



Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

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Service Provider Updates

Looking forward to a brighter new year and grateful for all you do as we take time to enjoy this holiday season.

Preparing and Communicating over the Holidays

The COVID-19 situation in LA County is dire and we are seeing the impact on consumers, their families, and service provider staff. If you are providing direct services over the upcoming holiday weekends, please ensure you have prepared for the possibility of COVID 19 infection in your staff and/or the individual(s) you serve. Preparation includes ensuring back up staff are available and communicating with the individual(s) served and their families regarding planning for any necessary supports in the event you are unable to provide services due to infection, exposure, or lack of staff. ELARC is here to support, our offices are closed on 12/24 and 12/25 but we do staff a 24 hour on call phone line for emergency situations. However, we are faced with limited options and your planning helps the entire community get through these challenging times.

Can You Provide Surge Resources?

As stated in prior article, resources are very limited and the ELARC community is in immediate need of staffing resources: people to work with COVID + and COVID exposed consumers as well as sites that can provide a bed and bathroom for isolation.

Please consider if your agency may be able to work with us to provide this resource. We can approach this creatively, so if you are not vendored for this type of service but have staff willing to provide service or a site (perhaps a residence not in use or an empty day program building) we can strategize how to quickly set up and fund for the service. ELARC approached many of you back in the spring and summer regarding this matter and we are reaching out again in hopes that perhaps circumstances might now allow for us to consider this once again. Contact Liz Harrell at eharrell@elarc.org to discuss further.

Alternative Services Rate Letters Distributed

ELARC has sent a letter via email to those providers who submitted Alternative Services certification documents, as well as those providers who provided certifications to the Regional Centers with whom they are vendored and who provided certification and provided services to individuals served by ELARC. In some cases, providers who are providing traditional services may have received a letter.

If your organization has not received an email from ELARC with the rate letter, please contact your Community Services Liaison. All questions regarding the Alternative Services rate and/or regarding applicable service codes should be directed to your Community Services Liaison. Please note Liaison assignments have changed, to confirm whom to contact please call the Community Services Office Assistant at (626) 299-4772 or email eperez@elarc.org.

Please note that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) worked with Burns and Associates who calculated Nonresidential Alternative Services monthly rates for nonresidential services as defined by Title 17 section 54302 (a)(49), further defined by DDS. DDS included your organization in the rate calculation process. The provision of a rate does not commit you to providing Nonresidential Alternative Services.

Read the most updated DDS Directive regarding Alternative Services on the [DDS Coronavirus Directives Page](#).

Hotel Rooms Available for Covid-19 Positive or Exposed Licensee Staff

The Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division has released PIN 20-45-ASC which informs CCLD licensed facilities that their staff may be eligible for a program that makes hotel rooms available if they are exposed to COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19. Qualified facilities are - Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) and Adult Residential Care Facility (ARF). For more information and to review the PIN, [please visit the California Department of Social Services](#) or view the [Provider Information Notice \(PIN\) Summary](#).

Check In Continues through February, 2021

As COVID – 19 continues to affect everyone’s lives, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) continues to support innovative and creative approaches to service delivery in response to changing needs and priorities of those served by the Regional Centers. DDS continues to provide information and training on Alternative Services as well as continues to update existing and release new directives at this time. Additionally, State and Local Public

Health Guidances are updated frequently, including information about testing and vaccine distribution. Because information is still developing ELARC invites all service providers to join in this weekly discussion in order to stay informed and work together.

[View the flyer with the zoom link for the meeting here](#)

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