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1. Ongoing Service Coordination

Description of Activity

Identify 200 individuals currently served by ELARC with the lowest per capita expenditures and pilot an intensive technical assistance/support approach to case management

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Targeting monolingual Spanish and monolingual Cantonese consumers and their families whose cases have been identified as having low per capita expenditures (<\$2000 annually)

2. RFP for Outreach with Grassroots Community Partners

Description of Activity

Identify both large and small key community partners and develop agreements regarding mutual outreach to underserved populations in their communities within mutual service areas

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Case-find individuals who may not be aware of or understand how to apply for Regional Center services

3. Partner with FRC to Provide Orientation to Early Start Families

Description of Activity

Partner with the Family Resource Center (FRC) to provide regularly scheduled orientations to the Regional Center for Early Start families with representatives from the Regional Center, and parent groups that serve underserved populations.

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Support to monolingual Spanish and monolingual Chinese parents of children 0 -3 The intended outcome is to increase families' understanding of the transition from Early Start to Lanterman services, understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Regional Center, and knowledge of support systems in the community.

4. Parent Organizations to Provide Orientations to Families of Individuals over 3

Description of Activity

Develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for parent run organizations that serve populations identified as underserved in our catchment area to partner with ELARC to provide a regularly scheduled orientation in languages other than English to families going through the intake and assessment process at ELARC for consumers over 3 years old . Sessions would be held in the community. Childcare and bus tokens would be offered to enhance accessibility for families

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Support to monolingual Spanish and monolingual Chinese families that are entering and new to the ELARC community to understand the basics about Regional Centers and services and to identify community supports.

5. Ongoing Training of Parents

Description of Activity

Ongoing Training for parents in the role of the Regional Center, understanding services and supports available, understanding policies, and developing partnerships in languages other than English.

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Non English Speaking parents of children and adults already served by ELARC

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6. Behavioral Management Workshops in Languages other than English

Description of Activity

To enhance understanding of behavior management and promote the development of skills and approaches that families may utilize. To share resources and support among parent attendees.

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Monolingual Cantonese and Spanish speaking families

7. Develop and Translate Materials for Families with Low English Literacy

Description of Activity

Develop and translate selected materials specific to the ELARC community, as well as work collaboratively with public information representatives of other Regional Centers, on the development of easy-to-understand, informative publications in multiple languages which can be used by clients/families of any regional center. This may include creation of new materials and/or translation into additional languages, of materials which have already been created. Topics for public information to be developed may include information on application for services, assessment and diagnosis, early start, services available by age, generic resources, and information about transitions.

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Targeting individuals/families with low English literacy with easier to understand materials in non-English languages, plain language, and through a variety of media

8. Update Cultural Competency and Communication Training

Description of Activity

To provide updated cultural competence training to ELARC staff. In addition management and other designated staff will be trained in Motivational interviewing techniques in a coaching model.

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

ELARC staff and Management

9. Child Supervision for Approved Parent Training and Parent Orientation Activities

Description of Activity

Coordinate child supervision for: Understanding Regional Center training for parents; Parent Run Orientation for families of consumers over 3; Early Start Orientation at the FRC for families of consumers under 3

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Intention it to support efforts for monolingual Spanish and monolingual Chinese speaking parents to be able to attend the above identified sessions.

10. Bus Tokens for Approved Parent Training and Parent Orientation Activities

Description of Activity

Purchase bus tokens for: Understanding Regional Center training for parents; Parent Run Orientation for families of consumers over 3; Early Start Orientation at the FRC for families of consumers under 3

Target Population and/or Disparity Issue

Intention it to support efforts for monolingual Spanish and monolingual Chinese speaking parents to be able to attend the above identified sessions.