

FY 2007-08 ANNUAL REPORT



SCLARC Parent Group



2007 Christmas Holiday Giving Campaign



Grassroots Day Rally at the Capitol



SCLARC Legislative Forum



Leah Receives Her Degree

SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER

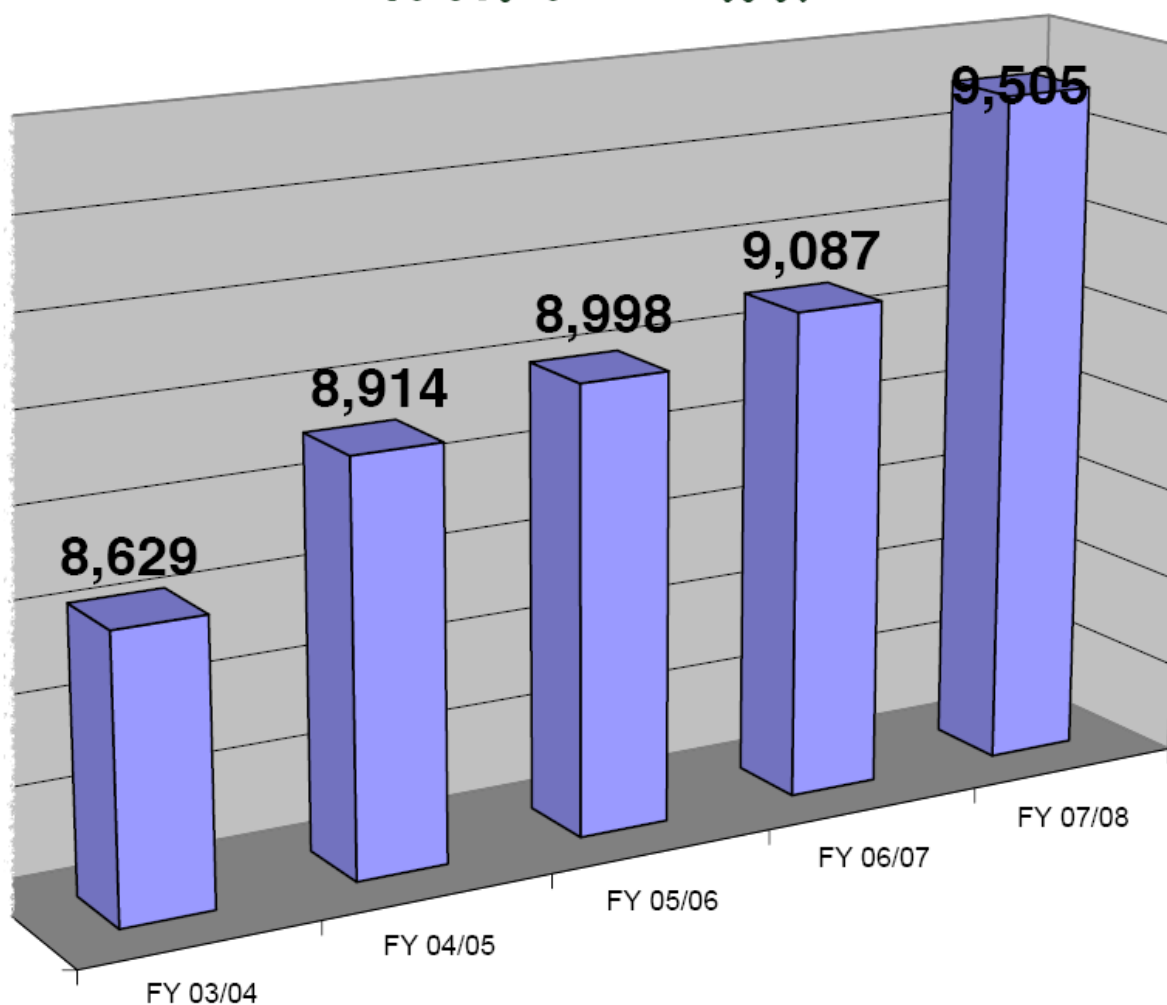


Since its founding in 1974, SCLARC has grown from serving 1,000 to 9,500 consumers and an annual budget of approximately \$130 million. Operating under a contract with the State Department of Developmental Services, (DDS) SCLARC's staff provides intake, assessment, advocacy, diagnosis, counseling, outreach and lifelong case management services for those who are at-risk of developmental disabilities. Working in close partnership with the regional center is a dedicated force of service providers who offer a high level of quality care and professional expertise. Combining those efforts with those of our consumers and their families allows SCLARC consumers to be acknowledged members of society who are no longer relegated to living in state hospitals and institution-like settings, but are instead able to hone their living skills in settings of their choice.

