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ACRC	RC	ACRC's Parent/Service Navigator Program	ACRC's Parent/Service Navigator Program	African American, Hispanic, Russian	Family/consumer support services	\$28,500	24	ACRC	Northern California
Warmline Family Resource Center	CBO	Service Navigator	Provide navigation services and work with family to develop person-centered plans to increase services.	African American, Hispanic	Family/consumer support services	\$214,354	24	ACRC	Northern California
Behaviorally Enhanced Respite in Ethnically Diverse Communities	CBO	Enhanced Respite Services to the Hmong and Punjabi Populations of Alta California Regional Center	Focuses on respite for those with Autism, and behavioral challenges, in addition to language/cultural barriers.	African American, Hispanic, 4 Underserved languages TBD with ACRC	Workforce capacity	\$100,000	12	ACRC	Northern California
Hmong Youth & Parents Unite	CBO	The Hmong Story Cloth - A Disparity Prevention Project	Outreach and education about developmental disabilities and cultural perceptions. Uses a "story cloth" as a training mechanism.	Hmong, Mien	Outreach	\$315,640	24	ACRC	Northern California
The Ventricular Foundation	CBO	Latinos Unidos Navegando Autismo y Servicios (LUNAS)	Produce interactive video modules from a parents perspective with focus on Autism topics, available on phone or computer for outreach and information.	African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian	Outreach	\$137,038	24	ACRC	Northern California
Exceptional Parents Unlimited	CBO	Parent to Parent Orientation	Orientations, in the home or community, and trainings to parents in Fresno County with children ages 0-21.	African American, Hispanic, Native American,	Family/consumer support services	\$192,296	12	CVRC	Central California
ELARC	RC	Ongoing Service Coordination (Reduced Caseload) Project	Enhanced case management to monolingual Spanish and Chinese consumers with no or low purchase of services.	Chinese, Hispanic	Family/consumer support services	\$360,772	12	ELARC	Los Angeles
CHLA/USC UCEDD	CBO	Parent Navigators in a General Pediatrics Clinic to Reduce Purchase of Service Disparities	Parent navigators located in pediatric clinics provide connection to generic and regional center services; trainings to families on regional center services and community resources.	African American, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Middle Eastern, Russian, Armenian	Family/consumer support services	\$449,334	12	ELARC, HRC, FDLRC, NLACRC, SCLARC, SG/PRC, WRC	Los Angeles
Level Up NorCal	CBO	Building Bridges - Connecting Southeast Asian Minorities with Regional Center Services	Outreach through community events, education materials in plain language provided at monthly information sessions.	Cambodian, Hmong, Mien, Vietnamese, Thai, Laotian	Outreach	\$346,604	12	FNRC	Northern California

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Native American Training and Technical Assistance (NATTA)	CBO	Our Wounded Eagles	Education and outreach to families in rural, remote areas not usually accessed; connect with tribal leaders.	Native American	Parent education	\$231,250	12	FNRC	Northern California
Level Up NorCal	CBO	Nuestra Comunidad - Bridging The Disparity Gap in the Latinx Community	Outreach and education to the Latinx community through information in plain language, including monthly informational meetings, and cultural resource fairs.	Hispanic	Outreach	\$349,418	12	FNRC	Northern California
Community Gatepath	CBO	Outreach and support services reaching underserved East Palo Alto, Coastsides and Spanish-speaking families	Develop a parent binder, and a quarterly parent training series; provide ongoing 1:1 support and screening for early diagnosis.	African American, Hispanic, Multiracial/Asian	Promotora	\$267,937	24	GGRC	Bay Area
Support for Families of Children with Disabilities (SFCDD)	CBO	Building Bridges to Services for San Francisco's Underserved Language and Cultural Communities	Family resource specialists are stationed in the community and provide mentoring, and navigation.	Chinese, Hispanic	Promotora	\$256,000	12	GGRC	Bay Area
Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc./Carolyn Kordich Family Resource Center	CBO	Knowledge is Power/El Conocimiento Es Poder	Monthly support group for Spanish speaking families; translate materials into Spanish; monthly trainings for families;	Hispanic	Parent education	\$109,847	24	HRC	Los Angeles
HRC	RC	Parent as Partners Navigator/ Promotora Program	Parent navigator to families to understand and access services for those with low purchase of service.	African American, Cambodian, Hispanic	Promotora	\$330,015	12	HRC	Los Angeles
HRC	RC	(Bilingual/Spanish-Speaking) Community Outreach Specialist	Community Outreach Specialist at parent support groups	Hispanic	Outreach	\$79,125	12	HRC	Los Angeles
Autism Society Inland Empire, Inc	CBO	Expansion of the Colaboración, Liderazgo, Abogacía, Servicio y Educación (CLASE) Community of Practice	Train the trainer: person-centered planning, advocacy, and outreach training for Hispanic leaders to then provide education and services to Hispanic population;	Hispanic	Workforce capacity	\$94,740	12	IRC	Southern California

