SCLARC

POS Disparity
Town Hall Meeting

2013
AGENDA

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III.  Explaining Intake and Assessment Policies

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###POS Disparity Data

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Total Statewide: $11,323

Variance: -27.2%
Our numbers tell us:

✓ Under Autism, 888 consumers did not have POS or 31.9% of total consumers with this diagnosis

✓ 2075 Hispanic consumers have no POS or 26.8% of total consumers under this Ethnicity

✓ Per capita spending per consumer under the Hispanic Ethnicity is below the state average

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Consumer Totals by Ethnicity

- SCLARC Consumer Total
- African American 30%
- Hispanic 61%
- Other 9%

Thursday, June 27, 13
AFRICAN AMERICAN Consumer Ages

- 0-2 = 295 (7.7%)
- 3-21 = 1484 (38.6%)
- 22+ = 2061 (53.7%)

TOTAL = 3840
HISPANIC Consumer Ages

- 0-2 = 1218 (15.76%)
- 3-21 = 4583 (59.3%)
- 22+ = 1929 (25.0%)

Total = 7730

75% under 22
Total = 5801

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African American = 1484
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Ages 3-21

Public Funded

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Thursday, June 27, 13
**Public vs. RC funded Programs**

- **African American = 2061**
- **Hispanic = 1929**

**Ages 22+**

- **Public Funded**
  - 315

- **Public Funded**
  - 450

- **RC Funded**
  - 1,033

- **RC Funded**
  - 731

Thursday, June 27, 13
WHAT WE DISCOVERED:

- 91% of SCLARC’s consumers are Hispanic and African American (30% African American / 61% Hispanic)
- 54% of African Americans are over 22 years of age
- 75% of Hispanics are under 22 years of age (children and young adults)
- Generic resources such as the school district provide a majority of the services for consumers under the age of 22
- Elimination of Regional Center funding of recreation services (swimming, camp, etc.) through TBL
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
African American

- Family / Own Home: 2611 (70%)
- Residential: 1129 (30%)

TOTAL = 3840
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
Hispanic

- Family / Own Home: 7162 (93%)
- Residential: 578 (7%)

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LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
POS Totals

- African American = 1129
- Hispanic = 578

Average Cost per African American Consumer = $28,107.82
Average Cost per Hispanic Consumer = $26,406.76

Total = 1807
What we discovered:

✓ 30% of African American consumers reside in RC funded residential facilities (70% live at home)

✓ 7% of Hispanics reside in RC funded residential facilities (93% live at home)

✓ RC funded residential services will normally include day program services, transportation services as well as any supplemental services determined through individual consumer needs

✓ African American and Hispanic residential placements average a similar share of cost (Hispanic = $26,406.76 and African American = $28,107.82)
What we learned?

- Hispanic Consumer **Age** plays a factor in SCLARC’s POS Disparity (75% are under the age of 22)

- Living Arrangements plays a factor in the POS Disparity (93% of Hispanic consumers live at home with their families)

- Trailer Bill Legislation played a factor in the POS Disparity (all consumers under the age of 22)
What Can SCLARC do?

1. Revaluate and modify our POS policy and make changes if necessary to ensure that our families receive services they need

2. Train our SCs to fully understand our system in order for them to share accurate information and educate our families on how the regional system functions; explain the responsibility of generic resources and be able to refer families to these resources
What Can SCLARC do?

3. Educate and inform our families in regards to services, laws, and the regional center system in simple language and provide them with information in a format that is easier to understand.

4. Train SCs on how to improve communication with families and refer them to a generic resource instead of just saying, “No, we do not fund that service.”
EXPLAINING
INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT POLICIES
**Early Start Intake**

**Within 45 days of a referral:**

- Intake Assistants schedules intake evaluation appointment with Intake Service Coordinator.
- The Early Start Eligibility team reviews all evaluations, medical records and parents concerns to determine eligibility for Early Start services and recommends appropriate services.
- If the consumer is determined **not** eligible, the case is processed for closure.
- If the consumer is determined eligible, the case is assigned to an on-going service coordinator and IFSP meeting is held to identify parents concerns, priorities, strengths and resources, and services.
- The IFSP team develops a plan for services (Individual Family Service Plan –IFSP).
Early Start Intake

At least every 6 months:

• Service Coordinator completes the Periodic Review of the IFSP via the telephone or face to face contact to address the family’s concerns, priorities and resources, and early intervention services updates and changes are made if needed.

