make a good transition plan, how to deal with all of things that one needs to do for individuals with IDD.	5/21/2015 10:07 AM
134	Income should not always be the deciding factor to get or not to get help.	5/21/2015 9:34 AM
135	In the schools, the staff are really getting hurt from aggressive students. Of course we understand it might be part of the disability, however the issue is acute, and largely ignored, I feel. We need effective policies procedures in place. The students need to be able to function without hurting folks. We need appropriate methods. The police do not want the staff to press charges, we are not supposed to suspend students, but meanwhile staff is enduring some pretty aggressive students and no real means to deal with the issues.	5/21/2015 9:17 AM
136	How do you one look into possible educational opportunities outside of one's area.	5/21/2015 8:27 AM
137	schools district administration needs more training for awareness of students with disabilities and legal requirements	5/21/2015 8:22 AM
138	I would like him to move out and be as independent as possible, in preparation for me not being there forever to help him. He is terrified of anything changing. Our inability to find a program that would fit him also makes the future unknown and scary. We will keep looking.	5/21/2015 8:17 AM
139	Ask for for more federal funding in the form of categorical or block grants.	5/21/2015 8:01 AM
140	Compliant with ADA requirement	5/21/2015 7:25 AM
141	You have parents and advocates working for funding restoration. We are a team. Please treat us as such,	5/21/2015 5:44 AM
142	Even when the kids qualify for the above services, there aren't enough human resources available to provide them.	5/21/2015 1:04 AM
143	Vallejo needs more services all around, provided in our hometown.	5/20/2015 8:35 PM
144	Early education intervention and scho support	5/20/2015 7:24 PM
145	Why cut to the Disables and elderly?	5/20/2015 6:59 PM
146	Employers need job fairs that are specific to finding those with disabilities with higher skills to perform work. Housing coalitions in S CA. have not created much for the disability community,needs grants from the Feds with leadership coordinated	5/20/2015 6:44 PM
147	We sincerely appreciate all the current course offerings and support as we strive to create more options for those with Developmental Disabilities.	5/20/2015 6:30 PM

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148	I have been at meetings with Regional Centers, Dept, of Rehab, & County Office of ED where the caseworkers knew little of our local resources. My current positions as both vocational and supportive living professional, as well as self-educating, have given me an unique opportunity to learn about the various services in our area that apparently isn't shared within the organizations themselves. It amazes me how little they know of what goes on outside their own organization!	5/20/2015 5:14 PM
149	what happens to them as they get older	5/20/2015 4:15 PM
150	Let us know that you are willing to be an advocate for the developmentally disabled (who, though testing as intelligent, have their abilities to use that intelligence compromised by their emotional and social disabilities and frontal lobe brain damage. Let the agencies you work with, collaborate with , evaluate or allocate resources for know that this is a population that they need to reach out to . Note : we all that know that FAS is the leading preventable cause of intellectual problems in the USA, but that is the just the tip of the FASD iceberg, which has been largely ignored, because for years it wasn't a named disability or most professionals didn't know how to diagnose it until relatively recently.	5/20/2015 4:02 PM
151	I am a realist and know that my son is my responsibility, However, it seems the more responsibility I take for my child the more I am expected to take. However, other people who are heavily reliant on the "system" in terms of welfare, rent support, food support, qualify for more medical support, child care support etc. HMMMMM	5/20/2015 12:54 PM
152	The State of CA has invested millions into real estate that they do not own or control. Private group home providers have historically utilized start-up funds to purchase and renovate group homes and the service rate to help them pay down their mortgage. Then, when its time to recover, the private group home providers shut down their business, force their consumers to relocate to another group home, and cash in their equity in the home in which the State of CA has invested. This is wasteful and it does not address the long-term housing needs of people with developmental disabilities.	5/20/2015 12:41 PM
153	ABOUT summer camps, there are for younger children, but for adolescents 15 & older you have to pay & mom is not able to afford to send him, He does go to summer school. children with this type of disability need to stay active or they isolate or withdraw, he has moderate autism & ADHD he has a problem stain steel. Again thank you for your time and concern :-)	5/20/2015 11:56 AM
154	We need more resources for foster youth with disabilities. Simple as that!	5/20/2015 11:48 AM
155	I would like to emphasize that without expanded Employment, Health and Housing options, individuals with development disabilities will continue to experience disparate socioeconomic challenges.	5/20/2015 11:45 AM
156	Orange County office staff is very helpful but workshops fill up too quickly. Request frequent and repeated workshops. Please reinstate personal advocacy or, at least, workshops for this purpose.	5/20/2015 11:41 AM
157	The system is currently set up so that parents of children with disabilities, and later adults, become dependent on the money that child/adult brings into their home. If a parent is forced to stop working because there is no appropriate childcare for their child then their sole income becomes: unemployment (if they qualify and for as long as that lasts), their child's SSI and their child's IHSS. The longer a parent is unemployed the harder it is for them to get back into the job market. When their child reaches adulthood and is ready to become independent many parents simply cannot afford for their child to move out and live independently. This has left some of our adult clients trapped in dire circumstances. If the system better supported parents of children with disabilities in order to allow them to remain gainfully employed, then those children will have the opportunity to reach whatever level of independence they desire as adults. It also may inspire that adult client to want to be gainfully employed as they have observed their parent's working throughout their childhood. Their parents can then be their biggest cheerleaders, rather than the thing that holds them back.	5/20/2015 11:17 AM
158	Thank you for everything you do	5/20/2015 11:13 AM
159	We need better trained, more educated individuals to provide direct care.	5/20/2015 10:37 AM
160	It is hard to raise a child and keep track of all the things that are going on. I am afraid that when she is older that it will be harder to keep up and I am afraid that I become older and it will be hard for me to take care of her and who will do it. I am afraid of relying on state help for her in her future but cannot put money away to assist with those expenses in the future that I know she will have.	5/20/2015 10:36 AM
161	Training for parents and educators	5/20/2015 10:22 AM

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162	The State Council and its regional offices are currently too narrowly focused on employment first. There are lots of other critical issues that families with children and adults are dealing with and virtually no assistance or support is provided any longer by State Council. Those who are most severely impaired need to be considered. It is unrealistic to think that everyone is going to be able to work in a supported employment situation receiving competitive wages. There are other components of a quality life such as secure, safe and affordable housing, social connections, quality day programming, and desired leisure activities that need to be attended to and supported by State Council and its regional offices.	5/20/2015 10:17 AM
163	The SCDD cannot fulfill its legal mandate without independent communications access to consumers. If Regional Centers can screen SCDD communications to consumers, an obvious conflict of interest is occurring. This should be your top priority.	5/20/2015 10:14 AM
164	Many Clients need assistance with daily living tasks,home and personal care, activities for special needs.	5/20/2015 10:08 AM
165	ID & DD students need accommodations, but the group is a spectrum in that there is a range of skills and materials need to address the needs for INDIVIDUALS.	5/20/2015 9:11 AM
166	The payment received for consumers. Instead of increasing, it seems that regional centers are cutting all the necessary services for consumers - like transportation and the amount they pay, It needs to be reviewed.	5/20/2015 9:02 AM
167	As parents, are biggest fear is that we won't be around long enough to take care and advocate for our sons/daughters with special needs, It would be nice to know that there are agencies that will watch our children and support those younger generation family members who are left to advocate for their brothers/sisters/cousins/etc.	5/20/2015 8:51 AM
168	The state council should remember that these are peoples lives and each one of us can take the time to improve our community so it is as inclusive as possible for all of its members.	5/20/2015 8:32 AM
169	CIE is misguided. (Competitive Integrated Employment)	5/20/2015 7:54 AM
170	It is my perception ( and that of many others in the community) that the State of Ca ( SCDD included) sees the huge numbers of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders ( both children and young adults) as an expensive problem to be dodged rather than a population to be meaningfully supported with services.	5/20/2015 7:30 AM
171	As a parent of a child with autism, I know how critical proper medical help is at the right time. Take control away from school districts and place it in the hands of parents, medical professionals and advocates that know how to best help children with disabilities.	5/20/2015 6:47 AM
172	lausd is making it so they deny services at the IEP meetings, and then give it to the parents who go to mediation with a lawyer. That shouldn't be allowed when we are talking about intensely dangerous elopement issues. the child could very likely be killed.	5/20/2015 6:03 AM
173	The community of "disabled" people have a lot to offer. It takes an initial investment that will pay off hundreds-fold.	5/20/2015 12:36 AM
174	That Regional Centers are currently worthless with regard to adults with disabilities it's like after they become adults they fall off the grid and there is nothing for them...at least there is nothing offered. you are basically ignored	5/19/2015 11:51 PM
175	If SB 277 should pass how will my special needs children receive their specialized services, education and supports?	5/19/2015 11:30 PM
176	the section 8 housing provisions need to be corrected to make allowances for Intellectually Challenged Individuals. They have only one life time allowance for training dollars earned by one of these individuals to be used. If one gets a job then they are allowed to make a certain amount of money before their income is added to their benefits and then their housing goes up. This was set up for normal people. I know a number of DD individuals who went into training programs and were earning subsidized incomes, like my son at \$4.50 an hour, Only that job didn't work for them and then they no longer can try anything else or be trained without being penalized for it by having to pay more for their housing. If someone is a Regional Center client they should be allowed to earn a small amount thru out their lifetime without being penalized. We're not talking millionaires here, but persons under the poverty level who many times are making under the minimum wage and absolutely cannot understand the politics and rules surrounding why they can't spend ANY of the money they just earned as it now goes to the rent, There is no incentive to work at all.	5/19/2015 11:20 PM
177	Each person deserves someone to advocate on their behalf. Each person deserves someone to have as support.	5/19/2015 11:07 PM