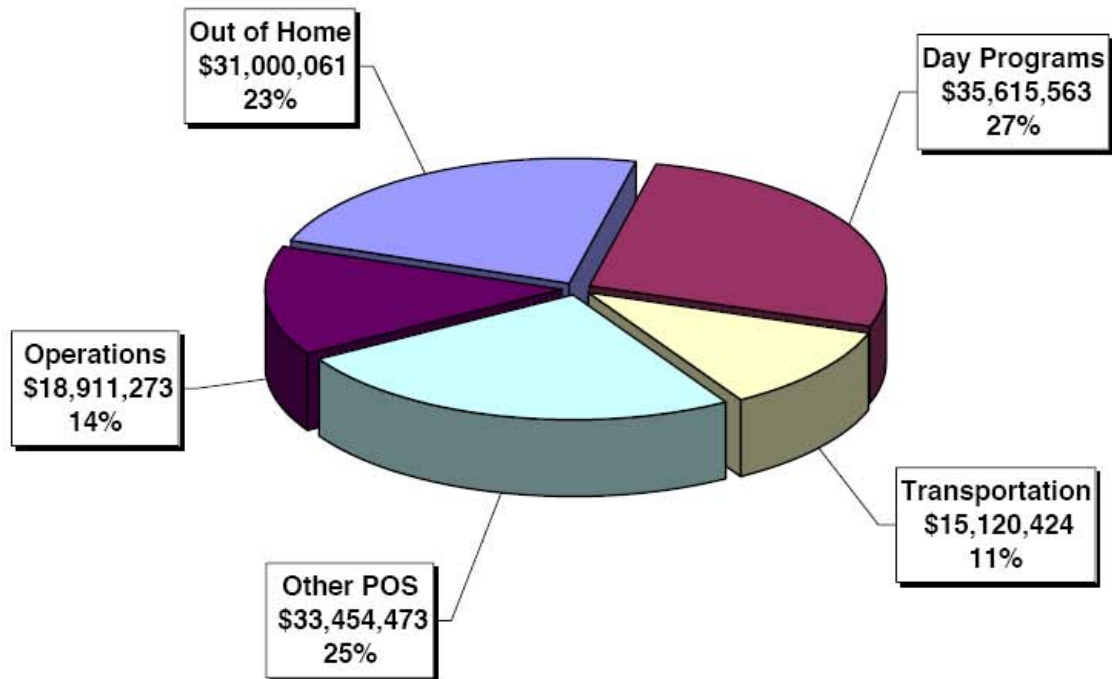
For more than three decades SCLARC has provided, and continues to provide, an array of community resources and educational services to persons with disabilities and their families. Despite all our efforts to provide services and resources, many of our consumers and their families struggle to make ends meet--with most living on less than \$10,000 annually--and being dependent on Supplemental Security Income.

It is because of their economic struggle that SCLARC is dedicated to empowering individuals and families with self-advocacy strategies while assisting persons with developmental disabilities in finding their own voices so that they can ask for the resources they seek. For our part, we are committed to offering quality supports to our stakeholders and are proud to employ 250 professionals, as well as contract with hundreds of vendors, who all have one goal--to support, educate and empower.