At least annually:

• Service Coordinator completes IFSP meeting via a face to face contact and IFSP team writes a new plan for the upcoming year, to address the family’s concerns, priorities and resources, and early intervention services updates for the possibility of changes if needed.

Between 2.8 and 2.9 years of age:

• Service Coordinator schedules IFSP Transition planning meeting.
• Service Coordinator develops the IFSP Transition plan.
• Service Coordinator schedules the psychological evaluation appointment.
Early Start Intake

Between 2.9 and 2.10 years of age:

• Service Coordinator submits the case for re-determination of eligibility to the team for review.
• If consumer is determined eligible for Lanterman Act services, the service coordinator completes Exit IFSP.
• Service Coordinator transfers case to DCAS for Lanterman Act services at 2.10 years of age.

Between 2.11 and 3.0 years of age:

• If consumer is determined not eligible for Lanterman Act services, the service coordinator completes Exit IFSP.
• Service Coordinator submits case for closure and all Early Start services end on the child’s third birthday.
**Lanterman Intake**

**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER**

**INTAKE PROCEDURES**

**TIMEFRAMES**
- On-going
- Emergency

15 Working Days or Less

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**Initial Inquiry and Referral (age 3.0 & above)**
- Intake Assistant – Bertha Romero - 213-744-8872

**Review Initial Inquiry**
- Program Manager - Gricelda E. James – 213-744-8888

**Psycho Social Assessment**
- Face to Face Interview
- Intake Service Coordinator
- Prospective Consumer/Careprovider/Significant Others

**Internal / External Assessment Services**
- Intake Service Coordinator Requests Internal/External Evaluations
- Intake Service Coordinator schedules additional assessments as warranted:
  - Medical
  - Nutritional
  - Speech & Language
  - Psychological
  - Educational
  - Genetics
  - OT/PT
  - Psychiatric

**Core Staffing Review / Determination of Eligibility**
- Interdisciplinary Team Decision
- Interdisciplinary Team Conference Report
- Recommendations / Referrals
- Intake Program Manager Review

**5 Calendar Days or Less**
- Not Eligible
  - Letter of Ineligibility
  - Community Resources & Referrals
  - Family Resource Center
  - Appeals Procedures
  - Closed Not Developmental Disabled

**5 Calendar Days or Less**
- Eligible
  - Letter of Eligibility
  - Parent Orientation Meeting
  - Referrals
  - Family Resource Center
  - Transfer to SCLARC Unit
  - Appeals Procedures
  - Department of Children and Adult Services – Units I through IX

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SCLARC’S
Menu of Services
Some of the services and supports provided by the regional centers include:

- Information and referral
- Assessment and diagnosis
- Counseling
- Lifelong individualized planning and service coordination
- Purchase of necessary services included in the individual program plan
- Resource development
- Outreach
- Assistance in finding and using community and other resources
- Advocacy for the protection of legal, civil and service rights
- Early intervention services for at risk infants and their families
- Genetic counseling
- Family support
- Planning, placement, and monitoring for 24-hour out-of-home care
- Training and educational opportunities for individuals and families
- Community education about developmental disabilities
Services provided by Regional Center

The following is a partial list of supportive services and living arrangements available for persons with developmental disabilities

• Day Program Services
• Dental Services Utilizing Denti-Cal
• Education Services
• Work Services Program (formerly Habilitation)
• Supported Employment
• Work Activity Programs
• Support Services
• Supported Living Services
Services provided by Regional Center (cont.)

- Affordable Housing
- Family Home Agency
- Foster Family Agency
- Independent Living
- In-Home Supportive Services
- Respite (In-Home) Services
- Transportation Services
- Community Care Facilities (CCFs)
- Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs)
Customer Service
Next Steps