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Service Provider Updates

Two Alternative Services Directives Released

Two important Alternative Services Directives have been released from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

(1.) **January 4, 2021 Updated Guidance regarding Reporting Requirements and Sample Reporting Form**

As follow up to the DDS August 31, 2020 Directive regarding Alternative Services this new directive provides additional guidance on the provider reporting requirements noted in the Directive. By January 15, 2021, providers must submit a report for each vendorization delivering Alternative Services for the month of December 2020 using SurveyMonkey. [View the directive here.](#) [View the sample reporting form.](#)

(2.) **January 4, 2021 Guidance regarding Rates for Transportation Providers and Group Supported Employment**

In the interest of an effectual implementation, the use of the monthly unit rate for Alternative Services for transportation and group supported employment will become effective March 1, 2021. DDS will provide guidance on the use of the monthly rates for these services in a forthcoming correspondence. [View the directive here.](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in California

Read about California's COVID19 Vaccine plan at <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

The Community Vaccine Advisory Committee to the California Department of Public Health provides input and feedback to the planning efforts and resolving barriers to equitable vaccine implementation and decision-making.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Providers are strongly encouraged to listen in to learn more about the plans to distribute the vaccine in California. Learn more and obtain the call in number for the meeting at

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Community-Vaccine-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

Can You Provide Surge Resources?

Surge 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.

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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