

# **Disability Thrive Initiative**

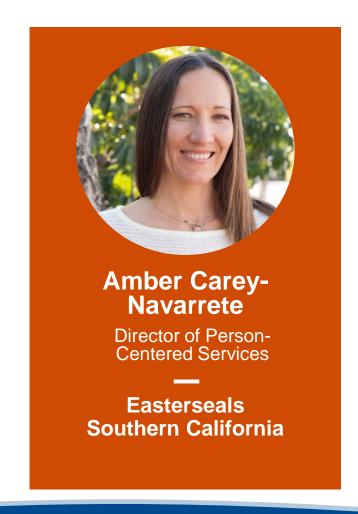
Together, we can THRIVE!

# **DISABILITY THRIVE INITIATIVE LEAD AGENTS**









## **ALTERNATIVE SERVICES**



- COVID-19 greatly impacted people with IDD and their families, changing the ways they engage with their communities.
- The Department of Developmental Services developed the Alternative Services Model, allowing for flexibility and innovation to safely meet the individual needs Californians with developmental disabilities during the pandemic.
- The Initiative will help the IDD community maximize opportunities provided through the alternative services model to be responsive and adaptable to the changing environment and individual needs.

### **ABOUT US**



- Disability Thrive Initiative is an alternative services technical assistance and training program presented by California Disability Services Association and Easterseals of Southern California.
  - In collaboration with State Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Arc California, and California Alliance for Leadership and Education
  - Funded by the Department of Developmental Services and San Diego Regional Center
- The Disability Thrive Initiative will provide statewide training, support and resources on how to deliver and access alternative services for Californians with developmental disabilities through December 2021.

## **WHAT WE OFFER**





Direct assistance with alternative services challenges and peer-to-peer scheduled consultations



A webinar series designed to enhance alternative services and provide best practices



Resources

A resource library with latest COVID-19 data & online resources to help the IDD community thrive

# DISABILITY SERVICES SUPPORT CENTER

- Free one-on-one or group assistance with accessing or delivering alternative services
- The Initiative provides direct support or makes the connection with a consultant who can help
- Examples of support topics for individuals with IDD and families:
  - Working with your provider to get the alternative services you need
  - Accessing available resources
  - Using self-determination for alternative services
- Examples of support topics for providers, staff, and regional centers:
  - Community reengagement and hybrid programming
  - Informed decision-making
  - Innovating existing programs

# **DisabilityThriveInitiative.ZenDesk.com**



# **MONTHLY WEBINARS**

- Dates: Monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
- Live Zoom webinar
- Upcoming topics:
  - Community re-engagement
  - Mental health
- Past topics:
  - Person-centered planning
  - Informed decision-making
  - Technology access
  - Cultural and linguistic needs

# Webinar.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org





ASL and Spanish Interpreters



"These webinars are getting better and better. Each time I am learning so much! Great job all!" – Webinar attendee, March 10

### **LUNCH & LEARN**





- Dates: Monthly on the Fridays after each webinar at 12:00 pm
- Live Zoom meeting
- Continue the conversation about webinar topics!
  - Chat with the Initiative team live
  - Ask questions
  - Share your ideas
  - Brainstorm with others
  - Get support

**LunchAndLearn.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org** 

## **JOIN OUR NEXT EVENTS**





# Planning for Community Reengagement in the Next Phase of Disability Services

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

3:00 – 4:15 pm

Webinar.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org

Continue the conversation at the Lunch & Learn on Friday, May 14 at 12:00 noon!

**LunchAndLearn.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org** 



# **RESOURCE LIBRARY**

www.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org



Archived webinars



Bilingual presentation materials



External resources



# **LET'S PARTNER**

Ways we can work together to support the IDD community:

#### **Eblasts**

Email your list using sample communications in Spanish and English



### **Social Media**

Share opportunities with bilingual graphics and sample posts



### Website

Put us on your website (Graphics and copy provided upon request)





### Toolkit.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org

#### Referrals

Let providers, individuals, and staff know about support options

#### Committees

Schedule our team to present at a meeting

### **Advisors**

Present at a future webinar or provide direct support

## DISABILITY THRIVE INITIATIVE RESOURCES



All of this and more can be found at **DisabilityThriveInitiative.org!** 

**Webinar Registration** 

Webinar.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org

**Lunch & Learn Registration** 

LunchAndLearn.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org

**Support Center** 

**DisabilityThriveInitiative.ZenDesk.com** 

**Email Updates** 

SignUp.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org

# THANK YOU!



We look forward to partnering with you!

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