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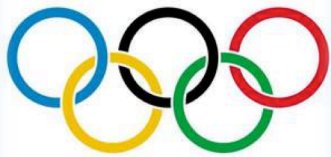
congratulations to the sclarc avengers for taking the bronze medal in basketball at this year's Special Olympics Summer Games! way to go!!

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SCLARC proudly shines a spotlight on our Olympic athletes in this issue. Congratulations to the SCLARC Avengers took the Bronze medal and good luck to Brianna Clark who qualified for the Paralympic Games in Rio,

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south central los angeles regional center consumers show how teamwork makes the dream work

After playing in scrimmage games last year with Westside Regional Center's basketball team, several members of SCLARC's Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) began discussing the possibility of starting their very own basketball team. They even had hopes of being able to compete in the Special Olympics Games like the many athletes they witnessed playing at last year's World Games held here in Los Angeles. It did not take long for them to find a few dedicated volunteers to coach their fledgling team. Herb DaSilva, Ian Ramos, Michelle McBurnie and Rose Segovia, parents and other support personnel to the members of the CAC participants were excited to help out.

In February 2016, the SCLARC Avengers Basketball Team was born and became an official Special Olympics team representing the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Regions. The team began practicing at Loren Miller Park and the Crenshaw YMCA. Fourteen young men and women, many of which had no previous sports team involvement, diligently gave up their evenings and weekends to bond and practice their skills. It was immediately evident that the team was helping SCLARC's consumers grow socially while also further developing their characters, learn problem solving skills and challenging them to be better on and off the court.

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WAY TO GO BREANNA!



By **NICOLE ROBINSON**
SCLARC Service Coordinator

Breanna is a natural athlete who has been participating in track and field events since entering Susan Miller Dorsey High School where she competed and prevailed against most of her opponents. The 21-year-old track and field athlete also happens to be diagnosed with autism and a moderate intellectual disability. After high school, she went on to attend Pasadena Community College. There, she also participated on the track team and was victorious against her typically functioning challengers.

She was not able to continue at Pasadena Community College due to her cognitive diagnosis, but while there this gifted competitor won the Conference Championship in the 400 meter event. She also won the Southern California Championship in the 400 meter event as well. She recently ran in a San Diego track meet and broke the American record in the 400 meter dash for persons with intellectual disabilities. Recently, Friends of SCLARC was able to help support Breanna as she pursued her dream of competing in the track and field trials for the Paralympics that will be held 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Friends of SCLARC, a support foundation of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC), sponsored Breanna's travel to North Carolina where she was chosen as a member of the 2016 Paralympic Team which will represent the USA in Rio Sept 7-18 of this year. She was also invited to compete in Berlin, Germany and London, England before going to the Paralympic Games. She left on July 12, 2016 for this competition. Please join SCLARC, and Friends of SCLARC, in wishing her the best of luck as she puts her best foot forward on the track!

mco tax money gives much needed boost to regional center system and centers

For more than a decade, the regional center service system has been bombarded by cuts, funding reductions and frozen rates. In February of 2016, the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), along with other members of the Lanterman Coalition, was intimately and actively involved in negotiations to secure much needed funds for California's regional centers from the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax. The new funding, approved by Governor Brown for FY 2016-17, will address very specific and long overdue needs in order to begin to restore our service system. These include funds to retain service coordinators, service provider direct care staff, and rate increases for targeted service categories such as supported employment, supported and independent living, respite, and transportation services.

ARCA and other Coalition members met repeatedly with legislators, key staff, and members of Gov. Brown's Administration. The MCO tax reform bill will draw down over \$1.3 billion in federal matching funds each year for the next three years. These funds will allow regional centers to better support integrated employment and cultural competency in service delivery as well. Additionally, these new tax dollars will also fund a rate study plan in order to explore new strategies for the sustainability of our service system. The approved MCO tax and developmental services funding package includes:

- A 7.5% increase for salaries and benefits, for both Purchase of Services & Operations Budgets
- A 2.5% increase for administrative costs, for both Purchase of Services & Operations Budgets
- A restoration of the supported employment rates to 2006 levels
- A 5% increase for supported and independent living services
- A 5% increase for in-home and out-of-home respite services
- A 5% increase for transportation services
- An effective 5% increase for ICFs, done as a 3.75% increase, and the elimination of prior cuts,
- A comprehensive increase for competitive integrated employment programs, in the form of paid internships and incentive payments for helping individuals obtain and retain employment
- An increase in vendor audit thresholds
- A rate study plan
- \$5 million for disparity issues for bilingual staff at regional centers, cultural competency training, and parent education efforts

Additionally, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will allocate \$11 million to promote equity and reduce disparities in the purchase of services. Funding will be available for activities including, but not limited to:

- Pay differentials for community-based service providers direct care bilingual staff
- Parent or caregiver education programs
- Regional center staff cultural competency training
- Outreach to underserved populations
- Additional culturally appropriate service types or service delivery models.

