



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following pages include accomplishments shared by the Department of Developmental Services (Department). These represent just a fraction of the great work that has happened in 2025 in collaboration with our community. **None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the input and efforts of individuals and families, regional centers, services providers, advocates, local and state partners, and countless others across the State.**

As we move into 2026, we look forward to building upon this work with continued collaboration and celebrating the wins with you all!

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MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

- [Master Plan](#) released in March 2025 with 167 recommendations from the community
- Reflects input from Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families
- Efforts continue to implement recommendations statewide





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CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, & YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

- Rolled out [Achieving Critical Employment Skills \(ACES\)](#) Secondary Transition pilot program with the California Department of Rehabilitation, San Jacinto Unified School District and Inland Regional Center
- 4 [Interagency Coordinating Council \(ICC\) on Early Intervention](#) public meetings
- 10k+ family outcomes surveys distributed
- 6 new resources published to the DDS website
 - [Assistive Technology Infographic](#)
 - [Communication Services FAQs](#)
 - [Augmentative and Alternative Communication \(AAC\) Infographic](#)
 - [Parent Guide to Regional Center Eligibility](#)
 - [Supported Decision Making FAQs](#)
 - [Provisional Eligibility FAQs](#)

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

- [Standardized Individual Program Plan](#) template launched on January 1, 2025
- [Standardized Vendorization Process](#) launched on December 3, 2025
- Continued development of [Standardized Respite Tool](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Community Transitions
 - 102 individuals transitioned from restrictive environments, such as Porterville DC, Canyon Springs & IMDs into community-based residences
- 26 new homes opened
 - Deaf-centered and Deaf-led Specialized Home for the DeafPlus
 - Home to support individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome
 - 91 new community development projects approved across all regional centers
- Multi-family Affordable Housing
 - 14 new multi-family developments constructed and opened
 - 249 units designated as set-aside for individuals with I/DD and their families

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Multi-family Affordable Housing

South River Village

15 new units for individuals & families served by SDRC



Harrington Heights

40 units set aside for individuals & families served by SDRC



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Modica Family Apartments & Taormina Family Apartments

Between the two developments, 58 units set aside for individuals & families served by SDRC



Piper Way Senior Apartments

9 units set aside for individuals & families served by FNRC



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Crescent Grove

15 new units for individuals & families served by RCEB



Lexington Gardens

12 units set aside for individuals & families served by FDLRC



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Light Tree Two Apartments

10 units set aside for individuals and families served by GGRC



The Meridian

23 units set aside for individuals and families served by SARC



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Marisol Village

15 units set aside for individuals & families served by ACRC



Kelsey Civic Center

14 units set aside for individuals & families served by GGRC



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1612 Apartments

16 units set aside for individuals & families served by VMRC



Bryson II

15 units set aside for individuals & families served by FDLRC



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Pallesen's Place

10 units set aside for individuals & families served by RCRC



525 N Capitol

12 units set aside for individuals & families served by SARC



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Prisma Artist Lofts

11 units set aside for individuals & families served by SG/PRC

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SERVICE INNOVATION & OVERSIGHT

Workforce Initiatives

- [Direct Service Professionals \(DSP\) Internship Program](#)
 - 417 interns placed and 150 interns converted
- [DSP University](#)
 - Partnering to develop LMS content
 - Phase 1 of Tier one launching late winter
- [DSP Training](#) 1 and 2 Enrollment Report (January 1 – November 30, 2025)
 - 661 classes held
 - 16,573 enrolled
 - 11,645 who took final test
 - 11,158 passing (96% passing rate)
- [Technology Pilot Program](#)
 - Partnership with Alta California Regional Center, Strategies to Empower People, On My Own Independent Living Services, & East Bay Innovations
 - Explores how technology can be used to support and protect individuals with I/DD in all areas of life
 - Key outcomes (Evaluation Report July 29, 2025)
 - Feelings of safety increased from 52% to 84%
 - 96% of participants felt they had choices about their assistive technology
 - 91% were satisfied with their inclusion in deciding which devices would work best for them
- [RC Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program](#)
 - 577 total participants
 - \$3.8 million reimbursed
 - 91% participant retention