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178	Family mental and physical health is deeply impacted by the additional challenges that come from raising children with special needs. More affordable Access to family counselling would help families cope. Also, a tax break for families with special needs children would help tremendously. Our medical bills and special diet food bills and supplements bills pose an additional strain on American families like ours.	5/19/2015 10:55 PM
179	Budget cuts make it difficult for families to be able to get services that help persons with IDD become independent	5/19/2015 10:38 PM
180	They need to get out more in the public and let people know they are there. The school districts aren't going to let us know. If I had known about it when my children were at a younger age it might have changed the outcome of their lives.	5/19/2015 10:29 PM
181	The Trainings on IEPs and IHSS have been very helpful, I feel like this group is on our side and I feel like it is a safe place. It's been very helpful to me and my son. Thank you	5/19/2015 10:21 PM
182	It so very frustrating to find information for youth suffering from schizophrenia and what the future holds for them. Because it is mental illness the path is very unclear. Yet many youth with eArly diagnosis will need medication and family support the rest of their lives. Where do we go for help for our kid and ourselves.	5/19/2015 9:58 PM
183	Nothing at this time other than what was mentioned above. Thank you.	5/19/2015 9:50 PM
184	We need help so we can help our clients!	5/19/2015 9:46 PM
185	The safest place for citizens with developmental disabilities is in the DDCs because they are protected cared for and given the most normal life with friends and formular faces who they have grown to love as family	5/19/2015 8:29 PM
186	I would really like them to truly understand because they would know the challenges we face everyday and maybe through that they would no longer see our kids as a group or just a number but see us as human beings that need a little more help them others!	5/19/2015 8:27 PM
187	I am grateful for the services and know that my family would not have survived without Regional Center's help.	5/19/2015 7:33 PM
188	Not sure	5/19/2015 7:23 PM
189	I love America. I owe my life to America. God Bless America	5/19/2015 7:15 PM
190	A better way to follow up and those with jobs and see if they are treated respectfully and given the opportunity of promotions at jobs The job coach holds them back many times when the employer would be willing to give them a try with proper training	5/19/2015 6:38 PM
191	Teachers union has negatively impacted my child's education to the point of suing the school district for compensatory education and this needs immediate change	5/19/2015 6:26 PM
192	Providing additional support to families with children adult or youth in their homes is much cheaper than residential care. Funding for camp, respite and gap supervision is something that is needed to prevent families from burning out.	5/19/2015 6:19 PM
193	In Orange County we need to develop new programs and services to help adults with developmental disabilities.	5/19/2015 6:11 PM
194	How do we provide adequate services to these individuals if we know that some require intensive job coaching to maintain employment and we are limited in terms of extent of services and resources?	5/19/2015 6:03 PM
195	A staff of TWO PEOPLE is ridiculous for an area this large. HIRE MORE STAFF!!! I have been waiting 2 weeks for a call back from a specific staff member, and have yet to receive it.	5/19/2015 5:44 PM
196	It's difficult enough dealing with the health problems but it makes it harder when services n government resources aren't providing the services they promise.	5/19/2015 5:42 PM
197	Your work is appreciated by families	5/19/2015 5:16 PM
198	That's it. Thanks.	5/19/2015 4:22 PM
199	That I greatly respect your work! Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. -Sean Stalbaum	5/19/2015 3:40 PM
200	The run-around has been our greatest obstacle. A one-stop shop for resources, and resource and health care "concierge" would be a godsend! Caregivers have at least two hands busy at all times!	5/19/2015 3:32 PM
201	That court appeals are a Waist of time with Denti-cal, if no is an automatic answer.	5/19/2015 3:13 PM

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202	PLEASE give support to better mental health services. Our son has Aspergers, epilepsy, cerebral palsey, severely impaired vision and diabetes. None come even close to the impact on his life or future success as much as his mental illness.	5/19/2015 2:53 PM
203	members of the state council would benefit from spending a day with disabled adults living on a fixed income in a typical housing situation. Trying to survive on a typical social security check and live in a state like California with such high housing costs is very difficult.	5/19/2015 2:38 PM
204	If community residential care collapse and the institutions are closed where will these people go? They cannot suffer the same circumstances that our mentally ill are in. I believe the Administrators, Senators, Governor, Councilmen, should all take cuts in salaries. Do they really need all the money and resources that are afforded them?	5/19/2015 2:20 PM
205	Disabled adults need the opportunity for continuing education for self enrichment if they would like/need it.	5/19/2015 2:11 PM
206	i would like to see me on the council	5/19/2015 1:37 PM
207	Advocacy	5/19/2015 1:04 PM
208	We are not invisible. We are not stupid. We want jobs. We want to be helpful. We want to tow our own weight. We want to save money for retirement like everyone else. The minimum wage is likely are only wage; it should be a living wage.	5/19/2015 12:51 PM
209	Parents need help - especially with insurance coverage and if the schools their children are attending are following the law - lawyers cost a lot of money and many parents cannot afford it	5/19/2015 12:45 PM
210	Educate yourself about special needs. Come check the school. Make sure of their safety in school or anywhere else. Sometimes as a mother of 3 years old boy with autism I thought about installing camera in him to really know what people around him does behind closed door.	5/19/2015 12:29 PM
211	i need help.	5/19/2015 12:27 PM
212	That Area Board XI Staff made my son's dream of supported living a reality! They listened, cared, and gave of their time in what would otherwise have been a helpless grief cycle, and persevered with us to reach the goal that my son was determinedly struggling to communicate. I hope other Area Boards are as dedicated as ours!	5/19/2015 12:22 PM
213	Support services in high need low resource communities,	5/19/2015 11:50 AM
214	More direct access to Area Board advocates to advise on specific client circumstances.	5/19/2015 11:39 AM
215	The importance of supporting non profit agencies like Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation who serve people with developmental and physical disabilities, so that they can get up and go to their job on a daily basis and feel valued and earn a paycheck. Without funding to provide these services, you take their purpose away from them. People with developmental disabilities and physical disabilities deserve to wake up daily and feel self worth and purpose. Its your responsibility as a State Council to support and rally as hard for them as you would for your own job. Thank you for taking the time to read this.	5/19/2015 11:11 AM
216	We need more money for these kids! We were recently able to pay for much of the support my child needs. We have had to incur significant financial difficulty to do it, forego vacations and cars and whatnot. But we consider ourselves lucky because we can pay. What about all of those kids out there whose parents simply cannot afford what they need and the state/school system does not offer it readily? We are facing a lost generation if we do not give these kids the support they desperately need.	5/19/2015 11:04 AM
217	As far as my daughter is concerned, she's had great services provided for her. My only issues is Day Programs after she turns 22. She will still need interaction with people and a structured day. But where I live there is no such place for her to go.	5/19/2015 10:40 AM
218	There are huge deficiencies and differences from county to county for services with Regional Center (ROC) and Special Education. It is extremely complicated and severe hardship for families to navigate the system to acquire services. Sub-contracting out Regional center services to organizations that provide low to very poor quality of services for families. The quality assurance is non-existent. Many families do not even realize the services are so poor because they consider any service as great. For example, if the sub-contractor used by ROC does not meet all of the hours of service indicated in your individualize agreement due to their teachers being late, not showing up or leaving early. They make no effort to automatically make-up the time. It is the parents/guardians burden to contact the vendor to ask why the teacher did not show and if they have plans to make-up the service hours. They claim they will work with you but if it is at the end of the month the hours will not roll over therefore you loose that time and they will not offer make-up, even if they are at fault due to their staff not coming to work. This can happen often and no quality assurance is in place to mitigate these types of situations.	5/19/2015 10:39 AM

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219	The parents of disable children are very overwhelming with their disable child. Without the support from the state council, they can barely survive to help their vulnerable children,	5/19/2015 10:23 AM
220	I love my job. I went to school for Graphic Design but this is the field I should have invested in school, The people who work in this field are incredibly devoted to serving this population.	5/19/2015 10:22 AM
221	Thank you for ALL that you do to make sure our children have a better quality of life in ALL areas!!	5/19/2015 10:12 AM
222	Harbor Regional Center routinely denies services that are desperately needed by the community. Children with behavioral problems are denied behavioral services based on diagnosis rather than assessment. HRC routinely denies clients services through delay tactics. They routinely lie to families about what services are available to them and give misleading information when pressed. Most services are obtained through Fair Hearing procedures which is stressful and onerous on families. HRC routinely takes advantage of families for whom English is a second language or who are under educated and lie through omission. HRC's service coordinators are not fully trained on the law and it is very common to be told conflicting information from call to call. These problems are endemic throughout the community and are not limited to one family or small group of families.	5/19/2015 9:53 AM
223	interagency cooperation is crucial - regional center, school, social services, Medi-Cal how to best utilize the limited resources to benefit the special needs community	5/19/2015 9:48 AM
224	I really appreciate your trainings - they have been extremely insightful and full of great information I can apply right away	5/19/2015 9:42 AM
225	I would like the council to know that they have the power, the ability to affect change. You can make a difference in the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. So many of these folks do not have a voice of their own, I implore you, be their voice. Please!	5/19/2015 9:33 AM
226	I think the State Council needs to realize that by removing advocates like Area Boards - you are doing us an injustice. We haven't anyone to seek information from specific to our child's needs - Area Boards were a great comfort and clarified much information for us, but now, with them being dissolved because of lack of funding, we are left without this valuable information option. I would also like to see State Council become more involved in the issues such as Medi-Cal oversight. Every year I fill out multiple paper requests - all for the same information. Unless there is a miracle, my child's life is not going to change. And yet, when she transitions, I will have to jump through hoops again to transition her Medi-Cal and her conservatorship - this should be a simplified process.	5/19/2015 9:25 AM
227	Pay full attention and their need for the people with disability. The employment gap is my concern to get the job.	5/19/2015 9:02 AM
228	Even when there is a client rights investigation deaf clients are interviewed without an interpreter by APS this is not acceptable and the client may know how to read and write to some extent but not efficient enough to get all the facts correct.	5/19/2015 8:49 AM
229	Of all the things Area Boards used to do the advocates in the DC for those without viable family support was the most valuable. That strucute should be brought to the "regional offices" but should be applied to individuals int the community who do not have viable family support.	5/19/2015 8:45 AM
230	see above	5/19/2015 8:39 AM
231	support the %10 increase	5/19/2015 8:39 AM
232	Just keep fighting for adults with disabilities, more housing is a must as the population is growing! Build more homes like Glennwood!!!	5/19/2015 8:33 AM
233	Please assist the companies that offer ABA services in being able to attain and retain employees. Pay therapist a better wage so they don't have to look for better paying jobs and we as parents and the child needing the therapy are not forced to have new therapist frequently and limit the amount of schedule changes.	5/19/2015 8:22 AM
234	Please focus on the moderate - severe population of students with developmental disabilities. Without subsidized employment programs opportunities will be few and far between.	5/19/2015 8:11 AM
235	You guys have done a great job. Thanks for asking for feedback.	5/19/2015 8:07 AM
236	That respite is not working for as many families as it should. Disability awareness is getting better but we still have work to do in this area,	5/19/2015 7:47 AM