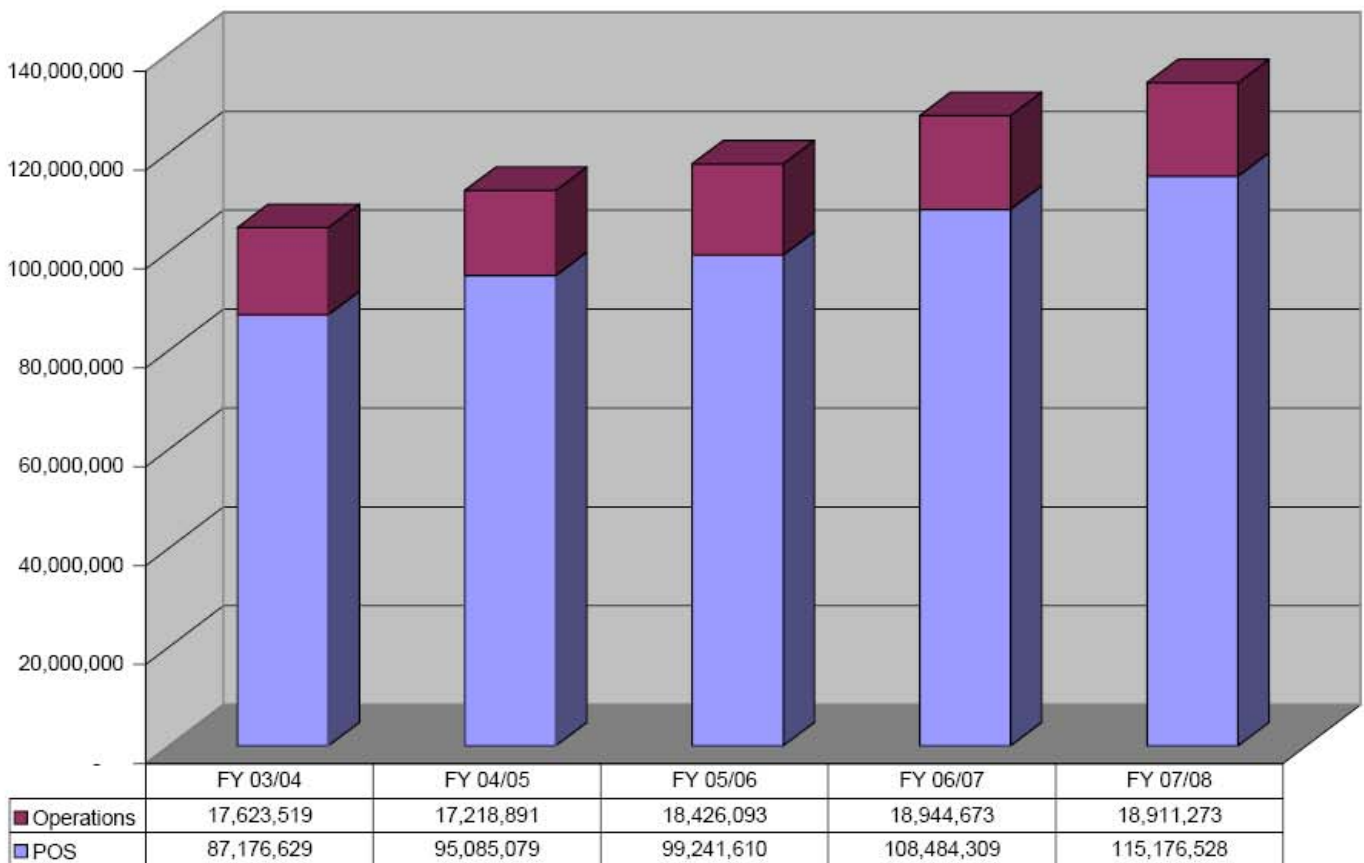
South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's Consumer Caseload Growth



South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's Total Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007-08



Annual POS and Operations Expenditures



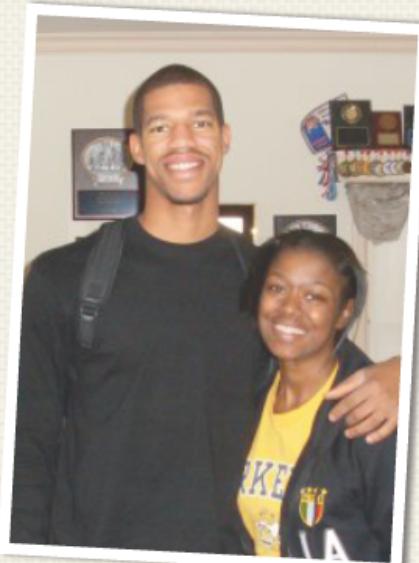
SCLARC's Board of Expert Volunteers

The members of SCLARC's Board of Directors bring their expertise as parents or from their respective fields of employment to bear on South Central Los Angeles Regional Center. Their committed support and guidance is a huge part of why SCLARC is able to carry out its mission. Without a doubt, SCLARC's Board of Directors positively impacts the lives of those diagnosed with developmental disabilities and ensures that SCLARC provides the highest quality of services possible.



