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Quarterly Newsletter March 2025

A note from Regional Growth Director, Tony Venzor:

We hope everyone enjoyed their Winter activities and are gearing up for Spring!

It has been a busy period with W2 processing and Wisely account setup. Our team is working through any delays along the way so please let us know if you are still waiting for your W2 or experiencing issues logging into your Wisely account.

SequoiaSD is excited to implement the policy revision regarding live-in staff and EVV requirements. As a reminder - live-in staff are not required to submit their times through our EVV system.

Recently, SequoiaSD has become courtesy vendored with San Andreas Regional Center, Westside Regional Center, and Regional Center of East Bay and are working on a few more in the upcoming quarter.

We appreciate all the kind words and feedback you have shared on social media and in the community. We will continue to listen to any suggestions you have, and try to implement changes that are beneficial for everyone!

Thank you for partnering with SequoiaSD!

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Getting Started with Participant Dashboard

Resources for Wildfire Assistance - How to Access Support



This year, wildfires in Southern California have caused severe damage. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can help support those with disabilities who were affected. This guide provides steps to apply for disaster assistance. Other disability disaster support resources include Disability Rights California, AARP California, and USA.gov.

Explore Support Resources



SequoiaSD is on social media!
Click to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn and stay up to date with all things SequoiaSD.



SequoiaSD Celebrates World Autism Acceptance Month in April

April is World Autism Acceptance Month (WAAM). In April and every month, SequoiaSD promotes understanding, inclusion, and support for people with autism. We also encourage acceptance of different abilities and perspectives.

World Autism Acceptance Month Events and Resources

Share Your Story

Do you want to share your Self-Determination journey or have a SequoiaSD story to share? We are always looking to hear of stories from Self-Advocates and direct care professionals. We would love to hear from you.



Share Your SequoiaSD Story

Independent Living Centers and their Role in Self-Determination



Independent Living Centers are community-based organizations run by and for people with disabilities. ILCs support independent living in and around one’s community. According to the Administration for Community Living (ACL), there are over 400 ILCs in the country.

[Learn More About Independent Living Centers](#)



Did You Know?

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and you can get involved with the NACDD social media campaign. Click below to submit your posts!

[Celebrate DDAM](#)

Quarterly Reader Poll

What is your opinion on the communication you receive from SequoiaSD?

- [Great, keep it up!](#)
- [Not enough. I need more communication.](#)
- [Too much. I don't need all of the emails and phone calls.](#)

Upcoming Events and Conferences

What	When	More Information
Applied Self-Direction Conference	Wednesdays throughout March and April	Conference Schedule
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month	All of March	NACDD Social Media Campaign
World Autism Acceptance Month	All of April	Autism Speaks
Older Americans Month	All of May	Administration for Community Living



Get to Know Ryan

Ryan Klotz is an enrolled participant with PremierFMS' sister company, Personal Accounting Services (PAS), out of Taylor, Michigan. PAS and PremierFMS operate under the AssuranceSD family of companies.

Ryan Klotz is a self-advocate for Individuals with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (I/DD) in Wayne County. Ryan is very active in his communities. He serves as a Community Transitions Trainer for the Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University.

He advocates frequently for I/DD in Lansing with state legislators. He has been enrolled in self-direction services with PAS for over 20 years and sat down with PAS to share his journey in self-direction. Ryan shares how self-direction opened him up to new experiences and responsibilities as an adult.

[Learn more about Ryan's Self-Direction Journey](#)



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