Who do we serve? Data as of 3/2015

San Andreas is one of 21 Regional Centers in California. San Andreas is funded by the Department of Developmental Services.

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The San Andreas Budget allocation is $330 million dollars. We serve approximately 15,000 individuals.

Statewide Total Population served is 278,308

San Andreas employs over 275 people to serve nearly 15,000 individuals. Many employees are represented by the SEIU.

Where do we serve? San Andreas serves the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

The System has taken a $1 Billion Dollar reduction since the great recession began 2008. The type and quality of services have been seriously limited. Please read the ARCA report, “On the Brink of Collapse” for a complete analysis of the issues.
#KeepThePromise

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act is a promise.

It’s a California law that guarantees people with developmental disabilities receive the quality services they deserve to help them reach their full developmental potential, while empowering them to live as independently as possible in integrated communities of their choice.

Today it’s a #BrokenPromise.

Long-term funding shortfalls that were exacerbated by more than $1 billion in cuts during the Great Recession have left the Lanterman Act severely underfunded. Many services have been decimated and community based providers across California are being forced to lower standards, slash programs and shut their doors. While much of the economy has recovered from the deep recession, the state’s system of care under the Lanterman Act remains in real jeopardy. We need a 10% across the board increase for regional centers and community providers.

To fix this, our system needs a 10% across-the-board funding increase now, and 5% increases yearly, until funding for provider rates and regional center services is reformed.

Step 1 - 10% in the Current Year

The developmental services system is in crisis. Service providers are being pushed to the brink. Where new programs once opened, long-serving ones now close, their budgets unable to be balanced with state-mandated rates. Regional centers’ service coordinators are carrying caseloads larger than California has assured the federal government they would. Individuals with developmental disabilities now face a shortage of needed services and case management support. For both service providers and the regional centers, the 10% across-the-board increase for developmental services funding will serve as a stopgap measure that will mitigate the damage long enough for real reform to occur.

Step 2 – 5% Annual Investment

Real reform is a complex process that will require the input of many stakeholders, and the careful review of volumes of data. It cannot be rushed. But inflationary pressures will not grant us such courtesy. California’s service system needs the assurance of 5% annual increases while work is ongoing to prevent the temporary gains of the 10% increase from being eroded.

Step 3 – Reform

Most service provider rates have been frozen for over a decade. Similarly, most salary levels in the “core staffing formula” used to create regional centers’ budgets have not been updated since 1991. Service provider rates and the core staffing formula must be reformed to guarantee that future funding levels are both adequate and sustainable. Through that comprehensive funding reform, California’s developmental services will avoid collapse and be able to serve a changing population.

Contact your legislator and ask them to support the Senator Beall Reform Letter. YOUR VOICE MATTERS!!!!!