



Tri-Counties Regional Center

The Regional Center serving the Central California Coast

SERVING PERSONS WITH

intellectual disability
autism
epilepsy
cerebral palsy

MEETING NEEDS FOR

service coordination
residential care
early start programs
behavior support
transportation
healthcare coordination
day programs
employment
family support
individual training & support



who we are

Tri-Counties Regional Center is one of twenty-one non-profit regional centers in California providing life-long services and supports for people with developmental disabilities residing in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

our mission

TCRC provides person and family centered supports for individuals with developmental disabilities to maximize opportunities and choices for living, working, learning, and recreating in the community.

how we work

We use person centered practices in our work with persons served, as well as in our relationships with colleagues and community partners. We live by our mission and vision, adhere to our Code of Ethics, exceed requirements of our performance contract with the state and implement our own strategic and performance plan.

our stakeholders

Individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, employees, Board members, service providers, Family Resource Centers, Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Department of Developmental Services, and other non-profit agencies and community partners.

what guides our work

The Lanterman Act is part of the Welfare and Institutions Code that regulates supports and services to the developmentally disabled. It states that individuals with developmental disabilities have a right to services and supports to help them live independent and productive lives.

organizations affected by Lanterman

The Lanterman Act contains provisions for how the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS), which is part of the Health and Human Services Agency, is organized and how it functions. It also includes provisions that govern Developmental Centers (state hospitals), Regional Centers and State Council.

our reach

We serve more than 22,000 individuals with developmental disabilities with around 450 staff members, well over half of whom are Service Coordinators.

our funding

Our annual budget is around \$540 million. Over ninety-eight (98) percent of our funding is spent on direct services. The remaining 2% covers administration and operations, which we call OPS.

how we are monitored

TCRC is funded and monitored by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), with oversight by Tri-Counties Association for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (TCADD Board). The regional center is guided by both a Performance Contract with DDS and a Strategic and Performance Plan approved by TCADD.

approximate diagnosis breakdown

- Autism 50%
- Intellectual Disability 38%
- Epilepsy 8%
- Cerebral Palsy 8%

*some individuals have two or more diagnoses

the services needed

The types of services purchased include funds for living arrangements, day program services, transportation, respite, medical and non-medical services and supports. Additional services include speech pathology, occupational and physical therapy, counseling services, clinical psychology, psychiatry, behavior management consultation, home health and homemaker services, nursing, special training for parents, adaptive equipment, medical equipment or supplies and pharmaceutical services.

trends we foresee

- Increases in need for services around employment
- Increases in need for culturally proficient services
- Increases in services for persons with Autism
- Increases in need for affordable housing for young adults
- Increases in need for Person Centered Planning

how we are making a difference

Below are stakeholder responses from recent Satisfaction Surveys.

"If it was not for TCRC it would be devastating for my son. They give support, I don't know what I would have done. I really appreciate that there is an organization like the regional center."

"TCRC has an indispensable value. They have supported me with therapies and personnel since [my daughter] was a child. I am very thankful for them."

"They give me peace of mind."

how legislators can help

Protect services for people with developmental disabilities under the Lanterman Act and ensure that funds are available to provide them with the services and supports needed to fulfill each person's Individual Program Plan (IPP) as required by the Lanterman Act.