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Deaf Access Services

- New ASL Training and Support service code 644
- In collaboration with the Deafblind Consultant, Laura Thomas, provided 4 statewide webinars on the Impact of DeafBlindness
- 4 Person-Centered Trainers fluent in ASL available to offer trainings

Electronic Visit Verification

- 42% increase in EVV-participating providers since July 2025, strengthening statewide engagement and compliance readiness
- 11% increase in KPI #1 performance over the past year – this year-over-year growth reflects stronger provider adoption, improved data accuracy, and the impact of our ongoing outreach and support efforts
- EVV Training Road Show launched, providing hands-on support to improve provider and RC understanding of EVV processes and requirements

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

- In July, DDS' final service provider reached initial HCBS compliance, bringing the total to 7,680 settings reviewed on-site by RCs with oversight provided by the DDS HCBS team. All milestone activities related to California's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) reported to CMS as now complete.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Competitive Integrated Employment

- Researching and bringing forward multi-year systems concepts that enhance and support competitive integrated employment, such as all individuals earning at least minimum wage
- Roadmap to employment in development with California Department of Education and California Department

STATEWIDE CLINICAL SERVICES

- [Autism Resource Hub webpage](#) provided information to over 17,000 users
- 460 individuals and families assisted through the [Autism Helpline](#)
- 4 quarterly Autism Focus Group meetings with advocates held to get input and recommendations on services/supports
- In collaboration with the UC Davis MIND Institute, DDS' Autism ECHO program ran 3 6-week virtual learning community cohorts: (1) Community Perspectives on Neurodiversity, (2) Patient Centered Care, and (3) ECHO Autismo (in Spanish)
- Collaboration with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to develop workbooks for individuals with I/DD to recover from natural disaster events
 - 4 graphic artists hired through the Paid Internship Program to create illustrations for the books

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OFFICE OF STATEWIDE CLINICAL SERVICES

- [Safety Net](#) workgroup reestablished, meeting since March 2025
- First 2 [Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs \(GHCSHN\)](#) were certified and opened
- Enhanced Supported Living Services (ESLS) workgroup began, meeting since March 2025 – goal is to develop and formalize ESLS as a service model for scalability, consistency, and quality across the state
- Collaborated with the Department of Social Services/Adult Protective Services to present at the public webinar for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- Through partnership with the California Department of Aging, presented at the Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee
- Trainings delivered to the State Alliance Team, and representatives of RCs, local agencies, and sister departments, about aging with I/DD and the National Task Group – Early Detection Screen for Dementia
- [System of Care Resource Hub webpage](#) launched, which compiles resources and information from entities to support children, youth, caregivers, parents, and professionals who support youth in foster care or probation
- Partnered with the Child and Family Policy Institute of California, state departments, and associations to launch the “Equipping Children and Youth System of Care Teams” webinar series
- 3 Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes/Community Crisis Homes Provider workshops held in collaboration with RCs, providers and community partners covering the topics of:
 - Evidence-Based Practice: Improving Functional Communication Outcomes Part I & II
 - Cultivating Community Partnerships

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QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality Incentive Program (QIP)

- The first phase of QIP completed with incentives totaling approx. \$95 million
- The first 3 QIP surveys/reporting measures developed and launched that will inform provider rates in FY 2026-27 (over 15,000 surveys sent to providers)

National Core Indicators (NCI)

- 8,614 interview-style (face-to-face) surveys completed on individual and family experience with the service system during the FY 2024-25 in-person survey cycle

ACCESS & EQUITY

- [2025-26 & 2026-27 Service Access & Equity Grant Cycle](#) announced, reimagined to drive meaningful access and equity
- 4th Annual Native American Symposium on I/DD
- Chief Equity Officer Community of Practice launched
- Community Navigator Program – capacity increased to ~2.5 Navigators with cultural/lived experience per catchment area

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RISK MANAGEMENT

- Special Incident Reporting (SIR)
 - [Title 17 SIR reporting regulations](#) approved June 11, 2025, and effective May 1, 2026
- Best Practice Resources for SIR reporting
 - [Regional Center Guidelines for Reporting of Special Incidents](#)
 - [Vendor Guidelines for Reporting of Special Incidents](#)
 - Learning Management System SIR Modules