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237	Reimbursement freezes for vendors in the field are crippling many service providers. Odd considering the state ADDED 40,000 state employees between '06-'08 and between 2010-2013, while the total state employees decreased by 13,000 (net increase of 27,000 including '06-'08), the actual payroll for state employees increased from \$14.5 BILLION in 2010 to \$14.8 B in 2013, AND the employee benefits budget increased from \$14.5 B to \$14.8 BILLION in the same period. Meanwhile, our vendor reimbursement rate decreased by 4.25% in that same period of time (it has since been returned to "normal") and has been frozen at the same rate since 2008. Who is feeling the biggest economic "pinch"?	5/19/2015 7:34 AM
238	Reinstate the funding removed from the system by the Trailer bill. Require training for people working with people with disabilities and pay a decent wage. Let's face it, its a shitty job, no wonder they are lazy. Pay for the real, actual needs of people, not the bare minimum. My son has not had a dental cleaning for six years because he requires sedation. He was able to manage with a patient dentist as a child, but now he can't sit still in the chair. His health is deteriorating. in one of the homes he was in, he even lost ten pounds in three months (he is severely underweight to begin with). My husband goes with the house twice a week to work out at the gym, because there is only one staff available for four residents. We pay his gym membership, but they should be able to staff routine outings without parents having to volunteer. My husband also goes with when they go to dances or dinners to make sure they don't feed him things he is allergic to and to manage his behavior.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
239	This is a devastating condition with little understanding or compassion from society. My children look like "spoiled brats" at stores or airports, when it is a sensory problem (noise, smells, hunger..), transitional problem(I am not doing my usual schedule) or a low toleration for frustrating situations( grocery lines, airport security lines, Disneyland lines.....Help us get more exposure of our children's DAILY life struggles out there. Give our children skills classes through out their lives so they can be a part of society because their caretakers are going to DIE at some point and these children/adults need a safety net.	5/19/2015 7:22 AM
240	People with Autism want to help and be needed.	5/19/2015 7:21 AM
241	You could be a force in this state, but need to get more organized.	5/19/2015 6:22 AM
242	The state is not doing enough to help these population be independent and productive members of the society	5/19/2015 5:06 AM
243	The importance of helping these young people.	5/19/2015 2:39 AM
244	Nothing	5/19/2015 2:26 AM
245	give us jobs you have	5/19/2015 2:07 AM
246	Special ED services in our schools for student with disabilities need help. Starting with educating teachers and aides. Administration and director receive training but the teachers and especially the aids are not being trained on some great updated special Ed training that is truly needed to help students with disabilities. As for employment : more vocational school needed or work with companies that are open to hiring people w/disabilities. Helping & supporting those companies .	5/19/2015 1:26 AM
247	Yearly budget cuts and inadequate funding for the care of people with disabilities make it impossible for my son and for the people who help care for him to have quality lives. His safety is compromised daily because of this. Everyone already knows this but it doesn't change. The population of DD people is doubling and the obvious unsolved problems remain the same! Affordable housing, informed health care professionals, job opportunities, reliable trained care-providers, community and social opportunities and plans for the care of aging people with disabilities are issues that need to be addressed and secured . Thank you for doing the work you do.	5/19/2015 12:04 AM
248	Harbor Regional Center needs to be audited. Using Facebook we are able to chat with other Down Syndrome families in other parts of California and they get loads more services. They get conferences funded, aides for camps and activities, and even ABA - yes for DS. Services should be the same for everyone in California. We are citizens and taxpayers - not charity cases. Why should a nonprofit have this power over all the families? They hold power over all the service providers and only let you use certain ones - the ones who go along with what they say. Where is the accountability?	5/18/2015 11:25 PM
249	The timecard processing is set up to make it nearly impossible to collect monies owed if the timecard has any mistake. It takes forever to collect, if ever. That is against the law!	5/18/2015 10:46 PM
250	I have been taking care of a 9 year old Severe Autistic ADHD NON VERBAL girl and only now is Regional center finally helping parents. After going into emergency room in hospital for 7 hours. No facility would regional center pay or offer her. Hospital could only do so much. Praying more help from groups to liaison for us. Please	5/18/2015 10:15 PM

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251	<p>This is families out there with major problem that need solution and not just a bandaid . Assisting these children now while they are young and tender can make a difference in tomorrow and through out their journey and ours . Giving them the assistance now and seeing the results as they grow to be adults walking in our shoes later . Remembering these human beings can teach us today and impact us in the future . Of we won't know unless we reach out and touch there lifes to make a difference in our lives to , God made us equal and never have up on you</p>	5/18/2015 10:06 PM
252	<p>There is too much hidden abuse that goes on in these homes--residents being yelled at, punished unnecessarily, abused by people who know nothing about how to deal with people with special needs, but they have found a way to make money or get a home by signing up as residential care facilities. There is a need for more homes, but there has to be a way to monitor those who own and/or work in the homes. Most of the time, we, the family of a cognitively impaired relative, have caught many of the owners and workers of these establishments in the act of abusive behavior completely by accident--phones left on after a call without the owners knowledge, attending doctor/psychiatrist visits by surprise, etc. There are many good homes out there, but very few exceptional ones like the one our loved one is in now. It has taken 20 years to finally find a great home with a caring, knowledgeable and understanding owner who has no hesitations about us just showing up or making surprise visits, and our loved one has never been more relaxed and open about how much he loves his new home--but this is the exception, not the norm. We want to be able to set up a monitoring system through our computer, where, at any time we can check into the common living space to see how things are going. Also, want to sing the praises of our local regional center in the San Fernando Valley (North Los Angeles County Regional Center--NLACRC). Exceptional, caring people--and we're going to "name names"--who have always been there when we needed them, specifically, and especially, one rep named Anita Tinker! Too bad they can't all be like her!</p>	5/18/2015 9:24 PM
253	<p>The children in autism population are growing up fast. Is the community ready for this epidemic?</p>	5/18/2015 9:09 PM
254	<p>There are not many health care providers who want to take medi-cal because the state takes too long to pay them, (3 plus months) especially with the amount of deductions they have to take and amount of paper work needed. Approvals for care takes too long.</p>	5/18/2015 8:59 PM
255	<p>Also provide more help for the middle- aged and older disabled persons.</p>	5/18/2015 8:39 PM
256	<p>Just what is stated on top. Were open to suggestions.</p>	5/18/2015 8:37 PM
257	<p>Persons with intellectual disabilities have it hard enough because they have to work at every thing 100x harder then everyone else, and they do it with a smile on their face. State needs to support the agencies that support this population and its families/ advocates in making. Sure they are safe, their over all needs are met, and they are being provided the opportunity to transition apart of their community in adulthood just like everyone else.</p>	5/18/2015 8:36 PM
258	<p>Constant changes in services are not beneficial for them.</p>	5/18/2015 8:13 PM
259	<p>Schools are not being held accountable for the IEP's so it puts parent's in a constant battle with the district.</p>	5/18/2015 8:06 PM
260	<p>my husband is a neuropsychologist and I am a pediatric nurse and with all our combined knowledge, we still find it an uphill battle with school, Regional Center, community daycares, YMCA, and others to get our daughter the services she needs to succeed in her life. Thanks for listening</p>	5/18/2015 7:29 PM
261	<p>All disabilities have a range. Please don't label and box our family members.</p>	5/18/2015 7:25 PM
262	<p>We must deal with the issue of "aging out" of the ASD population. The State Council reach out to skilled individuals working in various fields to create a new task force empowered to make changes.</p>	5/18/2015 7:17 PM
263	<p>How difficult it is for families to plan for the future after family support is gone (death of family members).</p>	5/18/2015 7:03 PM
264	<p>We have to deal with the issues related to "aging out" as it relates to the growing ASD population. The State Council needs to get creative and perhaps working with skilled individuals like Dr. Louis Vismara create new tasks forces that will be empowered to make changes.</p>	5/18/2015 7:02 PM
265	<p>We are very grateful for the services we receive. However, I believe that my child could have benefited from a few more years of the school based "transition" program (his was excellent) and maybe research can be done to see if it is feasible to extend the model of a "school based" type of program beyond age 22- especially for Autistic individuals with behaviors who can continue to learn but are not advanced enough for community college.</p>	5/18/2015 6:28 PM
266	<p>It is my opinion that there is a systemic problem with the lack of inclusion in general education classrooms in the Coachella Valley for students, like my son, with an intellectual disability. Despite bringing information from TASH and independent evaluators with expertise in inclusive practices, there is this pervasive believe that a student with an intellectual disability cannot access grade level curriculum with modifications and supports.</p>	5/18/2015 6:16 PM

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267	Focus on developmental centers. Repurpose them rather than simply closing them. There will always still be a need for a place that is safe for short term placement for those in severe crisis. This comes from someone who has worked in the field for 20 years and a prior developmental center liaison with a regional center.	5/18/2015 6:07 PM
268	Empower advocates with assistance	5/18/2015 6:05 PM
269	That Autism has many faces	5/18/2015 6:03 PM
270	Take care of our providers because many have stopped supporting these services because of cutbacks.	5/18/2015 5:46 PM
271	Make services available to our community that is available to the typical community.	5/18/2015 5:20 PM
272	Appreciate the email notices of upcoming events.	5/18/2015 5:15 PM
273	That when they Orange County stopped healing individuals with IEP issues that hurt my family drastically. At times they were the only knowledgeable ones available to support me by providing me with information and going to IEP meetings. I would hope they would reinstate those services. Thank you.	5/18/2015 5:13 PM
274	I lament the destruction of the Area Boards when they were independent.	5/18/2015 4:35 PM
275	The school & regional center gives minimal services which are of low quality.	5/18/2015 4:32 PM
276	That the provider network needs nourishment and encouragement to keep on going. It is a civil rights issue, Staff shouldn't need to work 2 or 3 jobs to make ends meet. We've given lots of lip service to supporting the people in direct services who provide the care for our consumers... If we could fight for one change, it would be to prohibit the State of California to not pass on the federal cost of living increases for SSI recipients each and every year!!!	5/18/2015 4:23 PM
277	1) early intervention is key 2) more state representative needs to find out about the need in the community 3) funding is necessary to address the need of the DD community.	5/18/2015 4:22 PM
278	Limitations with the use of IMDs, State Hospitals and limits with Developmental Centers like Porterville are a huge issue for individuals that are dually diagnosed and suffer from current and past contact with the criminal justice system.	5/18/2015 3:47 PM
279	the difficulty of obtaining therapy services through insurance. They are not equipped to provide the type of therapies our population needs. more training on what people with developmental disabilities need and therapists who are familiar with this population.	5/18/2015 3:26 PM
280	Competitive integrated employment for more ID?DD persons will only become a reality if we all start to ask employers what they need from us!	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
281	I'm a strong advocate for people with developmental disabilities because I have a family member that I grew up with that is disabled. She tells me all the time that she wishes that she can do everything that I can do; therefore, I always try to get her involved in whatever I do. She wants to be accepted like everyone else and wants people to be educated about this population. Ultimately, she wants to be viewed as just another person, not a person with disabilities. With all that being said, all of the programs that she has been involved in (such as adult day program, respite, and independent living) has helped her become more independent.	5/18/2015 3:18 PM
282	the state needs to provide more money for the services providers and non profits or there won't be places for them to go during the day.	5/18/2015 3:10 PM
283	That the regional center is useless	5/18/2015 3:07 PM
284	I am not happy with the cuts in programs to help the disabled. It is time to tax corporations proportionately the same way you tax the middle class. No exceptions.	5/18/2015 3:04 PM
285	I wish you educate the teachers who are title as a Special Education Teachers. In my area a lot of the teachers feels it is not there jobs to deal with behaviors then why did they go through schooling to be that teacher. I am lots for words. Post secondary program for my daughter was a total nightmare with teachers using hands on students my daughter was kick out of post secondary due to outages lies from some of staffs making up stories on mental disable person.How low can you get I wish they will provide spot check on classroom with children or adults with disability YOU CAN HIRE ME...	5/18/2015 3:03 PM

