

Kern Regional Center

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Performance Report for Kern Regional Center

Every year, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with regional centers in California to serve individuals and families. And, every year DDS looks at how well the regional centers are doing. This report will give you information about your regional center.

Last year, at Kern Regional Center (KRC) we served about 14,330 individuals. The charts on page two tell you about the individuals we serve. You'll also see how well we are doing in meeting our goals and in fulfilling our contract with DDS.

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At KRC, we want to improve every year, do better than the state average, and meet or exceed the DDS standard. KRC is committed to providing quality services and supports to the individuals and families we serve. As you can see in this report, we did well in reducing the percentage of individuals living in a developmental center, increasing the percentage of adults living in home settings, and continuing to not place children in large facilities. KRC's percentage of children living with families improved from last year, with the percentage being above the state average. KRC's percentage of adults living in large facilities reduced in numbers in comparison to last year and continues to remain below the state average. KRC will continue to strive to support children and families to remain together in the family home, to identify home like settings for adults living in large facilities, and to transition adults who require temporary large facility placements such as skilled nursing facilities, back to home like environments when that level of care is no longer required.

The DDS Standards chart on page 4 reflect that KRC met audit and operations requirements and participated in the federal waiver program, an important source of funding for our system. KRC's performance in updates of the Client Development Evaluation Report and Early Start Report improved during the current reporting period, as did our ability to meet intake timelines for individuals age 3 and older who applied for our services. KRC's performance meeting Individual Family Service Plan requirements for children below the age of 3 in our Early Start program improved. KRC is a fast growing regional center with many individuals applying to be assessed for services.

KRC will continue to make strong efforts to grow our staff and clinical assessment resources to keep pace with our rapid client growth.

We hope this report helps you learn more about KRC. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us!

This report is a summary. To see the complete report, go to: <https://kernrc.org>

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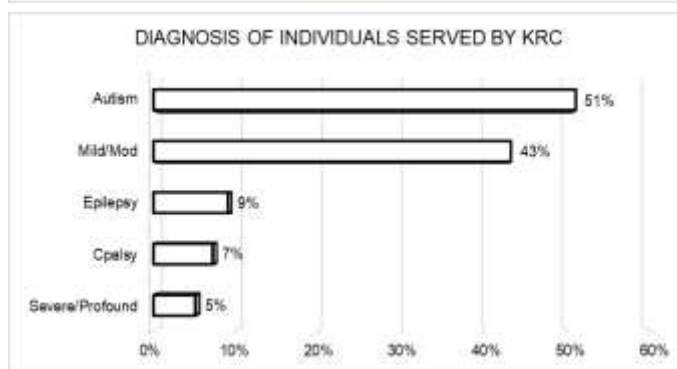
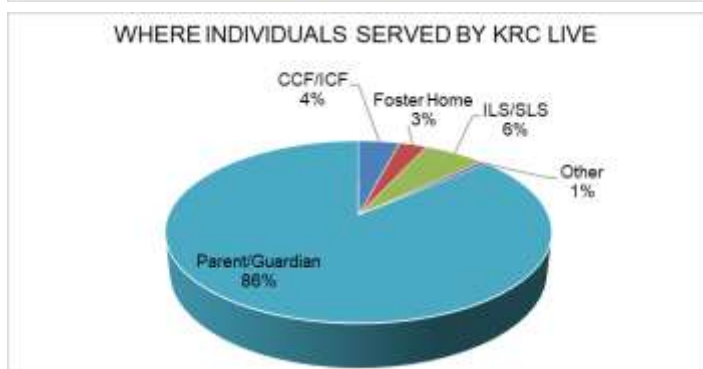
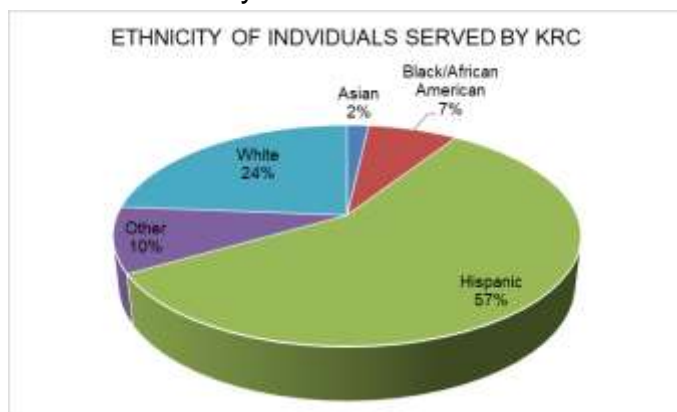
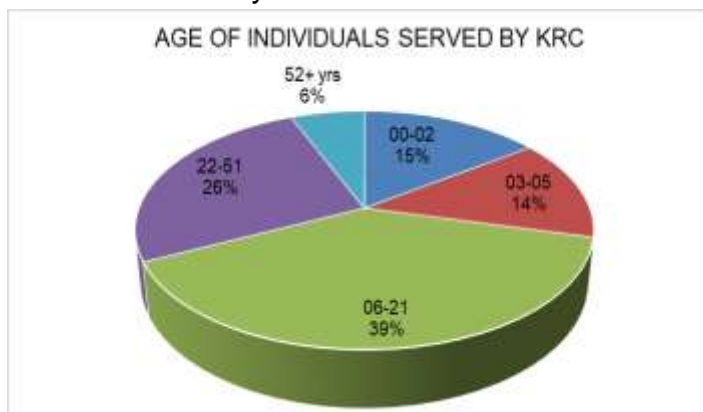
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Interim Executive Director, Kern Regional Center