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- RC iSeries migration to single data center - 18 of 21 RCs moved their iSeries environment (UFS and SANDIS) to a common cloud environment
 - Provides professional administration of the systems, improves performance, redundancy of infrastructure, and protection from fires and other emergency situations
- Provider Directory Phase 1 went live early 2025 – added 13,811 vendor users and 40,916 parent/child service organizations; Phase 2 launched
- Geographical Information Systems
 - Emergency Preparedness Team assisted with evacuation mapping during the Los Angeles County fires
 - Visual comparisons regarding RC catchment areas and RC changes
 - Tsunami Evacuation/Inundation mapping data provided for Emergency Preparedness Team and GGRC for seismic event that impacted California coast

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

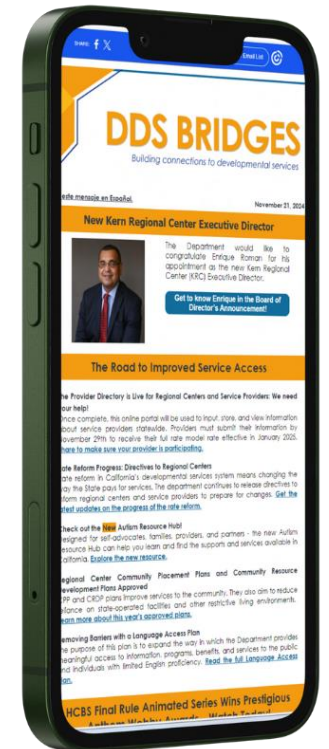
- Repeal of the Parental Fee Program effective July 1, 2025

WAIVER & RATES

- [Rate Reform](#) full implementation began January 1, 2025
 - Goal is more equitable rates, strengthen workforce stability and improve service quality and outcomes
 - Covers over 56 service codes and over 20,000 providers statewide
- Invoicing of over \$5.3 billion in federal reimbursements

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Meetings & Webinars
 - 232 total sessions conducted
- Language Access & Accessibility
 - 885 oral interpretations completed
 - 663 written translations, including critical documents completed
- Grew online engagement with the community through the Department's [Social Media \(Instagram, Facebook, & YouTube\)](#) pages and [Bridges Newsletter](#)



Fairview Developmental Center



Overview and History



Receiving and Treatment (R&T Building), circa 1960

- On January 5, 1959, opened as Farview State Hospital; final construction was completed in 1964
- Originally designed to serve over 4,000 individuals, Fairview's population peaked at 2,637 in 1967, and shifting away from large institutions, guided by the Lanterman Act
- In 1986, the facility was re-established as Fairview Developmental Center (FDC), reflecting a movement toward person-centered care and community integration
- In February 2020, the last individual at FDC transitioned into the community

Pioneering Care

- In the 1960s, FDC began person-centered care through individualized treatment programs, involving volunteers and family members in care plans
- FDC offered on-site work and activity opportunities, including window screening, painting, laundry services, hospitality, groundskeeping, and light assembly and packaging for local industries
- FDC fostered community connection through events
 - Parades, holiday programs and reunions
 - Haunted houses and trick-or-treating
 - Fundraising walks and runs

Although large, institutional settings are no longer recognized as appropriate permanent residential placement, FDC represented and laid the foundation for the modern, community-based mode of care we have today.



FDC grounds



Future of FDC


December 16, 2025

- The FDC Warm Shutdown Team has moved the facility and campus into Cold Shutdown
- 24/7 operations, such as boilers, chillers, and plant operations will end
- Projects will continue, such as decommissioning, isolating electrical circuits, surplusing items, closing drains, and clearing sightlines for security

February 27, 2026

- Full transition into cold shutdown





In saying goodbye to FDC, we are thankful for the decades of service and history that happened on campus. For those who called FDC home, it was cutting edge for its time and gave individuals the support to thrive.

We say a special thanks to all FDC staff who have been on this journey with us. It truly would not be what it was without you.

Thank you!