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#### **Info & Resources**

California Department of Developmental Services

<u>California Department of Public</u> Health

County of Los Angeles Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CAL OSHA

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

Community Care Licensing Provider Information Notices (PINs)

# **Service Provider Update**

#### **State Vaccine Mandate**

The Department of Developmental Services released a Directive regarding the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) having issued a new state Public Health Order (PHO) on September 28, 2021 that all In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers, all Waiver Personal Care Services workers, all regional center staff and regional center funded provider workers; all workers in Adult and Senior Care Facilities licensed under the California Department of Social Services (CDSS); all in-home direct care services workers (including registered home care aides and certified home health aides); all hospice workers providing services in the home or in a licensed facility, must have the first dose of a one-dose regimen or the second dose of a two-dose regimen by November 30, 2021. The order takes effect immediately, and all those covered by the order must be in full compliance by November 30th.

<u>View the DDS Directive here.</u> View the CDPH PHO here.

# **START Open House & Survey**

### **OPEN HOUSE FOR POTENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS**

The Center for START Services (CSS) at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability/UCED in partnership with DDS is expanding START services in California. The START service model is a comprehensive approach to crisis prevention and intervention for people with developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health conditions. Read more about START here. The model provides crisis planning and wraparound services that help support individuals at risk for acute crisis or loss of residential placement, and individuals who are currently experiencing crises. ELARC recently was awarded funding for start up of this new service model in our community. Service Providers who may be interested in providing START programs are invited to register for one of the two START Open House sessions. View the flyer here. An Open House is a live, online forum to provide an overview of the START model, CA START implementation, and information about the request for proposal (RFP) process. There will be time for Q&A with the Center for START Services and CA START at the end of the forum. Choose from two available

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> sessions either Monday, October 18th or Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Each session will be held 4:00 - 5:30 pm ET/ 3:00 - 4:30 pm CT/1:00-2:30 pm PT.The intended audience is potential providers of new START programs. Link to register is both in the flyer and here.

# SURVEY FOR CONSUMERS, FAMILIES, ELARC STAFF, **VENDORED PROVIDERS, and COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

START and ELARC are conducting a survey in order to evaluate the current service system for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and mental health needs (IDD-MH). The goal is to determine what services are currently working well in our region and where improvements are needed. This list of questions is intended to learn from you about existing services in your community for people with IDD-MH, including persons with autism. This survey includes services that may be funded by regional centers, county mental health/behavioral services or insurance. Take the survey at: CA Service System Survey

If you have any problems with the link, please email ann.klein@unh.edu

#### **Provider Relief Funds**

Provider Relief Funds (PRF) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural Funding for Health Care Providers Now Open: Read more here.

# **SIR Reporting Reminder**

In order to ensure special incident reports are received and processed in a timely manner, ELARC encourages all vendors to submit incidents through our website or to sir@elarc.org until further notice.

#### Reminder: SIR Vendor Timeline:

Verbal report must be made to the Service Coordinator or Officer of the Day within the first 24 hours. If this requirement is met, DDS then grants an additional 24 hours to submit the written report.

SIR's faxed to (626) 299-4638 or submitted through the ELARC website within the first 24 hours will count as both the verbal and written notification.

If you wish to complete the SIR through our website, please visit: 1) www.elarc.org 2) Click "Service Providers" tab 3) Select "Special Incident Report (SIR)" from the drop-down list 4) Click "Complete a Special Incident Report" link 5) Click "Submit SIR" once your report is complete. If you encounter any issues transmitting the report, download a copy to your computer and send it as

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an attachment to: <a href="mailto:sir@elarc.org">sir@elarc.org</a>

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