Who uses KRC?

These charts tell you about who KRC individuals are and where they live.



How well is KRC performing?

This chart tells you five areas where DDS wants each regional center to keep improving.

The first column tells you how KRC was doing last reporting period, and the second column shows how KRC was doing at the end of fiscal year 2024.

To see how KRC compares to the other regional centers in the state, compare the numbers to the state averages (in the shaded columns).

Regional Center Goals (based on Lanterman Act)	Last Reporting Period (December 2022)		Current Reporting Period (June 2024)	
	State Average	KRC	State Average	KRC
Fewer individuals live in developmental centers	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%	0.04%
More children live with families	99.61%	99.67%	99.69%	99.72%
More adults live in home settings	83.01%	86.95%	83.86%	88.15%
Fewer children live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	0.03%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%
Fewer adults live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	1.67%	0.89%	1.46%	0.85%

Notes: 1) Individuals can be included in more than one diagnosis category. 2) Residence Types: CCF/ICF is Community Care Facility/Intermediate Care Facility; ILS/SLS is Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services. 3) Home settings include independent living, supported living, Adult Family Home Agency homes, and individuals' family homes. 4) Green text indicates the RC remained the same or improved from the previous year, red indicates the RC did not improve.

Did KRC meet DDS standards?

Read below to see how well KRC did in meeting DDS compliance standards:

Areas Measured	Last Period	Current Period
Passes independent audit	Yes	Yes
Passes DDS audit	Yes	Yes
Audits vendors as required	Met	Met
Didn't overspend operations budget	Yes	Yes
Participates in the federal waiver	Yes	Yes
CDERs and ESRs are updated as required (CDER is the Client Development Evaluation Report and ESR is the Early Start Report. Both contain information about individuals, including diagnosis.)	96.87%	99.65%
Intake/Assessment timelines for individuals age 3 or older met	92.26%	96.56%
IPP (<i>Individual Program Plan</i>) requirements met	98.68%	97.69%
IFSP (<i>Individualized Family Service Plan</i>) requirements met	93.9%	96.9%

Notes: 1) The federal waiver refers to the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program that allows California to offer services not otherwise available through the Medi-Cal program to serve people (including individuals with developmental disabilities) in their own homes and communities. 2) The CDER and ESR currency percentages were weighted based on the RC's Status 1 and Status 2 caseloads to arrive at a composite score. 3) N/A indicates that the regional center was not reviewed for the measure during the current period.

