



DISABILITY THRIVE INITIATIVE
Alternative Services and Supports for the IDD Community

Disability Thrive Initiative

Together, we can THRIVE!

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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



Support

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



Training

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

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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



TODAY'S WEBINAR

- Using a Device Lending Library
- Using the Tech Toolbox
 - The Arc of the United States
- Technology; Improving the OFA Service Experience
 - Options for All
- Time to Partner Up for Technology
 - The Arc of Ventura County
- Resources

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Unlocking Technology as a Key to Connection and Alternative Services



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

Webinar.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org

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!**

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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)



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



[Toolkit.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org](https://www.Toolkit.DisabilityThriveInitiative.org)

DISABILITY THRIVE INITIATIVE RESOURCES



All of this and more can be found at [DisabilityThriveInitiative.org!](https://DisabilityThriveInitiative.org)

Webinar Registration

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Lunch & Learn Registration

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Support Center

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THANK YOU!



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We look forward to partnering with you!

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