



SequoiaSD

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Quarterly Newsletter

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We hope you had a beautiful spring and are just as excited as we are for the sunny days ahead! As we head into summer, we have some exciting updates, important reminders, and upcoming events we can't wait to share with you.

We're proud to share that we are now officially vendored with the following Regional Centers:

- Alta California
- Regional Center of the East Bay
- San Andreas
- Westside

We're also actively working toward vendorization with:

- Lanterman
- Tri-Counties
- San Gabriel Pomona

Thanks for staying connected—we'll continue to keep you informed!

— Tony Venzor, *SequoiaSD Regional Growth Director*

In today's email:

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Reminder!

We need to receive all approved timesheets and invoices for services provided through 6/30/25 **by July 3rd.**

This will allow us to pay these timesheets and invoices by July 10th. We must process these pre-July timesheets and invoices by July 10th so these funds will come out of the 2025 fiscal year, and the remaining funds in the budget can be used for the 2026 fiscal year. The regional centers will know that all remaining funds from the 2025 fiscal year can be moved to the new 2026 fiscal year.

If we do not receive the pre-July timesheets and invoices by July 3rd, it may cause a longer delay to get these items paid since the regional center will need to take additional time to approve and coordinate the budget amount for the previous fiscal year. We are also sending this reminder to all vendors.

Upcoming Awareness Days/Months

June — Pride Month

June 18th — Autistic Pride Day

June 19th — Juneteenth

June 27th — Helen Keller Day

July — Disability Pride Month

July 4th — Independence Day

July 12th — RCOC Vendor Fair



Celebrating Pride Month: Honoring Identity, Love, and Self-Direction

At SequoiaSD, we're proud to stand with the LGBTQIA+ community this Pride Month. Pride is about more than parades and rainbow flags. It's about visibility, equity, and the right to make choices about your life, your relationships, and your future.

[Read more](#)

Your Experience Matters: Tell Your Medi-Cal Story

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities has released an online form where individuals and families can share their personal stories

about how Medi-Cal services impact their lives. If Medi-Cal is important to you or your loved ones, now is the time to speak up.

[Speak up](#)



Participant Spotlight - An open letter to LKiChoice from the Burchetts

We recently received this heartfelt letter from a parent of two children formerly enrolled in the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) program through SequoiaSD's sister organization, LKiChoice.

With their permission, we wanted to share it with the SequoiaSD community. It's not every day that we get to see the full impact of the work we do—but this open letter is a reflection of how even the smallest actions can make a lasting difference.



Dear LKiChoice Home Health Services Team,

As I write this, I'm finding it hard to believe the words I write or the thoughts I have will be enough to properly thank those at LKiChoice. I'm hoping what comes out tells you all what you have come to mean to our family. I've wanted to write this for so long because I need you to truly understand the difference you've made in our lives...

[Read the full letter](#)

Join us for the Self-Determination Program Resource Fair in Anaheim on July 12th!

Curious about Self-Determination? Join us for a FREE Resource Fair on Saturday, July 12th in Anaheim! Meet providers, learn how to get started, attend multilingual info sessions, and explore businesses run by people with disabilities.

[Reserve your spot today](#)

Introducing The Self-Direction Center: A New Nonprofit Dedicated to Self-Direction

Applied Self-Direction is pleased to announce the launch of The Self-Direction Center, a new nonprofit organization that will be dedicated to advancing self-direction through collaboration, community, and collective action beginning in May 2025.

[Read more](#)

Self-Determination Resources for Program Participants and Direct Care Professionals

Here, you will find links to a wealth of information and additional support for every dimension of your self-determination experience, including enrollment, payroll, and government resources.

Stay informed

Share Your Story

Got a Self-Determination or SequoiaSD story? We'd love to hear it! Your voice could be just what someone else needs today.

Share Your SequoiaSD Story



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