



Frequently Asked Questions

The California Gathering Planning Committee is excited to welcome you all back in-person to our 2024 event! If this is your first Gathering, we hope that the information below helps you prepare to learn and contribute. Should you have additional questions, please reach out to Angel Montoya, Person Centered Thinking Coordinator at 805-292-1522 or amontoya@tri-counties.org

What is a Gathering for Person-Centered Practices?

The California Gathering is a 2-day event that unites service providers, regional center staff, community partners, people who receive supports and their family members who have an interest in learning more about Person-Centered Practices in both informal and formal ways. While a typical conference may be focused on delivering information, the Gathering also provides attendees with opportunities to share what is working in advancing Person-Centered Thinking in their area through our Gallery Walk and to engage in problem-solving and brainstorming conversations through our Learning Marketplace. The California Gathering is sanctioned by The Learning Community for Person-Centered Practices, an international organization that strives to advance Person-Centered Thinking across many fields. Find out more about The Learning Community here: <https://tlcpcp.com/>

What is the Trainer Development Day?

Our optional trainer development half-day provides Person-Centered Thinking trainers, mentors, and trainer-candidates who are becoming certified through The Learning Community with an opportunity to review the updated training curriculum, ask questions for clarification, practice delivering the materials and receive feedback from certified mentor trainers. Participation in the Trainer Development Day meets Learning Community's Gathering attendance criteria for maintaining certification. This event is only open to certified trainers/mentors, or those going through the certification process.

When is the Gathering?

The 2024 California Gathering will be held on Tuesday, April 16th-Thursday, April 18th in Oxnard, CA. Our main event will be held on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th. Our optional ½ day Trainer Development Day will be held on Thursday, April 18th.

Where will the Gathering take place?

Our main event will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn in Oxnard, CA, located at 2000 Solar Dr, Oxnard, CA 93036. Our Trainer Development Day, on Thursday, April 18th, will take place in the main conference room of Tri-Counties Regional Center at 2401 E. Gonzales Rd, Suite 100, Oxnard, CA just steps away from the Hilton Garden Inn. All areas where the event will take place are accessible by wheelchair.

Who attends the Gathering?

Anyone with a vested interest in promoting or learning about Person-Centered Practices, which can include regional center staff, community partners, service providers, people who receive supports and their family.

What is a Gallery Walk?

The Gallery Walk is an informal opportunity for attendees to share what is going well, new and innovative ways you and/or your organization are implementing Person-Centered Practices, and/or personal stories of how Person-Centered Thinking has made an impact to your life or organization. We encourage those participating in the Gallery Walk to bring posters, visuals, and tri-fold boards to share your learning with others.

What is a Learning Marketplace?

The Learning Marketplace is an opportunity for attendees to host informal conversations around a topic of their choosing with thought partners from other organizations. Some examples of Learning Marketplaces from past Gatherings are: ***“What is your organization doing to better meet the needs of Spanish speaking families?”*** and ***“How have you seen Person Centered Thinking make a difference in your life or the lives of those you support?”***

What’s the dress code for the Gathering?

We encourage attendees to dress comfortably, whether that means a business suit or shorts and flip flops. However, the weather in Southern California can be unpredictable in April, please prepare accordingly.

Who can I contact if I want to present a Learning Marketplace or Gallery Walk?

Please contact Angel Montoya, Person Centered Thinking Coordinator at 805-292-1522 or amontoya@tri-counties.org

How can I best prepare for the Gathering?

We recommend that those who attend the California Gathering complete the Introduction to Person Centered Thinking training prior to attending. While this is not a requirement, taking the training will help you become familiar with some of the terminology and content you will hear and see during the event. Opportunities for Person Centered Thinking training can be found here: <https://www.tri-counties.org/person-centered-practices/person-centered-thinking-training/>

Will interpretation be offered at the Gathering?

Yes! This year, the Gathering is excited to offer interpretation in both Spanish and ASL.