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Exceptional Parents Unlimited	CBO	Navigating Systems with Families	Bilingual parents provide promotora services in Riverside County.	Hispanic	Family/consumer support services	\$120,955	12	IRC	Southern California
KRC	RC	Outreach and Education about KRC Services for Individuals that Identify as Native American in the Inyo and Mono Counties	Outreach and education to Native Americans by a Native American facilitator.	Native American	Family/consumer support services	\$131,144	12	KRC	Central California
Napa Valley Child Advocacy Network DBA ParentsCAN	CBO	Napa County Promotora: Parent education and Leadership Project	Provide Individual Program Plan workshops and refer families to regional center; train parents as parent mentors to assist families.	Hispanic	Promotora	\$79,446	12	NBRC	Bay Area
NBRC	RC	Enhanced Case Management Service Coordinators	Service coordinators provide services to monolingual caseloads.	Filipino, Hispanic	Family/consumer support services	\$366,024	12	NBRC	Bay Area
NBRC	RC	Building Capacity for Bilingual Respite Services	Will hold town hall meetings and recruit qualified bilingual/bicultural respite providers to increase Spanish speaking community's understanding of respite services.	Hispanic	Parent education	\$99,037	24	NBRC	Bay Area
Modern Support Services	CBO	Modern Outreach Program	Online support group hosted on computer/smart phone.	Hispanic, Armenian, ASL	Parent education	\$75,568	12	NLACRC	Los Angeles
Family Resource Navigators	CBO	Multilingual Peer to Peer Family Navigation	Staff who have children with disabilities provide outreach, help access generic services, and navigate regional center and generic services.	Hispanic, Arab, Middle Eastern	Family/consumer support services	\$446,855	24	RCEB	Bay Area
Helping Hands East Bay	CBO	Improving Long Term Care Planning for Adult Consumers from Cantonese, Vietnamese and Filipino Families	Provide incentives to bilingual employees to help mitigate linguistic/cultural barriers; educational workshops for parents on regional center and generic services; 1:1 coaching and navigation by retired parents.	Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese	Workforce capacity	\$270,046	12	RCEB	Bay Area
La Familia	CBO	La Familia Disparity Fund Program	Parent education and support groups, by parent leaders; Latino Equity Summit on RC and generic services; Local Advisory Committee made up of parents, consumers, RC, community partners to address issues to equity.	Hispanic	Parent education	\$320,428	12	RCEB	Bay Area

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Care Parent Network	CBO	Adult Transition Support and Outreach for Families	Education to parents as their children exit high school, beginning at age 16 (training and support groups).	African American, Hispanic	Parent education	\$128,962	24	RCEB	Bay Area
Diversity in Health Training Institute	CBO	Asian Resource Network	Create a pipeline of immigrant workers to become employed by service providers for consumers with developmental disabilities; provide information on regional center services; develop videos on regional center services.	Cambodian, Chinese, Mien, Vietnamese	Workforce capacity	\$260,139	12	RCEB	Bay Area
BPSOS Center for Community Advancement	CBO	Parent education and Training Program	Outreach and screening events; provide individualized services to families.	Vietnamese	Family/consumer support services	\$170,000	12	RCOC	Southern California
The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders (UCI)	CBO	Empowering Families and Increasing Access Through Education and Screening	Provide training on Early Start, transition from Early Start to Lanterman, and transition for young adults to employment; screening events for birth to 5; train family mentors to provide technical assistance to families.	Hispanic	Parent education	\$260,075	12	RCOC	Southern California
Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association	CBO	Expanding the Capacity of Vietnamese Parents to Shape Developmental Disability Service to Promote their Children's Maximal Independence, Productivity, and Integration into Community Life	Individual Program Plan training, workshops for aging parents on services for children after parents' deaths, create best buddies for college buddies and circle of friends program for Vietnamese parents.	Vietnamese	Family/consumer support services	\$170,627	12	RCOC	Southern California
RCOC	RC	Increase Translation Services	Translate forms and documents into the native languages of families in the regional center catchment area.	Hispanic, Asian, Middle Eastern	Translation	\$10,000	12	RCOC	Southern California
RCRC	RC	The RCRC Equity Project (The Project)	Travel to communities to provide outreach and education to Hispanic and Native American families, and develop culturally appropriate services in rural areas.	Hispanic, Native American	Outreach	\$149,678	12	RCRC	Northern California

