



Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

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# Service Provider Updates

## HCBS Compliance Funding for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Now Available!

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has released guidelines for applying for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) compliance funds for fiscal year 2020-2021. Funds are made available by DDS to help support service providers as they come into compliance with the HCBS Final Rule. The Final Rule impacts a wide range of programs, services and supports for a significant amount of individuals with developmental disabilities. **The deadline to come into compliance with the HCBS Final Rule is March 17, 2023.**

Service providers interested in applying can find the *Funding Guidelines* and *Concept Forms* provided by DDS on the [ELARC website](#). **The deadline established by DDS for Providers to submit their completed concepts to ELARC is February 12, 2021.** Regional centers will make recommendations for funding based on local priorities. All submitted forms will be forwarded to DDS for final approval.

For additional HCBS information please visit [ELARC's HCBS webpage](#) and the [DDS website](#). For questions regarding the HCBS compliance funding application process, contact ELARC's HCBS Evaluator Lizette Villa at [lvilla@elarc.org](mailto:lvilla@elarc.org).

## VACCINE AVAILABLE NOW

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has released correspondence explaining the role of direct service employees, family members and certain regional center employees in caring for consumers and thus are prioritized for COVID-19 vaccination within Phase 1A.

[Read the DDS letter regarding families](#)

[Read the DDS letter regarding vendored service providers](#)

[Read the DDS letter regarding Regional Center staff](#)

### Can You Provide Surge Resources?

Surge resources are very limited and the ELARC community is still in 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. Contact Liz Harrell at [eharrell@elarc.org](mailto:eharrell@elarc.org) to discuss further.

### 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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