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286	<p>Congress is still talking about major cuts to Social Security, MediCare, and MediCaid. They have passed a Concurrent Budget Resolution and they have tried to cut MediCare by \$700 million as the price for them passing the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement. If any of these cuts get approved, what are the contingency plans for regional center clients so that we can continue to live as independently as possible in the community? The disability services system needs stronger relations with city and county law enforcement to ensure better police training, better treatment in the jails, better treatment by prosecutors and judges. Such a relationship would be great for the clients who might find themselves in the criminal justice system as victims, witnesses, or accused persons. We need to make certain that women clients have the same access to services and supports as the men do; and that everyone is aware of the rights they have and how to exercise their rights when they need to. We have a problem here in Orange County where some clients live in cities that have their own city power authorities that are not under state PUC authority. This needs to be looked at as some cities like Anaheim, seem quick to want to turn the power off on clients that have fallen behind on their bills. The city power authority is under the jurisdiction of the city council and so clients may not have support programs like the state PUC CARE Program. This is an area in urgent need of investigation and implementation of support programs at the city level.</p>	5/18/2015 3:02 PM
287	<p>Expectations for our children are very low so they cannot reach their potential. See my daughter's website for an example of what can be achieved with proper supports. <a href="http://www.sue-rubin.org">www.sue-rubin.org</a></p>	5/18/2015 2:57 PM
288	<p>We need to decrease waiting lists, and provide therapy right away.</p>	5/18/2015 2:56 PM
289	<p>The Department of Rehabilitation use to provide employment opportunities to clients that would help them obtain individual State and County jobs. This is no longer the case, DOR are placing client's in conclave type jobs in sheltered work centers and jobs requiring background checks. State employers were given incentives in the past to hire Intellectually Disabled Individuals, is that still so? Some school districts are providing transitional programs for their graduates which they are guaranteed to fail. Instead of offering a meaningful program with job coaches they are placing them in Junior Colleges with counselors who do not know how to work with our clients in main stream college level courses who have visions of becoming auto mechanics.</p>	5/18/2015 2:44 PM
290	<p>That's it.</p>	5/18/2015 2:35 PM
291	<p>Diversity</p>	5/18/2015 2:29 PM
292	<p>Thank you.</p>	5/18/2015 2:28 PM
293	<p>thank you for offering training class</p>	5/18/2015 2:24 PM
294	<p>The school system with the main Losing side being everyone. My son was sucked into a diagnosis at three that has dragged him further and further from his peers for the past 6 years. I worried what kind of an adult he will be; he has been made to feel uncomfortable at ever level.</p>	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
295	<p>It seems that the majority of parents dealing with RCOC Orange County are extremely frustrated and have to jump through hoops to get what is needed for their loved ones. It would be refreshing if some type of platform would exist that would lead to improvements and actual reprimands for the poor quality of service provided to consumers. Parents should NOT have to employ lawyers or be able to recite the WIC to get services for their kids.</p>	5/18/2015 2:20 PM
296	<p>Schools are singling out and discriminating against students with disabilities. Schools are lying, doing illegal things and getting away with it. Especially charter schools: they turn away students when they are trying to enroll. They also use different reasons and tactics to drive/get families out of their program once enrolled. At the end it all comes down to using tax payers money and not wanting to spend it on special needs students.</p>	5/18/2015 2:10 PM
297	<p>There are no activities for the individuals who are mildly developmentally delayed with supports.</p>	5/18/2015 2:06 PM
298	<p>That without additional financial resources the system will collapse. And the DC are not an option.</p>	5/18/2015 2:06 PM
299	<p>Thank you for what you DO do. Also, in 2004 you awarded me/my Collaborative Autism Training &amp; Support Program a 2 year seed grant to get started. While the NBRC partner failed to do the record keeping w/ you, unbeknownst to me, and subsequently left the Regional Center, our program is surviving as a very much valued grass roots community partnership in our three county catchment and beyond. We've won many service awards, and over 50% of our university students who are in the training (and provide services to kids/families) are hired in the field and over 50% go on for further training/certification in the field. I am totally appreciative of what you helped start!!!!</p>	5/18/2015 2:01 PM
300	<p>Please see #3 and #4 above.</p>	5/18/2015 1:58 PM
301	<p>There are way too many people earning a living, getting degrees and retiring in style off the backs of our children with no regard to the fact that they didn't do a very good job of educating the kids. They've pushed them through the system year after year and now we all have to pay for their care.</p>	5/18/2015 1:35 PM

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302	It's almost impossible for school districts to do all this for students when funds do not go all year around for staff that assists these students. Summer assistance with students with disabilities transitioning out of school into the work world is a huge problem... We can assist them by being able to work in summer!!!	5/18/2015 1:30 PM
303	The system is deeply unfair, Socio-economic unfairness. There are very well-funded clients and those that are not. Surprised this hasn't ended up in the newspapers. Regional Centers are a tale of three cities- those that are overly funded, those that are adequately funded, and those that are underfunded. They are gatekeepers for most of us, some have a welcome pass to gorge their kids on money and services galore. Deeply unfair,	5/18/2015 1:29 PM
304	The State Council needs to make sure that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities are safe, educated, protected, with access to leisure activities of their choice/needed services including adequate health care/resources, and with many opportunities to be fully included in their communities via schools/recreational centers/employment, etc.	5/18/2015 1:28 PM
305	A parent advocate can feel very alone. Any communication from the state would be welcome.	5/18/2015 1:27 PM
306	QUIT CUTTING HOURS	5/18/2015 1:25 PM
307	Current speech therapy provided at school is inadequate & should be handled by outside speech facilities, just as it is currently if a child is under school age.	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
308	This is a difficult question because I am not sure exactly what the State Council knows. Vickie Smith knows a lot! I just would encourage realistic options and more inclusion of rural areas that do not have an abundance of potential vendors or real estate. I feel like the governor neglects the more sparsely populated, remote counties in the State.	5/18/2015 1:24 PM
309	These individuals, especially they young adults, want to be a part of the community. Move away from segregated living environments and work environments, and allow these individuals to show their abilities.	5/18/2015 1:22 PM
310	I have read that early intervention makes a bigger impact especially for the children on the autism spectrum? Also, this population is vulnerable, we need to make sure they are safe and that services are available to those who need it the most.	5/18/2015 1:15 PM
311	This is important work.	5/18/2015 1:14 PM
312	Far Norther Regional center is too big geographically. They have been consistent about telling parents in Siskiyou county that we are geographically too far to serve. I thing the RCs serving the far northern section of California need to be reconfigured. Do not base their configuration as other RCs are but on the geography of the counties involved. Because the counties are so rural w/a lower population base, the normal requirements need to become guidelines not rigid norms to follow.	5/18/2015 1:13 PM
313	Would like to know when grants are available to apply for.	5/18/2015 1:11 PM
314	The budget simply needs to increase to provide better staffing opportunities to persons served. This would allow for growth within agencies for staff and participants. It is very difficult to keep good staff when they are on the brink of making minimum wage with a state minimum wage increase.	5/18/2015 1:07 PM
315	Care providers and service providers are burning out, year after year, after year. How can staff be paid under \$10 to provide quality services to extraordinary people? With low budgets, low wages, you get a perfect storm of a mix of employees, some of whom care and will break their backs serving others, and some of whom don't care at all... they're like vacuous droids flipping magazine pages and texting on their cell phones while the people they're 'supervising' are deficiently attended to, watching videos on a screen or not learning anything new because staff don't care. I'd like to say that managers and directors can fire terrible workers, but the reality is, there aren't many people who can work on poverty-level wages and offer their best in conditions wherein they're overworked due to imbalanced ratios and underfunded programs. I believe that TCRC & associated state district could work on allocating some of the Quality Assurance staff time towards annual re-evaluations of staff-individual ratios as "working" or "not-working" so that dynamic programs don't get stuck in the mud.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
316	There is a great void within our communities about awareness and education of individual rights and availability of various services. Although it is a complex and complicated situation, I would like it if the state council had more presence with the community. I understand you already conduct trainings and Awareness, it is not enough though, I think only about 15% of the disabled community and families are aware of what the state council does and it's role. Thank you	5/18/2015 1:04 PM
317	I'd like the state give a chance to most of the students with disabilities as well as staff to be trained on the work sites.	5/18/2015 1:04 PM

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318	Our area-1 board is immensely dedicated and helpful too our Regional Center. They are always available, are prompt in their response to communications, and are a wealth of information. I very much value their presense and service to our community at large.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
319	What happens at the school level with these children can be appalling and can cause much stress on the parents. The school and district is allowed to change rules as they see fit with no regard for the safety of the child.	5/18/2015 12:59 PM
320	There should be a coordinator through day program or case worker through GGRC whose responsibility includes coordination of day program with DOR services, etc., specifically on employment training and/or employment placement opportunities.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
321	Some Regional Centers persecute the families of consumers, and the consumers. The result is often ruined lives, and sometimes worse. Often the consumers fall ill and die.	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
322	nothing	5/18/2015 12:53 PM
323	You need to look at the goals of the whole person, not just let's get them out of school let's see they really have the life skills to be independent people, that is what they want, Also if a parent won't or can't adovacate for child, the state steps in, and help that child.	5/18/2015 12:51 PM
324	Care and housing for our population as it ages is critical. Parents wish they could last forever, and our kids are 100% vulnerable.	5/18/2015 12:45 PM
325	Prevention and therapies are very important steps. Kids with I/DD needs to receive their needed therapies and services to help them grow out of their disabilities as well as to prepare them for future lives.	5/18/2015 12:44 PM
326	I intend for my daughter to live safely and have meaningful work and recreation opportunities, whatever it takes.	5/18/2015 12:43 PM
327	I think we have resources that help families but sometimes I feel these are abused by some that are not clearly monitored or validated.	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
328	The impotence to have independent vendors not connected with the Regional Center.	5/18/2015 12:40 PM
329	the impact of emotional stress in family members, specially mothers and siblings of disable child, their mental health problem under recognized and under treated.	5/18/2015 12:39 PM
330	The workers need more freedom to provide personalized assistance. That's the most important thing.	5/18/2015 12:38 PM
331	The State Council must stay on top to see that meet the goal or not.	5/18/2015 12:36 PM
332	The outreach to families are done in a low scale of information either by Regional Center or other government entities, instead to reaching out to the communities in information neighborhood resources (Ex: Church, radio, communities' public parks, schools, ect)	5/18/2015 12:35 PM
333	If these kids don't get the help they need in school, they will end up dead, in jail, or on the dole. These politicians need to know this problem is everyone's problem and to do something!!!	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
334	Training of Regional Center staff is poor and widely varies. There are too few good social workers/service coordinators and too many to whom it is just a job. Sad state of affairs. It seems like there is no oversight of Regional Center staff. Turnover is high, morale is low and program managers are burned out. Families are then left to fend for themselves and the only families who get ahead are those who depend on networking with other families.	5/18/2015 12:32 PM
335	The state budget affects everyone. Some one with a I/DD, family, vendor's, staff and RC. I would never want to see the quality or opporunties suffer only because the funding isn't there.	5/18/2015 12:31 PM
336	The work they currently do is appreciated	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
337	Non-profit day programs will begin to close down due to the lack of funding and not receiving an increase in funding in over 15 years. What will be the plan then?	5/18/2015 12:29 PM
338	I find it very frustrating that the Council is in such a position that it cannot work with a Ex. Director that comes with no ties to one department and has knowledge of the DDSsystem and the needs of the people.	5/18/2015 12:25 PM
339	Continue to serve this community to the best of your ability.. they need full support	5/18/2015 12:23 PM
340	Accessing resources is daunting. There's no way my 21yo son (high functioning autistic) could navigate this system. So many individual things by city, county, region, etc. Very difficult to navigate.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM

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341	We need help to make sure our children with disabilities have the same access to things as do their typical counterparts.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
342	I have seen services in place to help our disabled population have a better way of life, i.e., work opportunities, transportation provided, social activities, and health insurance for unexpected illness, accidents. However, there is always room for improvement. As I mentioned before, with your Denti Cal system.	5/18/2015 12:15 PM
343	The system is broken, run like a business at the expense of the children and too deregulated when it comes to Regional Centers governing their own without checks and balances, It doesn't help that the top state government siphons off billions from the state special needs fund when ever they feel like it. The increase in special needs continues to grow exponentially. What will our state look like 10, 20, 30 years down the road without helping the 600,000 special needs families that are fighting a daily war to get, secure and keep critical services for their children? The state will be impacted, the question is - how severely?	5/18/2015 12:13 PM
344	Housing is of great need in Sonoma County, they will need a safe place.	5/18/2015 12:01 PM
345	We stopped all regional center support because the worker was rude and condescending. Basically we did not need any respite care because my autistic son is physically normal. It is exactly because he is physically active I need rest, I take him out every day to the park or mall. Normal kids can enjoy friends outside without supervision. My son hurts himself if he stays home all day. The regional center was obtuse and frustrating because they act as gatekeepers and administrators, not as advocates.	5/18/2015 12:00 PM
346	Many other agencies also are feeling your pain and also wish to help.	5/18/2015 11:58 AM
347	Regional Centers are problematic due to staffing. Multiple case workers and slow response times.	5/18/2015 11:57 AM
348	Being the parent of an adult autistic son I have little or know support for his housing or employment, after working for a company for 8 years they let him go after suffering a brain disease. Although he took some time to recover he recovered fully after a stroke and a coma. He is a miracle, he graduated college and has completed computer certificates, He would love to do an internship in a company I cannot get help with finding him an employer who would be sensitive to high functioning Autism. There are a lot of students coming up in the ranks with autism who will also need help. If you need me to help I would love to volunteer my services	5/18/2015 11:55 AM
349	The reimbursement level for RCFE's is way too low.	5/18/2015 11:46 AM
350	See question 4	5/18/2015 11:43 AM
351	I think SCDD is great with the workshops but often policies that are in place are not followed though at regional center	5/18/2015 11:42 AM
352	Please know how far services have come in the last few decades. Thank you.	5/18/2015 11:37 AM
353	Please don't cut off funding for individuals with disabilities. Particularly high functioning individuals who have the capacity to develop to the point where they no longer need public benefits, but they need help to get there. There's a tidal wave of individuals with high functioning autism spectrum disorder that is going to either bankrupt the system or, if planned for wisely, can enable those less fortunate to maximize the use of public benefits by not becoming a drain on the system.	5/18/2015 11:34 AM
354	funding for medical equipment	5/18/2015 11:27 AM
355	To do a better job matching the disabled with people of a similar functioning level.	5/18/2015 11:22 AM
356	Information and free resources are hard to get for low income.	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
357	care in California is the worst in the nation, which is ridiculous considering California is the 6th largest economy on earth, the state is misguided, poorly led, and lacking in any form of realistic transportation so that people with disabilities can get to work, school, or the doctor without having to pay exorbitant transportation costs	5/18/2015 11:21 AM
358	A realistic study of how our present system can be improved. We need more brains on how to help our society accept those less fortunate then themselves.	5/18/2015 11:17 AM
359	I am a parent and a Service Provider for adults, recently obtained BCBA and soon to embark on chldrens' services in the area of ABA. I can be reached at 760-964 4130 for more ideas or input if interested. Thanks! Therese Kragness	5/18/2015 11:11 AM
360	Mains'l Supportive Living Services in Chico is doing a great job providing services, in spite of budget constraints. The staff works overtime, and finds ways to make do. I imagine a system where this way of serving the developmentally disabled becomes the norm, where those with disabilities are encouraged to reach their highest abilities for productivity within the community. Please support SLS.	5/18/2015 11:10 AM

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361	Thank you for all of the work you do!	5/18/2015 11:09 AM
362	There needs to be more training and awareness to the growing number of children with Sensory Processing Disorder so doctors, educators, care givers and parents know the signs and what can be done to help the kids.	5/18/2015 11:08 AM
363	The vender community has lost (which means the people have lost) a significant number of venders/services in the past few years (up to 33%) due to ongoing funding cuts and underfunding. Where is the string voice for the people the State Council is suppose to be serving?	5/18/2015 11:05 AM
364	People with DD deserve to have a life as typical and least restrictive as the rest of the population, They are worthy of our time and our tax payer dollars.	5/18/2015 11:04 AM
365	Self-Determination is going to change the way individuals think about and receive the services they need. Very excited this is finally going to happen in California!	5/18/2015 11:03 AM
366	Do more to empower the area board advocacy staff. Twice I have requested help. The first time it took 4 meetings to establish that they could not help. The second time I got, 4 page list of attournies with 1 recommendation of an experienced individual. That lawyer had no clue and wondered, as I, why they recommended him. The rest on the 4 pages.... Useless. Not knowledgable about the players or disabled comunity or needs and services.	5/18/2015 11:02 AM
367	Regional Centers has a "Don't ask.Don't tell policy" , Withholding information on supports and services which are appropriate for the consumer. Only when a caregiver/consumer/parent/attorney/advocate inquires, do those services become miraculously available. By this time, it is late.	5/18/2015 10:59 AM
368	I am willing to offer assistance to the State Council on disaster preparedness for individuals with disabilities in Orange County. I am bilingual in Vietnamese and have both personal and professional experience with Autism since 1998, Thank you for the survey.	5/18/2015 10:58 AM
369	Thank you for all that you do provide for these individuals,	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
370	There is a broken system here if kids with lifelong developmental disabilities are being painted as "typical" by the school districts and pushed into regular education when it is clear they will be bullied and not be able to navigate the social nuances of school. If the kid and parent wants it, then great, but it should not be pushed on a child under the fake guise of "helping" them.	5/18/2015 10:57 AM
371	We suffered , my child and I . Just because I believed my child could receive an education as a disabled child. I did not find one school that did not sabotage my child's education except one school, cfor homeschooling. God bless you all ,as I hope you uncover one of California's darkest and most kept secrete. The systematic degradation of our families and children with disabilities through the educational system, I hope whom reads this is not happy about this.	5/18/2015 10:56 AM
372	More affordable programs Better medcal insurance medcare	5/18/2015 10:55 AM
373	TRULY ADVOCATE FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES AND THE CONSUMERS YOU GET PAID TO PROTECT AND DEFEND. Thank You for being brave enough to conduct this survey.	5/18/2015 10:54 AM
374	Help get us the funding needed to provide services.	5/18/2015 10:53 AM
375	The vendors that are contracted with he regional centers are in the business to make a profit. They are a business not a resource that is for the support of people with special needs.	5/18/2015 10:52 AM
376	I would like them to know how much vendors struggle to provide services to individuals with limited funding.	5/18/2015 10:50 AM
377	Needs to be more services offered	5/18/2015 10:50 AM
378	Regional center workers need to help more I am tired of talking to a wall when I ask for help	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
379	I think some of the plans made by legislators are just out there in left field. What will you do when sheltered workshops are gone - there are many many people with Intellectual disabilities who will never be able to work - the plans are not practical. Also programs like clients mentoring clients for life planning are not realistic - and the mentors are paid regular wages to do this? Let the legislators who make unrealistic laws consult those who work "in the trenches" with consumers. Also is is a real shame that when doctors hear "medicare/medical" they do not want to see those people who have that as insurance and cannot get anything else even if they are really healthy. To me it is discrimination.	5/18/2015 10:48 AM
380	Education services (programming) differ from SELPA to SELPA. No all districts have a continuum of services for all grade levels. General Education opportunities are almost non existent for preschool children.	5/18/2015 10:47 AM
381	Please advocate for continued IHSS funding - no cutbacks.	5/18/2015 10:46 AM

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382	Having better programs in place will enable parents to advocate effectively for their child.	5/18/2015 10:44 AM
383	Keep the Promise! this should always be our slogan when things get tough as they are now.	5/18/2015 10:43 AM
384	Thank you for the work you do. Please support our Area Boards to continue to provide individualized support where necessary. While individualized work focuses on perhaps fewer people than huge outreach services might provide, it reaches the people for whom the system is not working. Please advocate for increased rates for vendored programs so they can do their work without the constant stress of budgets that do not cover the services that people need to survive.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
385	Have me come up and meet with them. There are great needs and funding keeps getting cut	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
386	Housing is a huge issue as you must know. Section 8 lists are closed with many years wait time if you are lucky enough to be on one. We need safe, intentional communities that support our population - there is safety in numbers - nice idea to have everyone mainstreamed, but the normal population is not interested in befriending our looking out for our population. They end up feeling and being isolated because the supports and programs are lacking, transportation is difficult. Parents and children in the community still stare and keep their distance. Criminals look to take advantage. I think our population would feel more comfortable if they lived in areas where there were many other to visit (walking) and socialize with instead of onesie twosies all spread out, feeling alone and unable to have more normal interaction because the people around them just are not interested. These days, we don't know our neighbors... it is different now, so I think that there would be better support and a better safety net if there were intentional communities establish where many or most needed supports were in walking distance.	5/18/2015 10:42 AM
387	On a Whole there is no one advocating for the Disabled community. Many think, with a title they are, but our system is broken. Illegal immigrants have more rights than the disabled in California. It is a travesty!	5/18/2015 10:40 AM
388	Our people deserve the best that we can give, we have the ability, make it a priority.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
389	That they should get out their and work with these kids and get to know them so they would learn how to believe it them.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
390	Keep fighting the good fight.	5/18/2015 10:37 AM
391	I just started to work for YEOP (Youth Employment Opportunity Program) We assist 15-25 at risk youth. Would like our services to be known in our community and North County.	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
392	There is no real help for disabled adults that were injured after the age of 18	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
393	To increase Regional Center budget for service providers	5/18/2015 10:35 AM
394	I am a parent, but also an RC vendor. California appears to be slowly, but surely, making it fiscally impossible for service providers to stay in business. No rate increase, but absorb new minimum wage costs, overtime, sick leave, etc. The State can then claim the service isn't available because no one's offering it. This in turn will save millions from the general fund, where someone can point and again proclaim that "because of THOSE people we couldn't afford to .... Without THOSE expenses we can ..." Similar to the blame of school districts toward special ed costs. This continuing perception keeps a wall between the average person and those who have no choice in being born who they are.	5/18/2015 10:33 AM
395	Absolutely wild for Scarlett and Jenny -- they are fantastic resources!!!	5/18/2015 10:32 AM
396	Working as a vendor there is very little consistent partnership. If we are working with individuals that are not job ready it's impossible to properly assist our clients. It would help to for these agencies to partner with us and set a strategy together for the success of the client instead of the agencies such as DOR just placing blame on the vendor.	5/18/2015 10:31 AM
397	if I want to plan a trip to go somewhere how do I do that just simple everyday things I go buddy else in the world dude	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
398	Funding for services is not keeping up with the cost of living or community competitive wage standards	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
399	Napa/Solano County losing transportation vendors due to rates paid. Limiting access to programs due to lack of transportation.	5/18/2015 10:29 AM
400	Please prioritize efforts to realign with HCBS regulations philosophy and service delivery transformation necessary to have California again take a leadership position on state of the art service models.	5/18/2015 10:28 AM
401	Some of our more rural areas continue to need a great deal of educational advocacy and supports.	5/18/2015 10:27 AM