REGINAL KING

Board president Reginal King truly understands the importance of the services SCLARC provides. As a teen, he found part-time work in a residential facility where he witnessed firsthand the impact of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center on its consumers. Now the parent of a SCLARC consumer diagnosed with autism, he continues to be an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and of the regional center.



DESIREE BOYKIN

Board member Desiree Boykin is a shining example of self-advocacy. She came to the board as a result of her participation in the agency's Consumer Self-Advocacy Group. Deeply passionate about issues surrounding developmental disabilities. She recently graduated from Cal State University at Dominguez Hills and hopes to one day become a service coordinator at SCLARC.

(Ms. Boykin is pictured with her brother)



DAVINA DOUTHARD

In 1991, SCLARC Vendor Advisory chair and board member Davina Douthard developed a program called Polishing The Professional. Through the course, clients learn how to maintain, retain and excel in the working world. As a regional center vendor, she helps people with disabilities polish their tools to find work and in turn, improve their quality of life.

it's the law

The Lanterman Act states membership of the governing board [of a regional center] (c) shall include representatives of the various categories of disability to be served by the regional center.

- (d) The governing board shall reflect the geographic and ethnic characteristics of the area to be served by the regional center.
- (e) A minimum of 50 percent of the members of the governing board shall be persons with developmental disabilities or their parents or legal guardians. No less than 25 percent of the members of the governing board shall be persons with developmental disabilities

To become a member of SCLARC's Board of Directors go to www.sclarc.org/about_main.html to download SCLARC Board Application or call Marsha D. Mitchell at 213.743.3061.

SCLARC's Staff Members Are Shining Stars

SCLARC's dedicated staff believes that service coordination is job #1. And while a service coordinator is defined by the Lanterman Act as a regional center employee whose primary responsibility includes preparing, implementing and monitoring consumers' individual program plans as well as securing and coordinating consumer services, service coordination has many aspects and is implemented and carried out by staff members throughout our agency.

Intake Manager Gricelda James and her staff are on the front line of the agency as they conduct the intake and assessment processes that allow entry into the regional center system. They help shepherd new consumers and families through as well as make referrals to other social services agencies if families are found not to be eligible.

Former Family Resource Center Coordinator Shaunda North-Moss, who was recently promoted to Service Coordinator, was an integral part of the Information Fair held annually to educate families about the various programs and resources SCLARC offers as well as the best practices and trends in our community.

Court Liaison Paul Martinez serves as a member of the Forensic Assessment Team, which is a task force that meets regularly to find sensible solutions to the issues facing the judicially involved consumers.



GRICELDA JAMES

GRICELDA JAMES WORKED FOR 10 YEARS AS AN INTAKE SERVICE COORDINATOR BEFORE BEING PROMOTED TO THE HE UNIT'S MANAGER. SHE POSSESSES A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGY AND SHE IS ALSO AN MFT CANDIDATE. MS. JAMES HAS BEEN WITH THE AGENCY FOR 29 YEARS WORKING IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES AND DEPARTMENTS. SHE BRINGS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND CLINICAL SKILLS TO HER NEW POSITION.



PAUL MARTINEZ

Paul Martinez currently works to resolve issues involving South Central Los Angeles Regional Center consumers and the court system. Through this important work, Paul has been able to build partnerships with key players in the judicial system; thereby bringing awareness, information and solutions to the many challenges faced by SCLARC consumers.



SHAUNDA MOSS

SHAUNDA NORTH-MOSS WAS PROMOTED TO SERVICE COORDINATOR AFTER A TWO YEAR TENURE WITH SCLARC AS A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER COORDINATOR. CURRENTLY WORKING ON HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FROM CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, MS. MOSS DECIDED TO APPLY FOR A POSITION IN SCLARC'S DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES AND IS NOW ENJOYING COORDINATING SERVICES FOR OUR CONSUMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

South Central's 6th Annual Legislative Forum Focused on One of Los Angeles' Most Pressing Issues

One of the most important community planning issues that Los Angeles advocates assisting individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability face is addressing the need for affordable housing. SCLARC is committed to the creation and development of safe, stable, and affordable housing opportunities for individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability residing in South Los Angeles. On April 4, 2008 we hosted our 6th Annual Legislative Forum in an effort to open a dialogue with city, county and state representatives regarding the current L.A. housing crisis and its impact on individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities.