Regional Centers interested in funds must submit proposals as well as solicit input from stakeholders for the proposals. There will be a Public Hearing on August 25, 2016 held at SCLARC which is located at 2500 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. regarding SCLARC's Performance Contract, Caseload Ratio Correction Plan and the aforementioned proposals to address disparities. For more information, please contact Marsha D. Mitchell-Bray, Director of Community Services & Family Supports at 213.743.3061 or email her at Marshamb@sclarc.org.



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No habrá cuidado de niños



south central los angeles regional center wins two more prestigious awards for its new headquarters



golden state mutual life insurance building was a pillar of the African American community, providing hundreds of African Americans and other minorities.

The California Preservation Foundation recently announced its 2016 Preservation Design Awards winners. SCLARC is proud to announce that its headquarters—The Golden State Mutual Building (GSMB)—has been selected as the winning entry in the Rehabilitation category. At its completion, both the building and its architect, Paul Revere Williams, were central to the African-American community during the previous century and influenced the history of Southern California. For much of the 20th century, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance was the largest black-owned insurance company in the western United States. It was the first in the region to write insurance policies to all people regardless of color. The company was a pillar of the African American community, providing

hundreds of African Americans and other minorities stable, middle-class employment. It was a pivotal resource at the forefront of the Civil Rights movement as the site of numerous voter drives and community organizing efforts which included a visit by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On September 29, 2016 the GSMB project team will be honored at a ceremony spotlighting the effort to maintain a community jewel by giving it the opportunity to be a functional resource once more. Organized in 1977 by preservationists who saw a need to join forces to save important California landmarks and neighborhoods, the foundation provides statewide leadership, advocacy and education to ensure the protection of California's diverse cultural heritage and historic places. The Rehabilitation category recognizes projects that allow for the continued historic use or a compatible new use of a building--through repair, alterations and additions--while preserving those portions or features which convey a site or structure's historical, cultural or architectural values. The interiors have been restored to match the original 1949 design, and the building now serves the community as South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's headquarters.

In addition to the statewide recognition given by CPF, the GSMB renovation was also recently awarded The Commercial Design Award of Excellence by the International Committee for the Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement (docomomo_us). The Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Building is listed on the National Register and as a Historic Cultural Monument in the City of Los Angeles.

—By MARSHA D. MITCHELL-BRAY, SCLARC SCENE Editor



today, sclarc is proud to call the golden state mutual building home.



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for persons with
developmental disabilities, inc.

Participants in the SDP must be a client of a regional center, must live at home or in the community but not in a long term care facility, participate in an approved orientation, and be willing to follow certain rules of the program.

SELF-DETERMINATION

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has submitted an application to the federal government for the Self-Determination Program.

After the application for federal funding has been approved, the SDP will be implemented for 2,500 participants in California during the first 3 years.

DDS will select the clients from each regional center to participate.

DDS will select 108 SCLARC clients to participate in the SDP during the first 3 years. After the three year pilot period, the program will be made available to all interested clients.

The Self-Determination Program (SDP) is a voluntary program which will help people with developmental disabilities and their families have more control over the services and supports that they need to achieve their goals. It will provide them with an individual budget with which to purchase the services and supports they need to implement their individual person-centered plans.

Where can you obtain the latest information?

Sign up for email updates from DDS by sending an email to sdp@dds.ca.gov and ask to be included on the update notification list. And submit your questions for SCLARC to mariaf@sclarc.org or call 213.744.8402.

For more info: call your service coordinator or go to www.sclarc.org/sd-lac.php



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Participantes en el SDP deben ser clientes de un centro regional, vivir en casa o en la comunidad pero no en algún centro de cuidados a largo plazo, participar en una orientación aprobada y estar dispuestos a cumplir con ciertas reglas del programa.

AUTO- DETERMINACIÓN

El Departamento de Servicios de Desarrollo (DDS) ha sometido una solicitud al gobierno federal para el programa de autodeterminación (SDP). Después de que la solicitud sea aprobada, el SDP será implementado para 2,500 participantes en California durante los primeros tres años.

DDS elegirá los clientes quienes participaran de cada centro regional.

DDS elegirá 108 clientes de SCLARC quienes participaran en el SDP durante los primeros tres años. Después de este periodo de prueba el programa estará disponible para todos los clientes interesados.

