

California Department of Developmental Services
Service Access and Equity Grant Program
2023-24 Awarded Projects
Projects below are shown alphabetically by "Organization Name"

Grant #	Organization Name	Organization Type	Project Name	Project Description	Population Focus	Language(s)	Project Type	Awarded Amount	Duration of project	RC	Region
23-C17	Access Nonprofit Center	CBO	Parent Leadership, Advocacy + Founders Forum	Provide Black parents mentorship and training opportunities to empower them and increase representation and participation on community decision-making platforms	African American	English	Education and Training	\$150,000	18 months	IRC, SGPRC	Los Angeles, Southern
23-C03	Ally Comprehensive Services LLC	CBO	Ally's Service Access & Equity Project	Increase understanding of self-determination, computer literacy, and individual leadership skills for Hispanic self-advocates	Hispanic	English, Spanish	Education and Training	\$250,000	20 months	CVRC, KRC	Central
23-C06	Amigo Baby Inc	CBO	Amigo Play	Mobile application to improve access to Early Start services and education for marginalized communities in Spanish and Mixteco	Hispanic, Mixtec	English, Mixteco, Spanish	Education and Training	\$90,000	24 months	KRC, TCRC	Central, Southern
23-C02	Autism Society Inland Empire	CBO	CLASE - Empowering Inland Empire IDD BIPOC Community CBOs for Increased Service Access	Cultivate meaningful engagement with diverse community leaders to increase advocacy and enhance knowledge of regional center services for BIPOC communities	African American, Hispanic	Spanish	Education and Training	\$200,000	24 months	IRC	Southern
23-C23	Being Built Together	CBO	Community Connector Service for Korean Speaking Families	Korean-speaking navigators to provide culturally and linguistically competent support and educational opportunities for parents and caregivers	Korean	Korean	Community Connector	\$475,000	24 months	ELARC, FDLRC, HRC, IRC, NLACRC, RCOC, SDRC, SGPRC, WRC	Los Angeles, Southern
23-C41	Chasing 7 Dreams	CBO	Pamper My Baby	Train BIPOC parents to serve as parent advocates and host workshops to increase early intervention awareness and services access	African American, Asian, Hispanic	Chinese (Mandarin), English, Japanese, Spanish	Education and Training	\$275,000	18 months	IRC, SGPRC	Los Angeles, Southern
23-C10	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	CBO	Parent Navigators in Pediatric Clinics to Support Service Access	Parent Navigators with lived experience to provide direct assistance in pediatric centers to connect families to Early Start services	Afghan, African American, Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Indian, Iranian, Japanese, Kazakhstani, Korean, Native American, Pacific Islander, Slavic, Vietnamese	Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Mandarin), English, Farsi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese	Community Connector	\$875,000	22 months	ELARC, FDLRC, HRC, NLACRC, SCLARC, SGPRC, WRC	Los Angeles
23-C33	Disability Voices United	CBO	The Statewide Emerging Leaders Program	Train and mentor diverse self-advocates and family members to become community leaders and create a council of program graduates who will train future leaders	African American, Asian, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Hispanic	American Sign Language, Amharic, English, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese	Education and Training	\$325,000	18 months	ELARC, HRC, SGPRC, TCRC, VMRC, WRC	Central, Los Angeles
23-C35	Diversity in Health Training Institute	CBO	Asian Resource Network Online Directory	Expand linguistic capacity of Asian Resource Network online directory through translation of educational videos into multiple Asian languages	Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Laos, Mien, Vietnamese	Burmese, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Mandarin), English, Tagalog, Vietnamese	Education and Training	\$200,000	18 months	GGRC, RCEB	Bay Area