How well is KRC doing at getting individuals working?

The chart below shows how well KRC is performing on increasing individual employment performance compared to their prior performance and statewide averages:

Areas Measured		Time Period			
		CA	KRC	CA	KRC
Individual Earned Income (Age 16 to 64 years): Data Source: Employment Development Department		Jan through Dec 2022		Jan through Dec 2023	
Quarterly number of individuals with earned income		31,413	768	32,132	729
Percentage of individuals with earned income		15.40%	13.15%	15.20%	11.87%
Average annual wages		\$13,198	\$13,440	\$14,251	\$14,124
Annual earnings of individuals compared to people with all disabilities in California Data Source: American Community Survey, 2022 five-year estimate		2021		2022	
		\$30,783		\$29,382	
National Core Indicator Adult In-Person Survey*		July 2017-June 2018		July 2020-June 2021	
Percentage of adults who reported having integrated employment as a goal in their IPP		29%	31%	35%	N/A
Paid Internship Program Data Source: Paid Internship Program Survey		2021-22		2022-23	
		CA Average	KRC	CA Average	KRC
Number of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program		1,527	56	2,650	97
Percentage of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program		12%	16%	10%	18%
Average hourly or salaried wages for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program		\$15.08	\$14.83	\$15.96	\$15.45
Average hours worked per week for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program		15	15	14	20
Competitive Integrated Employment Data Source: Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Program Survey					
Average wages for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made		\$15.63	\$15.04	\$16.51	\$15.70
Average hours worked for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made		22	29	21	24
Total number of Incentive payments made for the fiscal year for the following amounts:**	\$3,000	25	5	804	12
	\$2,500	42	7	849	20
	\$2,000	55	11	1,031	21

*Regional centers receive an 'N/A' designation within the table if fewer than 20 people responded to the survey item.

How well is KRC doing at reducing disparities and improving equity?

These tables show you how well the regional center is doing at providing services equally for all individuals.

Percent of total annual purchase of service expenditures by individual's ethnicity and age

Age Group	Measure	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black/African American		Hispanic		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Other Ethnicity or Race	
		21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
Birth to 2	Individuals	1%	1%	3%	3%	5%	5%	62%	65%	0%	0%	17%	16%	12%	9%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	61%	64%	0%	0%	18%	18%	12%	10%
3 to 21	Individuals	1%	1%	3%	3%	7%	7%	57%	59%	0%	0%	22%	20%	10%	10%
	Expenditures	1%	0%	5%	7%	9%	8%	49%	48%	0%	0%	26%	26%	10%	11%
22 and older	Individuals	1%	1%	3%	3%	10%	10%	40%	41%	0%	0%	41%	40%	5%	5%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	3%	3%	11%	11%	28%	30%	0%	0%	52%	50%	5%	5%

Number and percent of individuals receiving only case management services by age and ethnicity

Measure	Fiscal Year	Number of Eligible Individuals Receiving Case Management Only			Percent of Eligible Individuals Receiving Case Management Only		
		Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older	Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older
American Indian or Alaska Native	21-22	2	25	4	10%	58%	14%
	22-23	0	14	6	0%	31%	19%
Asian	21-22	3	82	19	5%	39%	16%
	22-23	9	73	25	10%	33%	20%
Black/African American	21-22	11	159	72	9%	39%	16%
	22-23	6	162	71	4%	33%	16%
Hispanic	21-22	79	1,460	419	6%	42%	24%
	22-23	70	1,556	461	4%	37%	25%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	21-22	0	3	0	N/A	50%	0%
	22-23	0	4	0	0%	57%	0%
White	21-22	40	585	310	10%	43%	17%
	22-23	30	567	310	6%	39%	17%
Other Ethnicity or Race	21-22	23	252	48	8%	41%	21%
	22-23	9	261	55	4%	37%	23%
Total	21-22	158	2,566	872	7%	42%	20%
	22-23	124	2,637	928	4%	37%	21%

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