El programa de autodeterminación es un programa voluntario que ayudara a personas con discapacidades y a sus familias tener más control sobre los servicios y apoyos necesarios para alcanzar sus metas. Les dará un presupuesto individual con el que podrán comprar los servicios y apoyos necesarios para implementar sus planes individuales.

¿Dónde puede obtener la información más actualizada?

Inscríbese para recibir noticias del DDS por correo electrónico, solo mande un correo electrónico a sdp@dds.ca.gov y pida que lo incluyan en la lista de avisos de noticias.

Mande sus preguntas dirigidas a SCLARC a mariaf@sclarc.org o llame al 213.744.8402.

Para más información
llame su coordinador de
servicios o visite
www.sclarc.org/cd-las.php

sclarc hosts employment fair with the goal of lowering its caseload ratios

More than 40 applicants attended South Central Los Angeles More than 40 applicants attended South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's first Job Fair on June 8, 2016 to interview for 20 Service Coordinator positions. SCLARC hosted this event in order to lower its caseload ratios. Applicants were dressed to impress, optimistic and enthusiastic to gain employment with SCLARC. The day began with an overview of SCLARC, featuring several recruitment videos that were specifically created for the hiring event describing the role and responsibilities of a service coordinator. The videos can also be accessed from SCLARC's website.

A case manager, or SCLARC "service coordinator," is assigned to a consumer/family to assist them with developing a plan for services, tell them where the services are available and help them get the services they need. A consumer-to-case manager ratio is a key performance indicator that either increases or decreases a consumer's/families' satisfaction with case management.

For the last two years, SCLARC has not met its mandated caseload ratio of one Service Coordinator for every 66 consumers (1:66). When caseloads are too high, service satisfaction is negatively impacted. As such, there will be a hearing to discuss the agency's barriers to meeting for reaching the desired ratios as well as what they are doing about it. Members of SCLARC's Leadership Team and senior staff members will lead this discussion and they will ask for input regarding the development of SCLARC's Caseload Ratio Plan of Correction, its annual Performance Contract, as well as stakeholders' ideas for proposals to address the disparity in services.

The hearing will be held at SCLARC's headquarters on August 25, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Legacy Building at 2500 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018. For more information, please contact Marsha D. Mitchell-Bray, Director of Community Services & Family Supports at 213.743.3061, or email her at Marshamb@sclarc.org.



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We are looking for Service Coordinators and Administrative Personnel!

2500 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90018
Visit us at www.sclarc.org/employment.php

SCLARC

did you know ...

- Since its founding, SCLARC has grown from serving 1,000 consumers to its current level of 13,500 consumers with an annual budget in excess of \$200 million. Today, SCLARC's consumers reflect the rich diversity of Southern California. Our service area includes the cities of Paramount, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, South Gate, Compton and Carson as well as the Los Angeles communities of Watts, the Crenshaw District, Hyde Park, Leimert Park, View Park and Baldwin Hills.

provider partners: sclarc vendor advisory committee is looking for new members to come on board

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) was established to provide advice, guidance, recommendations and technical assistance to vendors and to assist the regional center in carrying out its mandated functions. It is dedicated to cultivating solid relationships with all consumers, legislative representatives, regional center staff members, parents, vendors and all other community stakeholders. In addition to its monthly meetings, the VAC hosts a variety of events that include:

The Vendor Fair – An annual October event where vendors promote their programs and services to regional center staff members.

Trainings – Educational and informative trainings to keep vendors abreast of legislative issues and concerns that impact them and other SCLARC stakeholders. Topics include Special Incident Reporting, Financial and Program Auditing, Advocacy Strategies and more.

Speakers' Bureau – Features presentations from industry leaders on topics such as self-insurance, human resources policies and procedures, compliance and understanding the law, disability rights, employment for individuals with disabilities and many other topics.

Consumer Honors Breakfast – Highlights South Central Los Angeles Regional Center consumers who have made significant strides in overcoming challenges. SCLARC vendors are asked to submit a 300-word paragraph, nominating those consumers deserving of special recognition for their hard work and dedication to completing a goal. Consumers who are chosen are honored each year at a breakfast held at the USC Radisson Hotel.