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402	Those who are currently living in DC's are the most medically fragile and extreme behavioral individuals who will need very costly services if they are to successfully transition to community living. Does the state have a plan to meet their needs?	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
403	The current disjointed system does not work for people with disabilities or their families which work very hard to make sure their adult children can live at home and experience happiness and satisfaction with their life choices.	5/18/2015 10:26 AM
404	I worry greatly for families like my friend's. I help advocate for a friend with a very severe autistic son and cannot live at home because he can be a danger for himself and others. I watch as she struggles greatly to find good care and Regional Center folks are detached and unconcerned about it. They throw their hands up and say this is the only choice she has. The care is sub-par and they suggest she keep quiet. The home's staff is awful and they don't allow her to drop in to visit her own son. She has to make an appointment to see him - all because she complained about how they did not care for them well. I see this firsthand. I think the OC Regional Center is failing her son. I can't tell you how angry this makes me as I watch the mother suffer. Also, at the homes I have seen, I have noticed how overweight and unhealthy the clients are. No exercise, no access to sports or physical activity. They often are on diabetes medication. What's up with that?	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
405	we need youtube videos and on-line resources so more families and professionals can access your valuable resources and presentations. I know OC Autism is interested in creating community partnership for their video library: <a href="mailto:contacts@ocautism.com">contacts@ocautism.com</a>	5/18/2015 10:23 AM
406	We feel very isolated & unaware of what is available for support, living, the future in general.	5/18/2015 10:22 AM
407	Enforce and develop individualized programs for children with Autism within public school district by providing more services and support to children and families.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
408	With the recent budget revise, the governor has made it clear now is the time to step it up.	5/18/2015 10:21 AM
409	1) we need leadership - we need the council to be out in front 2) we need the council to be aware of what is happening in the field today- good, bad and ugly 3) we need the council to be struggling on how to make things work better- be user friendly 4) we need the council to realize that mandating certain things is not the same to having people buy into the work	5/18/2015 10:17 AM
410	Recognize that at a very young age people show signs & symptoms and this should not be dismissed as "only a kid" or "too young". That some people can not be rehabilitated and there needs to be somewhere for those such people to go.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
411	Individuals with disabilities are capable and competent. We need to shift our expectations and allow for unique ways of demonstrating that competency.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
412	Teachers need to be protected better from students with severe behaviors and acting out towards staff.	5/18/2015 10:15 AM
413	we are losing our aba..it will not be funded and our provider is out of NV. We are in CA. there are not enough services offered in our rural communities!!!!	5/18/2015 10:12 AM
414	Our agency is 26 years old, best in our area, and at the breaking point. If it weren't for our corporate office funding ILS services we provide, we would have shut down due to lack of funds.	5/18/2015 10:11 AM
415	Keeping all programs available for people that want and need them is important.	5/18/2015 10:10 AM
416	There are enormous problems with the decisions regional centers are making in regard to their funding. Alta has a 2 year wait list for behavior services yet will not adjust their rate to something any provider could possibly work with. Tcrs denies services based on parent ability to be home, discrimination against working families.	5/18/2015 10:09 AM
417	Many families where I live (in Santa Barbara County) do not feel there is any assistance from the state council on disabilities. The school district constantly does not implement IEPs and harrasses parents that complain. They prefer to spend large amounts of money on legal fees to fight needed services rather than provide services or train staff. There is very little available staff for respite, child care, or any recreational or after school activities with support. There is no housing or jobs for those with disabilities. The schools and police department are not willing to investigate abuse that occurs to children with disabilities. Families feel like they are on their own and the children are suffering.	5/15/2015 1:44 PM
418	Latino families need strong representation and that is not the case	5/13/2015 10:27 AM
419	The needs of clients in the rural areas of our state are just as important as clients in metro areas. Just because the population density is less, it does not negate the severity of the individual client need.	5/13/2015 8:46 AM
420	all levels of autism matter!!!!	5/12/2015 5:52 PM

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421	The clients transferring from the DC's to the community should get a transition at their own pace. So many times placements are rushed and this can make it difficult for a client to assimilate to their new living environment and trust those now in charge of their care.	5/12/2015 12:08 PM
422	children with disabilities are special. Even though they need that extra help, their wants are just like yours and mines!!	5/12/2015 10:50 AM
423	I still see families with kids/adults with disabilities being discriminated against, and judged based on ethnic and economic background.	5/12/2015 10:32 AM
424	There seems to be a real issue with getting good people to stay at their jobs at the on-hands lower level positions. I think its the pay, lack of proper screening, ignorance and sometimes arrogance with top management at some of these non-profit organizations. Almost the right to entitlement or the status quot syndrome that comes from being in this field too long. Management becomes very passive and non-responsive to serious issues that they see as trivial and unimportant.	5/11/2015 1:19 PM
425	Regional Centers in California definitely need more financial support to hire more Service Coordinators which will address increasing caseloads, especially in Early Start.	5/11/2015 12:17 PM
426	Thank you for your advocacy efforts!	5/11/2015 10:48 AM
427	My students enjoyed the visits that Cindy made to our classroom. Cindy, gave a wonderful, engaging presentation on Self Advocacy. In addition, she met one on one to discuss vocational options with my students that focussed on each student's skills and interests. Cindy In a short amount of time created a great rapport with my students. She brought students information that she found that related to their aspirations. Students appreciated this follow up on their behalf and were invigorated by the positive energy and information that Cindy brought to out class. Thank You Glorianna	5/10/2015 11:14 PM
428	I am a new mother to a beautiful two month old old baby girl that has Down Syndrome and I have been running a non-profit respite agency for 6yrs and the amount of time a parent has to spend fighting to get ANY services in California when compared to other states is such a shame. Parents are kept in the dark about what services (and especially the amount of services) that they legally qualify for, and the only way they become aware of what help they can actually get is from other parents and advocates. I now experience this first hand and have to constantly remind Regional Center staff that I am knowledgable in what services my daughter is eligible for. That is unacceptable, I should not have to constantly argue, and speak with Supervisors in order to receive the proper amount of services. If I did not have a background with CA disability services, my daughter would suffer. I would like to help fix this in any way possible, please contact me if there is anyway I can be of assistance.	5/9/2015 8:41 AM
429	The quality of public school education in CA is very poor. If you have a typical child, and you are unsatisfied with that, you can send your child to a private school, but private schools don't accept delayed children, especially if they have behavioral problems, and special needs schools cost upward or 60 or 70 thousand dollars a year for one student. We are forced to send our children to public schools, and public school standards are very low. Once your child is considered to have met a certain standard, your child then loses services, and there is nothing to replace it with. Your child just becomes the struggling C student at best if they are lucky. Higher functioning children that have the possibility of going to college and being independent have no real help. It's your hand writing is good enough, your behavior is good enough, your grades are good enough, but that's not fair. Why shouldn't my disabled child have the resources to make A grades instead of C and D grades?? If your child is able to meet the very low public school standards they are left there struggling with no real help. That's not competitive for college, and higher functioning children have a real chance at complete independence as adults. Public schools are run poorly and don't have enough resources. My son's school lost their speech teacher this year, and not just my son, but all the students that qualified for speech lessons went months without any speech services, and all the school would say is that they were having trouble hiring someone and would make up the missed sessions when they filled the position. There are plenty of other examples I can list of how poorly the schools are run.	5/9/2015 7:32 AM
430	We need better inclusive school programs for kids with special needs. They deserve to be an active part of their community just as much as the next person.	5/9/2015 7:00 AM
431	cutting edge practice on inclusive education has not hit the public schools in a meaningful way. They are trying, but need better guidance on how to broaden the ability of their staff to support the needs of Special Ed students in the General Ed population.	5/9/2015 6:40 AM
432	Bring back individual advocacy. Go to families informal meetings and mediations.	5/9/2015 12:52 AM
433	People are for ever growing. I think we forget this aspect and don't continue to support people as the schools supported the people.	5/8/2015 10:13 PM

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434	Not all people with DD are able to work and they need day programs that address their needs (eg., communication, social growth and recreation).	5/8/2015 5:52 PM
435	Need to be more aware of a Dana life of one of its consumers	5/8/2015 5:35 PM
436	That they services now being offered to this population is now controlled by Department of Rehabilitation and Regional Centers. The State Council needs to step up and develop more opportunities for services other than those two.	5/7/2015 12:54 PM
437	Help with regional	5/7/2015 12:49 PM
438	I wish DDS would pull the contract at KRC. Our board, even with the recent, long-awaited resignation of our board president, I don't have confidence in our board to do the due diligence needed to properly oversee the regional center.	5/7/2015 11:34 AM
439	SCDD should encourage DDS to have all regional centers operate in the same manner and follow the same guidelines.	5/7/2015 10:29 AM
440	I would really like to see more opportunities for our adult clients to be in our community.	5/7/2015 7:49 AM
441	Too many families are abusing the system. There are families who make a lot of money, but ask for everything in the world. Then if they are questioned, they get loud, intimidating and bully everyone around them. More attention needs to be paid to the actual financial burden of a family, and if they can afford services or supplies, they should have to pay for it themselves.	5/6/2015 4:57 PM
442	Great needs of more programs and resources for young adults exiting high school	5/6/2015 4:50 PM
443	Reagional Centers are often not responsive to needs. Unless one knows how to "work" the system, it can be quite daunting.	5/4/2015 5:32 PM
444	OUR SYSTEM IS NOT CONSUMER DRIVEN AND SHOULD BE.	5/4/2015 4:08 PM
445	You are doing more harm than good for the clients and families you should be supporting	5/3/2015 7:35 AM
446	I'm sure there are parents who would be willing to "step up" if there were any opportunity to organize with other parents in the same situation.	5/2/2015 8:28 AM
447	There is a dramatic shortage of supported living housing options for adults with autism	5/1/2015 9:48 AM
448	We appreciate your efforts and support!	5/1/2015 9:22 AM
449	It's difficult to find consistent quality help for my daughter (who needs an aide for all aspects of daily life) when the regional center/IHSS etc. pay such a low wage. Consistency is very important but these jobs are really only attractive to students and students move on and graduate. We are lucky if an aide stays a year with my daughter, and we supplement what they are paid by the regional center! The same problem exists in special ed programs at the public schools. There is HUGE turnover in the para jobs, HUGE.	4/30/2015 9:56 PM
450	Continue to provide grants to our local agencies.	4/30/2015 12:37 PM
451	not sure	4/30/2015 11:37 AM
452	day programs need a rate increase	4/29/2015 2:47 PM
453	Developmental disabled have come a long way and have a long to go to continue to educated themselves the their community as a whole	4/29/2015 11:39 AM
454	My father had a stroke (2013) while in a Board and Care Facility. The CNA's (2) were not trained to visibly recognize one symptoms, which led to him receiving care medical too late. He needs care now but can't afford anything above the minimum care allowed by Medi-Cal/Medicare.	4/29/2015 11:23 AM
455	have more educational services for the adults with disabilities, it's not fair that ones they age out the school system, there is nothing else for them to keep learning the basics like reading and writhing.	4/29/2015 11:09 AM
456	Lake County has to be brought up to the current standards and laws to help everyone in our community that needs help that mean right down to the schools and administration getting trained in mental health and the BOS of Lake County they are an embarrassment to this county they all should step down.	4/29/2015 9:22 AM