23-C49	Escuchen mi voz	CBO	Inclusivity Program: Promotores and Education for Spanish Speakers	Bicultural parent navigators to offer individualized support and technical assistance for underserved Spanish-speaking families	Hispanic	Spanish	Community Connector	\$400,000	24 months	VMRC	Central
23-C07	Families United For Equity Inc	CBO	African American Navigators To Leaders Program	Cultivate a network of community navigators and collaborate with RCEB to reduce barriers for African American communities	African American	English	Community Connector	\$400,000	24 months	RCEB	Bay Area
23-C20	Family Resource Navigators	CBO	Multicultural Leadership Development	Develop four leadership cohorts and provide continuous mentorship to individuals and families from Arab and South Asian communities	Arabic, South Asian	Arabic, English, Hindi, Tamil	Education and Training	\$234,000	24 months	RCEB	Bay Area
23-C52	Friends of Children with Special Needs	CBO	Parent Navigators to Support Service Access for Asian Families	Establish a network of parent navigators to mentor Asian families and offer person-centered navigation of the regional center system	Chinese, Vietnamese	Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Mandarin), Vietnamese	Community Connector	\$325,000	24 months	GGRC, RCEB, SARC	Bay Area
23-C34	Full Circle of Choices (Contra Costa Health)	CBO	Specialty Health Ambassadors - A Sustainable Future	Specialty Health Ambassadors to provide tailored outreach and expertise to underserved African American and Hispanic communities in Contra Costa county	African American, Hispanic	English, Spanish	Education and Training	\$300,000	24 months	RCEB	Bay Area
23-C01	GANAS	CBO	Padres con GANAS	Parent advocacy meetings and peer-to-peer support through evidence-based parent training program for Hispanic parents	Hispanic	Spanish	Community Connector	\$450,000	24 months	IRC	Southern
23-C48	Integrated Community Collaborative	CBO	ICC Community Integradoras	Diverse support groups and culturally competent outreach to create programming designed to empower Latino families and foster collaboration	Hispanic	English, Spanish	Community Connector	\$500,000	18 months	NLACRC, VMRC	Los Angeles, Central
23-C44	Integrated Community Services	CBO	Diversifying Marin's Disability Services Workforce	Train Spanish-speaking staff in cultural humility and launch a community outreach program to increase service utilization for Hispanic individuals with I/DD	Hispanic	Spanish	Education and Training	\$200,000	18 months	GGRC	Bay Area
23-C53	Ives Torres Foundation	CBO	Acceso y Equidad en Servicios para Todos	Technology trainings and parent-to-parent mentorship to empower Spanish-speaking parents and equip them with advocacy tools	Hispanic	English, Spanish	Education and Training	\$225,000	18 months	CVRC, IRC	Central, Southern
23-C15	Korean American Special Ed Center	CBO	Developing Training Curriculum for Parent Navigators in Korean	Culturally and linguistically competent parent navigator trainings for Korean parents to build their knowledge base and leadership skills	Korean	Korean	Education and Training	\$300,000	18 months	FDLRC, HRC, RCOC	Los Angeles, Southern
23-C08	Level Up NorCal	CBO	Bridges to Services 3.0	Developmental screenings and self-advocacy trainings for Hispanic and Southeast Asian families to increase regional center service knowledge	Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Hispanic, Mien, Thai, Vietnamese	Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Mien, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese	Education and Training	\$275,000	24 months	ACRC, FNRC	Northern
23-C45	NorCal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing	CBO	Deaf+ Access to Advocacy	Parent support groups and informational videos to improve access to Early Start for families with Deaf+ children and Deaf+ adults	All	American Sign Language	Community Connector	\$425,000	20 months	ACRC, FNRC, NBRC, RCRC, VMRC	Central, Northern
23-C55	Options for All	CBO	Expanding Workforce Capacity	Employment promotora to recruit Spanish-speaking Direct Support Professionals who build trust and provide individualized support to Hispanic communities	Hispanic	Spanish	Community Connector	\$500,000	18 months	IRC, SDRC	Southern