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC) is pleased to offer continuing education units (CEUs) to its vendors during SCLARC's monthly Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) meetings. VAC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at SCLARC's Legacy Plaza, the regional center's new permanent headquarters. Legacy Plaza is located at 2500 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90018 and meetings are from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

CEU topics vary by month, are taught by SCLARC personnel or consultants, and give SCLARC vendors and opportunity to receive 1.5 hours of continuing education. Topics scheduled to be presented include Behavior Management, Medication Administration and Storage Procedures; An Overview of Titles 17 and 22, Charting and Documentation Staff Training, Mandated Reporting and Emergency/Disaster Preparedness just to name a few. A CEU certificate of completion will be given at the end of the VAC meeting on the day the training is given. In order to receive credit for the training, vendors must be present at the start of the VAC meeting. Late arrivals may sit in on trainings, but will not be given a certificate of completion.

For more information about the Vendor Advisory Committee or South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, please contact Marsha D. Mitchell-Bray, Director of Community Services & Family Supports at marshamb@sclarc.org or contact the Vendor Advisory Committee Chair vac@sclarc.org.

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Soon the Avengers began participating in tournaments all over Southern California, including this year's Special Olympics Summer Games, which was held June 11- 12 on Cal State Long Beach's campus. The Games features six summer sports—aquatics, athletics (track & field), basketball, bocce, golf, and gymnastics. Summer Games is one of two annual championships held at the conclusion of each sport season, with athletes coming together from throughout Southern California. More than 1,100 athletes participated with the support 2,000 coaches and volunteers. The Games were showcased at six competition venues, and there was also a Young Athletes Festival, Healthy Athletes Village, and Family. The Avengers demonstrated all they had learned in recent months from their coaches and brought home the Bronze. Way to go!!!

The Avengers will be signing up those interested in participating in the fall sports season, which includes softball, soccer, and aquatics. Coaches will be issuing a medical clearance form and distributing the practice schedules for all sports in the coming weeks. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Avengers, please contact Michelle McBurnie at 323.236.2939.



the sclarc avengers

do you know about sclarc's consumer advisory committee?



The CAC members are comprised of SCLARC consumers who identify topics that are important to the group. The CAC also invites speakers to their meetings to address these topics.

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's Consumer Advisory Committee meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

During the holiday season, the November/December meetings may be held on the 3rd Monday of the month.

WHERE: SCLARC

2nd Floor

650 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007.

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For additional information, you may contact

Desiree Boykin at (213) 743-3071.

paving the way proves it's all in the details



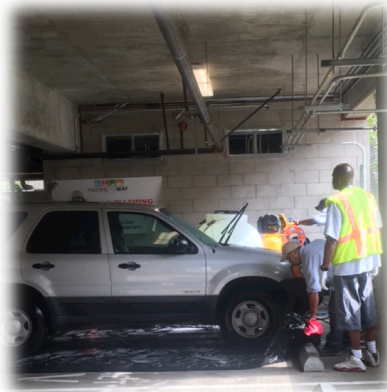
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PublicHearing

SCLARC'S 2016 CASELOAD RATIOS & PERFORMANCE CONTRACT MEETING



South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC) invites your participation in a PUBLIC HEARING scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss SCLARC's 2016 Performance Contract and to solicit your input regarding the development of proposals to address disparities in service.

SCLARC did not meet the required average caseload ratios. At the hearing, we will also discuss and ask for input regarding the development of SCLARC's Caseload Ratio Plan of Correction.

WHEN: AUGUST 25, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WHERE: SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., REGIONAL CENTER
GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL BUILDING
2500 S. WESTERN AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90018

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From the 10 Freeway, exit Western. Travel south and turn left on Adams Blvd. Make another left on Hobart Blvd.

Anuncio de Audiencia Pública

REUNIÓN DE PROPORCIÓN DE CASOS Y CONTRATO DE REDIMIENTO DE SCLARC 2016



Cuando: 25 de Agosto, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dónde: Centro Regional Del Sur Centro de Los Angeles
GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL BUILDING
2500 S. WESTERN AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90018

El Centro Regional Del Sur Centro De Los Angeles (SCLARC) lo invita a participar en una Audiencia Pública programada para el día **Jueves, 25 de Agosto del 2016**. El propósito de la audiencia es para hablar acerca del Contrato de Rendimiento del 2016 de SCLARC y solicitar su opinión sobre la elaboración de las propuestas para hacer frente a las disparidades en servicio.

SCLARC no cumplió con los requisitos del promedio de proporción de casos. En la audiencia también vamos a hablar y solicitar su opinión sobre el desarrollo del Plan de Corrección Promedio de Casos de SCLARC.

INDICACIONES DE VIAJE: Desde la autopista 10 salga en la salida Western. Viaje hacia el sur y gire la izquierda en Adams Blvd. Haga otra izquierda en Hobart Blvd.

SCLARC is looking for clinicians to help with assessments!



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We Need You!



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