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During the forum Friends of SCLARC and SCLARC

collaborated with public officials, housing professionals and developmental disability advocates in order to begin to create an action plan that addresses the housing needs of our agency's stakeholders. All too often professionals work in isolation of each other, this event brought them together to empower and educate SCLARC's consumers and families.

Keynote speaker Khris McCann discussed the need for coalitions and partnership efforts in order to develop affordable housing opportunities for individuals who have been diagnosed with a developmental disabilities.

Political representatives who spoke included:

Congresswoman Maxine Waters

California Assemblyman Mike Davis

Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard Parks

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

SPEAKERS



ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE DAVIS



KHRIS MCCANN



COUNCILMAN PARKS



SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS



Pictured from left are SCLARC vendor John Harris, Friends of SCLARC Board President Malcolm Bennett, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and SCLARC Executive Director Dexter A. Henderson.

ABOUT ME



NAME: Roy Doronila

POSITION: Chief Financial Officer & Administrator

FIELD OF EXPERTISE: Accounting

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting

EXPERIENCE: Roy has been an integral part of fiscal teams at San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center as well as North Bay and Alta Regional Centers

HOBBIES: In his spare time, Roy enjoys bicycling and spending time with his grandson.

DUTIES: In January, Roy assumed responsibility for providing fiscal management of SCLARC's Operations and Purchase of Service budgets, overseeing the daily administrative and accounting activities of the agency including general accounting, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, MIS operations, and facilities management. Additionally, he will also analyze costs associated with service delivery and quality, conduct internal audits, and supervise risk management activities for the organization.

South Central Gets A New Chief Financial Officer



IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT SCLARC ANNOUNCES ROY DORONILA AS ITS NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Roy joined South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's staff on January 5, 2009. Mr. Doronila comes to SCLARC with almost three decades of Regional Center fiscal experience after having served as Chief Financial Officer & Chief of Administration Services for North Bay, Alta and San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Centers respectively. He returns to his SoCal roots after a successful three-year tenure in Northern California in order to put his expertise to work on behalf of SCLARC's stakeholders and so that he might be closer to his family.

Roy will bring his vast fiscal knowledge to our Leadership Team, thereby enhancing its short-term and long ranging planning activities while keeping the team abreast of all matters regarding fiscal and program operations. With a staff of 28, Mr. Doronila will continue to keep all of SCLARC's community informed about current financial, administrative, and information technology trends in the field of developmental disabilities. He will in turn interpret the impact of these trends to the Executive Director, Board of Directors, staff, consumers, their families, and the general public.

In 1978, this accounting veteran earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from San Beda College in Manila, Philippines. After two years in the field of International Banking, he relocated to the United States and began a 28 year career with the regional center system that continues with his appointment here at SCLARC.

NUMBERS

Number of SCLARC Employees in the Fiscal Department

28

Years with the Regional Center System

28

Number of Years He Has Raced Competitively

10

Our Top Priorities for FY 2009-10 Are To



DEXTER A. HENDERSON
SCLARC'S Executive Director

EVEN IN THIS CURRENT FISCAL ENVIRONMENT, SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON ITS TOP PRIORITIES--OUR CONSUMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES; OUR COMMITTED SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OUR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES. WE PLEDGE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO

KEEP YOU INFORMED, ABREAST AND UP TO DATE AS THE STATE HAMMERS OUTS ITS FINANCIAL ISSUES AND PARTNERS WITH US TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THOSE IN OUR CATCHMENT AREA.

WE INVITE YOU TO TALK WITH US AS WE STRIVE TO FIND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO DIFFICULT ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU, OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. IF YOU ARE NOT A PART OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE, A SCLARC PARENT GROUP OR THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED.

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS FINANCIAL CRISIS, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER TO WEATHER THE MOUNTING FISCAL STORM.

1. Continue to Deliver Quality Services
2. Provide Frequent Updates About Budget Impacts
3. Host Forums Dedicated to Vendor Issues
4. Increase Outreach to our Stakeholder Community
5. Expand Advocacy Opportunities for Consumers and Families



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