

# PROPOSALS TO SAVE \$100 MILLION IN THE 2009-10 REGIONAL CENTER BUDGET April 2009

## Transportation (Savings \$16.9 million)

Do not pay for special transportation when a consumer can use public transportation.

Buy the cheapest transportation that meets the need.

Buy services close to consumers' homes to save on transportation costs.

Do not buy transportation for children living with their families unless the families cannot provide it.



## Holidays (Savings \$16.3 million)

All day programs, look-alike day programs and work activity programs will take the **same** 14 holidays off each year. Currently most programs take about 10 holidays each year, this will add 4 more days that consumers will not attend programs.

## New Service for Older Consumers (Savings \$1 million)

Makes a new program for older consumers who don't want to go to a regular day program. Less staff would be needed to support the consumers.

## New Employment Program (Savings \$ 12.7 million)

A program to allow consumers to help consumers to get a job, volunteer or own their own business.



## **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) (Savings \$1.3 million)**



Supported living providers will have to help consumers get IHSS within 5 days of moving into supported living. While consumer is waiting for IHSS services, the supported living provider will only be paid the IHSS rate for IHSS type services for the consumer.

## **Supported Living Services (SLS) (Savings \$6.9 million)**



Regional center will work with SLS providers on rates of payment that are cost effective, include reasonable administrative costs, and can be no higher than the rate was on July 1, 2008.

Control if and when a regional center can help consumers to pay for rent.

Use the same SLS provider for SLS consumers living together.

## **Neighborhood Preschools (Savings \$8.9 million)**



Use local preschools to service infants with developmental disabilities rather than special centers.

## **Private Insurance for Early Start Services (Savings \$6.5 million)**



Make parents use private insurance to pay for medical, evaluation and assessment, and services for children with developmental disabilities under 3 years old, unless they are told services will not be covered by the insurance company.

## **Access to Early Start Services (Savings \$15.5 million)**



Limit services to infants and toddlers over two years old to only those with the most needs based upon their developmental delay(s).

## **In-Home Respite Agency Worker (Savings \$ 3 million)**



Allow respite workers to provide some services such as assisting consumers with inhalation devices, colostomies/ileostomies, catheters, insulin, and care of wounds and pressure sores.

## **Reduce Regional Center Operations (Savings \$3.5 million)**



Take some money away from regional centers that is used to expand or move offices.

## **Eliminate a Quality Assurance Review Process (Savings \$1.0 million)**



Stop the regional center quality assurance reviews of community care facilities that are done once every three years.

## **Parental Fee Program (Savings \$900,000)**



Update the fees that parents pay when their children, under 18 years old, live in community care facilities.

## **Quality Assessments (Savings \$2 million)**



Stop doing Life Quality Assessments (LQA) and the Evaluation of People with Developmental Disabilities Moving from Developmental Centers Into the Community (Movers Study), and start a new quality assessment program using a national tool.

## **Behavioral Services Training for Parents (Savings \$6.4 million)**



Require parents attend group training on behavioral interventions so that they can support behavioral services provided to their children.

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