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457	Two things; First, support, and be an active participant in, the Lanterman Coalition. The unique variables of new legislators, seemingly more money in the system than originally thought and other topics make this an opportune time for advocacy that focuses on state legislators. Second: Thanks for your partnership approach with our Regional Center. I believe we have a model working relationship. This is critical, as we are both here to serve the same clients.	4/29/2015 7:50 AM
458	Just because they have disabilities does not mean they are not capable to doing certain areas of their lives that can work for them., Provide those things that they want and need, not just what some other group decides they need. Do not remove someone from a facility where they have lived most of their lives to a group home that speaks a foreign language just to make a certain number of placements. That is just cruel.	4/29/2015 4:16 AM
459	Quality assurance at least twice a year. It is important to maintain support systems and services.	4/28/2015 11:00 AM
460	Keep up the good work.	4/28/2015 10:50 AM
461	We need to address the stigmatization of people with mental illness or developmental disabilities among the population, and especially police. The way some Americans treat our most vulnerable citizens is unacceptable and must change.	4/28/2015 10:26 AM
462	We are seeing more individuals who have been mis-diagnosed with mental illness when indeed they are autistic. There has been great resistance on the part of Tri-Counties to re-assess	4/28/2015 9:23 AM
463	There is no real quality control for vendors in the system. We need a system to make sure programs are doing what they say they are doing.	4/28/2015 8:55 AM
464	Thank You!	4/28/2015 8:40 AM
465	Our area, Humboldt County, is really not serving our individuals with developmental disabilities well. We need more money, personnel, and resources!	4/28/2015 7:31 AM
466	Housing, employment, social security, mediCal and Self-Determination training needs to begin being provided to clients, families and schools when clients are age 14.	4/28/2015 7:08 AM
467	This population is lonely but social!!	4/28/2015 6:47 AM
468	Really need to look at the aging process of this population, they need more help than to be institutionally medicated and put in group homes. I believe they too can produce something for society/limited as it might be, still a contribution and gives them a purpose.	4/28/2015 3:42 AM
469	I am so grateful for the services you provide!!!!!! We'd be lost without you and Disability Rights California! Thank you!	4/28/2015 1:00 AM
470	People with disabilities have laws protecting them, but that doesn't do a lot of good without money to back it. We do the best we can as special educators, but we often feel we could do better, especially with smaller caseloads and more aides. And in the high school end, we keep losing good people because transition programs get cut or changed or aides get cut and we lose the support that makes our job humanly possible. I also run into families doing the best they can but may have disabilities themselves, and therefore, are not in the best position to help their students. More connection with family services and schools would be great. Plus, just more consistent family services would be helpful, some of my students have had multiple counselors per year and can never really bond and the counselor barely knows the case before moving on. Thank you!	4/27/2015 9:29 PM
471	That the regional centers are evil and go by their own rules.	4/27/2015 7:21 PM
472	There needs to be self help for conserving young adults	4/27/2015 7:20 PM
473	Having a member from your organization present at meetings ensures people with disabilities rights are not violated.	4/27/2015 6:14 PM
474	That sensory processing is a real disorder. I'm sure it has to affect more than just my child here. I'm guessing it is probably overlooked or misdiagnosed and those children are being labeled as bad children, or picky children, and that's not fair to anyone. Get them the help they need now. And as a parent who struggles with a hyper sensitive easily over simulated child, I need support too!	4/27/2015 5:57 PM
475	It's a very lonely uncertain road for parents of special needs children and we have no idea what to do, ask for or where to go to get our children what they deserve to live a quality life. Almost everything I've learned over these past 11 years has been from other parents. There has got to be a better way so when we start this journey with a special needs child, we have appropriate help and guidance from day one.	4/27/2015 5:06 PM

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476	There is simply not enough support for families caring for loved ones in home. The education options are lacking as well. I live with my son in Sonoma County and the more I have tried to advocate the more I learn how lacking the community really is when it comes to options for learning and therapies not to mention finding appropriate care providers for respite.	4/27/2015 4:03 PM
477	Can't stress enough the importance of a productive partnership with RCs in order to bring about progress. Sometimes the Council office will disagree with the RC, but being antagonistic simply doesn't work.	4/27/2015 2:04 PM
478	Finding good caregivers who are paid minimum wage to do the work they do being on the frontlines of our clients is difficult for our clients. It's a huge issue to find good solid caregivers to serve our clients.	4/27/2015 1:30 PM
479	In WA state, they have "all abilities" summer camps through their Parks and Recreation Dept. Kids in wheelchairs, limited verbal skills, seizures etc - all come together and play! What a wonderful opportunity to decrease stigma and isolation. This is a model needed in our communities too! Thank you for all your work!!!!	4/27/2015 12:57 PM
480	If the Children (disabled/Special Needs also) our this Nations future...we need to do everything possible to help teach them how to make it better!	4/27/2015 12:45 PM
481	that state and regional programs are not helping as they should. The state is ignoring and having people who have needs fall between the cracks. They lack the help they should get, especially when they are not extreme cases.	4/27/2015 12:16 PM
482	Consensus decision-making is not easy, but can be very helpful to everyone.	4/27/2015 11:57 AM
483	The importance of working with families and keeping families in the know. Give families the complete budget it costs to support our family member. It is not as if families are abusing a system in fact families carry a huge load of the system. Thank you for your work and the opportunity to give input!	4/27/2015 11:11 AM
484	There must be a better representation of the council. The council should primarily consist of the following people: "People who actually work directly with the clients, the client, and care providers" Not people who do not have a "clue" on how to meet these clients needs.	4/27/2015 10:50 AM
485	Self determination should be the #1 focus going forward and making sure it is implemented.	4/27/2015 10:49 AM
486	As a parent it's very frustrating having to fight, push and be the bad guy making waves to get our children the services that they require. It's hard enough having this kids to take care of, that alone is exhausting, then to have to put up a fight on top of that is just too much!	4/26/2015 7:25 PM
487	Phone calls should be answered during regular business hours at Regional Center, even if it means to answer and ask person calling to please hold. Voice mails left should be answered within the workday or when left after hours voicemails should be listened too and responded to when the office opens on next workday. Some Regional case managers are great at responding and some aren't, hopefully this can be solved by management, ie. timeline. When Case Managers are changed at Regional Center and introductory letter from new case manager with e-mail and business card is needed. A personal appointment should be offered and scheduled within 30 days of transfer of case managers. Thank you for your review of these suggestions.	4/25/2015 10:00 PM
488	Employment, Training, Educational Opportunities available for parents who care for children with Special Health Care Needs. In-Home Support services is a great "hands-on" training parents/families receive (not by choice) when learning to care for the medically fragile child, but there is no ongoing employment support (CNA positions) that can further enhance a family's knowledge.	4/24/2015 4:53 PM
489	N/A	4/24/2015 11:28 AM
490	It would be beneficial for the State Council to actually meet and hear from our clients, providers, and agencies face to face in a community meeting to get a feel for the population and hear first hand people's needs and concerns. This includes meeting with people in the outlying areas and not just major cities.	4/24/2015 10:00 AM
491	Regional Centers are committed to providing quality services to the individuals we serve.	4/24/2015 9:27 AM
492	Thank you!	4/24/2015 9:23 AM
493	N/A	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
494	We can't get people to work at RC as wages are no longer competitive.	4/24/2015 9:19 AM
495	My daughter has a unique condition called 15q11.1 duplication. I would like local services to support her	4/23/2015 6:59 PM
496	the regional centers are not adequately providing services to those in need, but are rather distracted by funding concerns. they are not equipped to appropriately assist families with the myriad of opportunities for a meaningful adult life through access to day program opportunities.	4/23/2015 8:28 AM

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497	I have three suggestions: More uniformity in the size of regional center could lead to less bureaucracy and more transparency. Reconfiguring regions could address population shifts, etc., that have occurred over time. In depth surveys independent of the NCI survey, could help assure quality of service. The results should be analyzed, concerns raised should be addressed, and corrections/solutions should be implemented.	4/22/2015 8:03 PM
498	Are there any "think papers" that talk about the changes that are needed? I am sure there must be but I am out of the loop. (Mostly because I am busy working and can't always attend to all the other stuff around me.) I didn't know about this planning process, how do you get the word out? (I just happened to see a piece of paper that one of my friends had that he got at a Supported Life Institute Conference planning meeting.	4/22/2015 6:02 PM
499	Thank you for all the advocacy you have provided in the past years I am very pleased with your services thank you	4/22/2015 5:34 PM
500	In-home/residential support is very concerning to those of us with 24/7 supervision-type children, I happen to have the privilege of being able to stay at home with our sons. But as I get older this will not be possible (other people in similar situations are either single and/or have to work outside of the home and care management becomes difficult). What happens to our adult children when it becomes difficult or we cannot take care of them any longer?	4/22/2015 12:08 PM
501	So many of the area programs are managed by individuals that will not embrace technology, nor will they branch out so individuals can be competitive in the work force, ie STEM in programs. Many individuals watch youtube videos and learn how to cook, garden, catch bussing schedules, paper is obsolete, yet many of the programs are wasting funds by pushing piece work in this area, IHSS, ILS, SLS could all be utilized to support technology. Many programs are on vary huge vast pieces of land, ie closed schools, that land could be better utilized than by losing funding on keeping them around w/in communities that are not going to be having families living in them or supporting large structures, that are costing district, aka the taxpayers an large amount of money to keep them up. They should be sold off, the money from those proceeds should be generated back into land development, senior, low income, disabled housing, w/in those communities rec rooms could be built to help the individuals w/in the development acquire career skills.	4/22/2015 10:08 AM
502	That the staff that serve this population are highly under paid and need support to help.	4/22/2015 7:45 AM
503	There are agencies that are ready and able to provide services but the funding needs to match the quality of services.	4/21/2015 4:17 PM
504	I would like the SC of the Central Coast to know that they have done an amazing job. Thanks to your advocacy my sister is receiving the services she deserves. Thanks	4/21/2015 3:40 PM
505	Is the State Council familiar with Rocking the Cradle: Ensuring the Rights of Parents with Disabilities? This is a report submitted by NCD in 2012 to President Obama, which we had a substantial role in producing. It continues to have a significant national impact and would be important for the State Council to review (on line). RE choices above, Safety/Abuse Prevention also is a priority!	4/21/2015 2:45 PM
506	Individual advocacy my local SCDD office provides is important to me.	4/21/2015 2:36 PM
507	They can continue to offer individual-advocacy to individualizes with developmental disabilities.	4/21/2015 2:12 PM
508	not all disabilities are big and obvious	4/21/2015 12:35 PM
509	People with disabilities are on the earth for a reason. They teach us more about life than were teaching them. The community needs to have more awareness and understanding of people with disabilities. If everyone gets along better it will make life easier for everyone. I just want people with disabilities to be accepted in the community.	4/21/2015 11:41 AM
510	In the past I have needed and provided 'child care' for families who work. There is nothing out there. How about affordable day care at county education buildings & day programs.	4/21/2015 10:43 AM
511	see above.	4/21/2015 8:09 AM
512	That people with disabilities should be able to get all the support and services they need.	4/21/2015 5:36 AM
513	The way things are right now you wait forever for a response from the regional center because of either unanswered emails and phone calls or some committee hasn't made the decision yet.	4/20/2015 5:03 PM
514	Service providers give a lot of supports to individuals but the lack of sustainable salaries makes employment sketchy.	4/20/2015 4:19 PM
515	eratqwrtr	4/20/2015 2:29 PM
516	no	4/20/2015 11:21 AM