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Housing Choices Coalition for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Inc. ("Housing Choices")	CBO	Navigator de Vivienda-- Santa Clara County	Early information and multi-year plan for families for long-term planning for housing set up before child transitions to adulthood; develop contract list of programs connected with youth with developmental disabilities, and provide workshops on housing options for those with developmental disabilities.	Hispanic	Outreach	\$102,376	12	SARC	Bay Area
Special Kids Connect	CBO	Respite Education and Orientation Program to Increase Respite (In-Home) Service Utilization Among Monterey County's Hispanic Regional Center Consumers	Increase utilization of respite through education of families; establish a respite advisory committee of regional center staff, parents, and respite vendor staff; develop respite orientation packet; develop video on respite; and conduct consumer workshops on respite.	Hispanic	Parent education	\$64,914	12	SARC	Bay Area
Parents Helping Parents, Inc.	CBO	POS Equalization Effort Expanded	Monthly workshops, family resource specialists provide 1:1 navigation for families, and host a conference for families.	African American, Hispanic, Vietnamese	Family/consumer support services	\$328,075	24	SARC	Bay Area
Friends of Children with Special Needs	CBO	Asian Mentorship: Empowerment, Education and Access to Services	Outreach and education activities including a mentor, bilingual stipend for direct service staff	Asian, Hispanic	Workforce capacity	\$364,291	12	SARC, RCEB	Bay Area
SCLARC	RC	Early Childhood Outreach and Screening Program	Screenings and Early Start referrals; work with families in Early Start to access and utilize services.	African American, Hispanic	Family/consumer support services	\$159,979	24	SCLARC	Los Angeles
SCLARC	RC	Navigator Project	Navigators provide 1:1 education and supports on generic and regional center services to those with no purchase of services.	African American, Hispanic	Family/consumer support services	\$465,708	12	SCLARC	Los Angeles
SCLARC	RC	Regional Center Leadership Academy	Train the trainer for consumers, parent leaders, staff, and vendors on topics related to regional center services and utilization, promoting empathy, and working with families in difficult situations. In addition, group will develop recommendations for RC to address disparity.	African American, Hispanic	Parent education	\$69,500	12	SCLARC	Los Angeles

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Special Needs Network	CBO	Parent Advocacy Mentor Program	Training program for parents on topics such as understanding assessment results, regional center overview, mediation, and systems navigation.	African American, Hispanic	Parent education	\$167,101	12	SCLARC, FDLRC, ELARC, HRC	Los Angeles
USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles	CBO	Technical Assistance and Peer Education Infrastructure to Increase Impact of Parent-Run CBOs Providing Social-Recreational Services	Community-based organizations that serve African American and Hispanic populations receive monthly trainings from peer mentors on record keeping, tax filing, grant writing, etc. in order to maintain solvency to support the families in the community.	African American, Hispanic	Workforce capacity	\$127,793	12	SCLARC, FDLRC, WRC	Los Angeles
SDRC	RC	Adapting the PUENTE Program for Sustainment and Scale Up	Parents with children 11-16 receive promotora services, meet weekly with promotoras for training on disabilities, school system, behaviors, and regional center and generic services.	Hispanic	Promotora	\$232,149	12	SDRC	Southern California
San Diego State University Research Foundation	CBO	Collaborative Development of Culturally Appropriate Resources for Parents of Individuals with Disabilities	Focus groups to determine needs of communities to create materials/resources; create, translate, and disseminate resources to the community.	Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern	Translation	\$99,998	12	SDRC	Southern California
A Better Life Together	CBO	The B.R.I.D.G.E Project	Outreach, 1:1 navigation, and Parent education on regional center and generic services.	African American, Asian, Middle Eastern	Family/consumer support services	\$158,400	12	SDRC	Southern California
SG/PRC	RC	Vietnamese Outreach Specialist Employed by FRC	Translate materials, and provide outreach to the Vietnamese community.	Vietnamese	Family/consumer support services	\$18,235	12	SGPRC	Los Angeles
SG/PRC	RC	Parent Mentor Initiative	Parents provide coaching to other parents.	Hispanic	Promotora	\$184,400	13	SGPRC	Los Angeles
SG/PRC	RC	Navigating the Regional Center System	Interactive workshops including role-playing and skill practice on regional center and generic resources; provide workshops in local community to minimize transportation challenges.	Communities of Color	Parent education	\$66,505	12	SGPRC	Los Angeles

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SG/PRC	RC	Community Outreach Specialist (Asian Communities)	Outreach specialist to the Asian community.	Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese	Outreach	\$84,606	12	SGPRC	Los Angeles
Access Nonprofit Center	CBO	Supporting African American Families through Education and Outreach...	Educate college students about developmental disabilities for early interventions; provide support groups to parents and caregivers of children with developmental disabilities.	African American, Multi-racial	Outreach	\$88,150	14	SGPRC	Los Angeles
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project	CBO	Proyecto Acceso: Addressing Service Disparities Among the Mixteco/Indigenous and Young Latino Community	Promotora services to navigate regional center and generic services.	Indigenous Latino populations	Family/consumer support services	\$279,327	12	TCRC	Southern California
Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara	CBO	Proyecto: Acceso	Outreach at non-traditional locations and through social media posts; parent support groups including support groups for fathers; individualized supports through promotoras;	Hispanic	Outreach	\$164,837	12	TCRC	Southern California
VMRC	RC	Interpreter Training and Language Access	Interpreter Training and Language Access for Hispanic and Asian communities.	Cambodian, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Vietnamese	Translation	\$100,000	24	VMRC	Central California
Integrated Community Collaborative (ICC Integradoras)	CBO	ICC Integradora Community Outreach	Education and navigation services to Hispanic families.	Hispanic	Promotora	\$571,800	12	VMRC, NLACRC	Central California
WRC	RC	Creating Successful Transitions	Workshops on Early childhood transition for those transitioning from Early Start to Lanterman, and from high school to community life.	African American, Hispanic	Parent education	\$106,018	12	WRC	Los Angeles