**SPECIAL NEEDS DESERVE SPECIAL ATTENTION**

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (SCLARC) is a private, non-profit, community-based organization.

SCLARC contracts with the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to coordinate services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. SCLARC is one of 21 regional centers serving communities throughout California. One of our goals is to ensure that individuals who are eligible to receive services (consumers) are assisted in living the highest quality life possible in their communities.

The California Regional Center system was developed by the State Legislature in order to implement its policies regarding citizens diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Specifically, the passage of the Lanterman Developmental Services Act in 1966 created the Regional Center System whereby the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with local community-based agencies. These agencies are known as Regional Centers and assist people of all ages with intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, autism, and other similar disabilities. We provide intake, assessment, diagnosis, and lifelong service coordination.

Each Regional Center serves its own geographic area. SCLARC serves five (5) County of Los Angeles Health Districts including Compton, San Antonio, South, Southeast and Southwest. This area is bounded by Washington Blvd. on the north La Cienega Blvd. on the west, and the eastern and southern boundaries of Downey, Paramount, Compton, Dominguez Hills, and parts of Carson.

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**Mission**

SCLARC believes special needs deserve special attention. We are committed to the provision of culturally sensitive services which enhance the inherent strengths of the family and enable consumers to lead independent and productive lives.

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**“Before I came to regional center, I was depressed because I didn’t know where to get answers. I felt helpless. But once my daughter had a diagnosis and I went through the parent orientation, I felt better because I knew how to help Christy!”**

Mireya Romero, SCLARC Parent

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**“Renee Culpepper does so much for me. She is a great worker and I couldn’t be happier. Thanks to the regional center as well.”**

Herbert Osteen
SCLARC Consumer

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**The rewards have come from the consumers who “dared to dream” of living and working independently. They have proven that “yes I can” live as I choose.**

Tollea Marshall M.A.
Former Early Start Program Manager

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SCLARC BY THE NUMBERS

- **1 Mission to Provide Excellent Services**
- **15,500 Consumers & Families**
- **44 Years of Service**
- **1012 Vendor Partners**
- **$229 Million Annual Budget**
- **435 Staff Members & Consultants**
- **10 Parent Support Groups**
- **6500 Total Number of Yearly Intakes**
- **5 Advisory Committees**
- **16 Case Management Units**

**DIAGNOSIS:**
- **40%** Intellectual Disability
- **35%** Autism
- **12%** Epilepsy
- **8%** Cerebral Palsy
- **5%** Other

**ETHNICITY:**
- **67%** Hispanic
- **25%** African American
- **3%** White
- **5%** Other

**PRIMARY LANGUAGE:**
- **47%** Spanish
- **53%** English

**Male** 64%  **Female** 34%

**Service Area**

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