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517	Ensuring a person has had the resented appropriate services, goals that map to outcomes for adulthood. Then to make transition more clear - with opportunities, resources, specific steps and next steps. The transition is cumbersome, vague, resources for needs are limited in recreation.	4/20/2015 10:38 AM
518	Have more community involvement	4/20/2015 10:24 AM
519	please us state funds to invest in property that could become models for integration of regular families and both families and individuals with disabilities, make them co-ops once they are established and allow people to make an investment in their own lives. require a sale to another family with similar needs when they move, limit amount of profit gained from sale to keep prices low and reasonable.	4/20/2015 7:59 AM
520	Shutting down self contained programs is a huge mistake. Until recently my wife worked at a self contained early intervention program, AIM, which has had to close. The clients of these programs are left without options or isolated with in home services. Now we fear this will happen with our sons program at Hope Services.	4/19/2015 9:53 PM
521	Financial stress on our family is significant. The schools seem to always take the cheap way out and offer the least possible help. Our doctors say our child needs a much higher level of support. We feel caught in a real bind.	4/18/2015 7:13 PM
522	Many are not getting the services they need and told because of cut backs. Many want to change service coordinators and are not able to, even when they call the supervision. They feel that their hands are tired and many feel frustrated.	4/17/2015 9:59 PM
523	we need more disabled housing in this community. it all seems to be senior housing or too scary for disabled people to live in. We finally received ALTA for my 43 year old sister in law last year after I fought for it for a few years. She was turned down as a child and again before 18. There are so many disabled people with no advocates and they get next to nothing for services. If it wasn't for me and my family, my sister in law would be homeless.	4/17/2015 7:19 PM
524	I would like the State Council to know that even if we are labeled as "different" we stand and speak with one voice.	4/17/2015 4:32 PM
525	The new name for the local offices is very confusing----please simplify.	4/17/2015 3:45 PM
526	Thank you for ILS support groups. They have allowed me thrive as an individual with their support and guidance.	4/17/2015 1:16 PM
527	For the SCDD to continue providing grants for our local agencies.	4/16/2015 11:27 AM
528	Would like teachers who are in the general educational environment receive more trainings on how to work with special needs children at all grade levels. Sometimes they come across as though their doing parents a favor, not like their in the teaching environment to help all children.	4/16/2015 3:19 PM
529	nothing	4/16/2015 2:26 PM
530	I do not understand why a child who has a chromosomal disorder with physical therapy needs similar to a child with Cerebral Palsy but does not qualify for California Children's Services. Eligibility should be based on functional levels and medical co-morbidities not just one diagnosis.	4/16/2015 2:13 PM
531	Better systems. It's not helping people.	4/16/2015 1:56 PM
532	That its hard to even think about working when my mom lives in our home and is considered a fall risk and my son is autistic and yet the hours i get to take care of my mom and the fight i have been dealing with to get my son SSI are not only stressful but they are needed in able for my family to live, they make the process so hard.	4/16/2015 7:41 AM
533	PLEASE focus some of your energies on less populated areas... I am one parent who has gone to SAC and sought training over the span of my childs school life. But all other parents were clueless as to what they should expect. Being in South LAke Tahoe the professionals in Sac never came here. WE get no attention.... we have valuable people here but little for them. Please Help. Regional Center offers no training to parents either. we are all expected figure it out ourselves...	4/15/2015 4:18 PM
534	That providing the cost of activities swim lessons, camps, tickets to museums to better support these kids with stable, structured life to bring out the best earlier intervention for healthier eating and support with functional preventative health care.	4/15/2015 9:28 AM

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535	Our family has been incredibly lucky in many ways. Finding good programs as they were getting started, and getting our son into them, My husband's background in psychotherapy services helped him "speak the language" and advocate successfully for our son. And my work in finance helped us find funding when it's been needed. Most families don't get that lucky, and don't have the background or the personal resources they need to be effective advocates. We need to work on connecting new families with people who've been in the game for a while and can help.	4/15/2015 9:09 AM
536	Parents are afraid to share what resources their child is receiving for fear that there is not enough to go around. This seemed to happen with all the budget cuts a few years ago. There is no forum to really find out what Tri counties will cover and what I should be asking of them. It seems like all they want to do is continue to cut services and have no suggestions for problems.	4/15/2015 6:53 AM
537	There is a whole lot of money in disabilities. Follow the money. As an example, Rick Ingram of DDS is married to Jane Howard, the owner of a Regional Center vendor. This is a clear conflict of interest. Follow the money.	4/14/2015 8:04 PM
538	I am very concerned about my son with Autism being left to this system when my husband and I are too old or deceased. He thrives only because his parents are involved at every step and willing to fight agencies and providers for oversight and proper services. We utilize private insurance for the appropriate therapies. We are very worried about the harm that will come to our son when we are gone even provided there is a trust for him. We are highly concerned it will be misused by the system and that our son will not receive a dignified or appropriate life by way of care.	4/14/2015 7:11 PM
539	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
540	Gone for Good is a great program that doesnt get enough funding or recognition	4/13/2015 11:15 AM
541	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
542	We need to work with our legislators to rebuild our DD system.	4/12/2015 8:10 AM
543	They were great before. Why did you make the changes.	4/9/2015 3:05 PM
544	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
545	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
546	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
547	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
548	It helps so much to have companies like Goodwill helping mentally disable people get jobs.	4/8/2015 11:18 AM
549	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
550	End of life issues for aging clients	4/7/2015 6:15 PM
551	That I want to be on the board.	4/7/2015 12:46 PM
552	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
553	Can't wait for Self-Determination to take effect. Hopefully will be able to help child progress.	4/6/2015 9:15 AM
554	Not only are the people we serve 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

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555	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
556	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
557	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
558	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
559	That actions, implementations of programs, etc. means more than sending a survey. Hope you'll walk the walk!	4/1/2015 5:19 PM
560	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
561	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
562	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
563	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
564	nothing at this time.	4/1/2015 7:57 AM
565	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
566	Recreation program on the weekend for people with disabilities.	4/1/2015 6:00 AM
567	That getting services from RC has been a battle, ever since my son was diagnosed.	3/31/2015 8:20 PM
568	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
569	jobs	3/30/2015 5:18 PM
570	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
571	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
572	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
573	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
574	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
575	Work with the various groups to get a real look at how desperately changes r needed	3/30/2015 8:11 AM

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576	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
577	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
578	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
579	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
580	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
581	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
582	Thanks for the services.	3/27/2015 4:35 PM
583	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
584	Need does not end at 22	3/26/2015 6:16 PM
585	Utilize more social media to make CSCD more accessible to all families.	3/26/2015 1:26 PM
586	Increase the pay scale of respite care givers who are personally hired by clients through Premiere care	3/26/2015 11:55 AM
587	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
588	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
589	Tough battle. Teachers need your help. Remember it la not about money. It's about our future.	3/23/2015 6:16 PM
590	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
591	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
592	Please add more staff to advocate.	3/22/2015 7:08 PM
593	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
594	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
595	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

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596	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
597	Nothing	3/19/2015 7:13 PM
598	N/A	3/19/2015 1:34 PM
599	These individuals have a lot to contribute to our society, support them!	3/19/2015 5:48 AM
600	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
601	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 and housing that should also be affordable.	3/18/2015 10:50 AM
602	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
603	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
604	I could try to talk to legislators about the plight of the intellectual/developmental disabled community.	3/17/2015 7:43 PM
605	Thank you for all you do.	3/17/2015 7:16 PM
606	I have Huntingtons disease	3/17/2015 6:19 PM
607	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
608	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
609	Employment assistance is one of those areas where friends/family have relatively limited ability to help the client.	3/17/2015 3:33 PM
610	Approach local governments to help community members aware of service for individuals with disabilities	3/17/2015 3:26 PM
611	Your doing wonderful work I know its very hard.	3/17/2015 3:11 PM
612	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
613	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
614	employees who provide support/assistance should be required to take yearly ongoing courses.	3/17/2015 11:59 AM
615	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
616	You are important!	3/17/2015 8:39 AM

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617	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
618	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
619	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
620	We appreciate you and your work!	3/16/2015 10:12 AM
621	More money for services.	3/15/2015 10:18 PM
622	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
623	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
624	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
625	Keep up the great work!	3/14/2015 6:04 PM
626	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
627	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
628	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. <a href="https://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2014-118.pdf">https://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2014-118.pdf</a> 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
629	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
630	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
631	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
632	Providing the money to help special needs children and families should be a priority	3/12/2015 8:32 PM
633	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
634	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

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635	Please don't cut respite hours !	3/12/2015 6:04 PM
636	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
637	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
638	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
639	You are fabulous and appreciated!	3/12/2015 4:44 PM
640	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
641	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
642	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
643	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
644	Listen to the clients more	3/12/2015 3:31 PM
645	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
646	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
647	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
648	We are grateful to the California taxpayers for their generosity	3/12/2015 2:47 PM
649	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
650	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
651	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
652	local offices are the best resources for knowing what communities need -	3/12/2015 1:34 PM

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653	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
654	Please restore cuts to Supported Employment Agencies and continue to keep this topic on the forefront.	3/12/2015 1:27 PM
655	great folks to work with on difficult issues.	3/12/2015 12:57 PM
656	Are large health and social service institutions the best providers of services?	3/11/2015 10:04 PM
657	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
658	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
659	Thank you for all the efforts you have made for folks with disabilities.	3/11/2015 12:12 PM
660	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
661	Don't really know	3/10/2015 9:12 PM
662	Areas if advocacy that independent living centers can engage in to better support these populations of California residents.	3/10/2015 3:26 PM