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Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) Information Sheet

“Regional centers are nonprofit private corporations that contract with the Department of Developmental Services to provide or coordinate services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. They have offices throughout California to provide a local resource to help find and access the many services available to individuals and their families.” Alta California Regional Center serves 16,000 consumers in a ten county area which includes: Colusa, Yolo, Sutter, Sacramento, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado and Alpine.

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ACRC Board of Directors “HOTLINE”: 916-978-6638
“Call (916) 978-6638 to reach the voicemail for our Board of Directors Hotline. You may leave comments, compliments, or concerns about Alta. If you leave your name and number, a member of our Board will get back to you.”

“Alta’s Board of Directors meets every month. Meetings are open to the public and are normally held at the Sacramento office of the Regional Center which is located at 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento CA. Please call in advance to confirm date, time, and location of Board Meetings. For more information, contact Lisa West at (916) 978-6245.”

Meeting schedule, agenda and approved minutes can be obtained from ACRC website:
<http://www.altaregional.org/boardOfDirectors/>
Board meetings held at ACRC in Sacramento are in the Brenda Smith Conference room on the first floor at the rear of the building. Meetings are usually the fourth Thursday and start at 4pm. There is time set aside for public input, usually kept to 3-5 minutes per person. Be sure to check the website for the agenda prior to attending, it is posted approximately one week in advance.

Key Contacts: <http://www.altaregional.org/contactUs/>
ACRC Staff Directory: <http://www.altaregional.org/contactUs/staffdir/>

Family Advisory Committee (FAC) meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the Brenda Smith Conference room. The agenda is posted on the website approximately one week before the meeting. Family members and consumers are urged to attend to bring up issues and concerns and ask for a response from the ACRC Board of Directors. FAC: <http://www.altaregional.org/boardOfDirectors/familyAdvisoryCommittee.cfm>

If you would like to get on the ACRC email list for meeting announcements, contact Lisa West, 916-978-6245, email: lwest@altaregional.org

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Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) Information Sheet

“The California Department of Developmental Services is the agency through which the State of California provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. These disabilities include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and related conditions. Services are provided through state-operated developmental centers and community facilities, and contracts with 21 nonprofit regional centers.”

DDS website: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/DDSHomePage.cfm>

Information about Regional Centers: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/RC/Home.cfm>

Links to the laws and regulations for all regional centers in CA:

Lanterman Act and Related Laws: http://www.dds.ca.gov/Statutes/Statutes_Home.cfm

Title 17 Regulations:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/Title17/Home.cfm>

“The publication, "A Consumer's Guide to the Lanterman Act," is a booklet for adults with developmental disabilities and was written with the help of consumers.” It is written in easy-to-understand language and is also useful for family members and caregivers. You can also request a copy by mail.

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/LantermanActGuide.cfm>

Revised Client Development Evaluation Report (CDER) information page:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/CDER/Index.cfm>

"The Client Development and Evaluation Report (CDER) has been revised to improve our ability to collect data that is accurate, useful and relevant. Implementation of the revised CDER at the regional centers and developmental centers will be scheduled following modifications to the existing IT Systems. Use the links below to download the revised CDER as well as the training resources that have been developed for regional centers to prepare for the transition to these new documents"

CDER Evaluation element:

Print out, read and be prepared to go over with your child's service co-ordinator at every IPP (15 pages):

http://www.dds.ca.gov/CDER/docs/DS3753B_EvaluationElement.pdf

Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis, Assessment (192 pages):

http://www.ddhealthinfo.org/documents/ASD_Best_Practice.pdf

When writing a letter to ACRC Executive Director and Board of Directors, a copy may be sent to DDS with a brief cover letter. When writing ACRC or DDS, be sure to ask for their written response.

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