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### Info & Resources

#### **Guidances/Directives**

California Department of Public Health Guidances

Centers for Disease Control Guidances

Department of Developmental Services Directives

Community Care Licensing

ELARC COVID 19 page for service providers

ELARC Alternative Services Page

### **Service Provider Updates**

### **Alternative Services Reporting Delayed**

The afternoon of November 4, 2020, Regional Centers were advised by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) of the following: "The Department of Developmental Services' directive, dated August 31, 2020 regarding Policies and Procedures for Utilizing Alternative Nonresidential Services During the COVID-19 Emergency stated, the initial report covering the period of September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020, shall be submitted by November 5, 2020. This is to advise regional centers and your service providers of Alternative Services that DDS' guidance regarding the method for September and October reporting is coming soon and will include additional time to complete the report. The guidance will be issued within the next few days."

#### **ELARC Guidance on Alternative Services ISP**

The development of an Individual Service Plan (ISP) is required for the implementation of Alternative Services as outlined in the August 31, 2020 DDS Directive.As ISPs are now coming in to ELARC, we are all learning together that more structure and guidance than what is outlined in the directive may be of support to our provider community.As a result, ELARC has developed a guidance to assist providers in the development of the Alternative Services ISP. View the guidance here.

## DDS Hosts Weekly Symposiums on Innovative and Alternative Services

DDS is hosting Four Symposiums on Innovative and Alternative Services in Action, featuring presentations of some of the innovative and creative options providers are doing to ensure Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive the services they need. Read more here on the DDS website, just click on the "Alternative Services" tab to view past sessions and to register for upcoming ones.

## **Weekly Provider Check In Every Friday through November 20**

Because information regarding Alternative Services and other COVID 19 related matters is ongoing and developing ELARC invites all service providers to join in this weekly View Newsletter Page 2 of 2

discussion every Friday at 1:30 pm in order to stay informed and work together. Access the zoom link by viewing the flyer here.

### **Vendor Advisory Committee**

The next Vendor Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 10:00 am.

#### Join via Zoom (new!)

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### Join the Provider Facebook Group

This temporary group has been set up for all our valued service providers to exchange resources, ideas, and information regarding service provision during the pandemic in a safe and collaborative environment. Join at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ELARCServiceProvidersCovid19InfoSharing/

Questions regarding accessing this FB group may be sent to Brendali Maldonado at <a href="mailto:bmaldonado@elarc.org">bmaldonado@elarc.org</a>

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