23-C05	PathPoint	CBO	SAE 23-24	Bilingual service provision and individualized support to build trust, community, and understanding for transition-age youth	African American, Hispanic, Native American	American Sign Language, English, Spanish	Education and Training	\$190,000	24 months	KRC	Central
23-C19	PRAGNYA	CBO	LIFE - Living Informed, Free and Empowered	Peer-to-peer support groups and training workshops to help Southeast Asian and Hispanic individuals lead self-determined lives	Asian Indian, East Asian, Filipino, Hispanic, Pakistani	Amharic, Bangla (Bengali), Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Maithili, Malayalam, Punjabi, Sinhala, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Vietnamese	Community Connector	\$400,000	24 months	GGRC, RCEB, SARC	Bay Area
23-RCRC	Redwood Coast Regional Center	RC	Building Workforce and Stakeholder Education in the Redwood Community	Registered Behavior Technician courses and job placement assistance for rural communities to promote a culturally appropriate workforce	Hispanic, Native American	English, Spanish	Education and Training	\$300,000	24 months	RCRC	Northern
23-C56	Seesaw Communities, Inc	CBO	Seesaw	Culturally sensitive seminars in Korean and meaningful engagement to increase family access to employment-related resources	Korean	Korean	Education and Training	\$250,000	18 months	ELARC, FDLRC, HRC, RCOC, SGPRC	Los Angeles, Southern
23-SCLARC	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center	RC	Navigator Program	One-to-one navigation support for African American and Hispanic families to increase capacity to navigate systems of care	African American, Hispanic	English, Spanish	Community Connector	\$500,000	18 months	SCLARC	Los Angeles

23-C04	Special Kids Connect	CBO	Supporting Monterey County children with developmental screenings, case management, and parent education	Host developmental screenings to facilitate community connections and provide 1:1 navigation for underserved Hispanic families	Hispanic	English, Mixteco, Spanish, Triqui	Community Connector	\$441,000	24 months	SARC	Bay Area
23-C21	Special Needs Network	CBO	Continuation of the LA County Foster Youth Pipeline to Treatment	Referral program for foster youth to streamline timely diagnosis, screening, and initiation of regional center services	African American, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Korean	Chinese (Mandarin), English, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog	Community Connector	\$475,000	18 months	SCLARC	Los Angeles
23-C39	Stanford University	CBO	Ayudando Latinos A Soñar (ALAS) PRIMES: Promoting Resilience/Innovative Medical-community partnership and Early Start	Community-embedded clinical program integrating developmental needs identification with service advocacy and navigation for farmworkers	Hispanic, Mam, Mixteco, Quechua	Mam, Mixteco, Quechua, Spanish	Community Connector	\$600,000	18 months	GGRC, SARC	Bay Area
23-C29	The Arc of California	CBO	Congreso Familiar	Equip rural Spanish-speaking families with technology and education through peer-to-peer training workshops	Hispanic	Spanish	Education and Training	\$250,000	18 months	ACRC, CVRC, KRC, VMRC	Central, Northern
23-C32	The Regents of the University of California, Irvine	CBO	Increasing Access & Improving Safety through Screening, Education & Advocacy	Bilingual parent support sessions and developmental screenings for African American, Hispanic, and unhoused families	African American, Caribbean, Hispanic, Temporarily Unhoused/Experiencing Homelessness	English, Spanish	Education and Training	\$370,000	18 months	RCOC	Southern
23-C22	USC UCEDD at CHLA1	CBO	Technical Assistance and Peer Mentorship Infrastructure for Parent and Self-Advocate led CBOs	Peer Mentor program providing one-on-one coaching, consulting, and technical assistance to CBOs	African American, Chinese, Hispanic, Japanese, Mixteco, Native American, Vietnamese	Chinese (Mandarin), English, Japanese, Mixtec, Spanish, Vietnamese	Education and Training	\$350,000	18 months	ELARC, HRC, SGPRC, WRC,	Los Angeles