

## **Kern Regional Center**

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## **Performance Report for Kern Regional Center**

Every year, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with regional centers in California to serve consumers and families. And, every year DDS looks at how well the regional centers are doing. This report will give you information about your regional center.

Last year, at Kern Regional Center (KRC) we served about 12,140 consumers. The charts on page two tell you about the consumers we serve. You will also see how well we are doing in meeting our goals and in fulfilling our contract with DDS.

At KRC, we want to improve every year, do better than the state average, and meet or exceed the DDS standard. KRC is committed to providing quality services and supports to the individuals and families we serve. As you can see in this report, we did well in reducing the percentage of individuals living in a developmental center, increasing the percentage of adults living in home settings, and continuing to not place children in large facilities. KRC's percentage of children living with families decreased from last year but is above the state average. KRC's percentage of adults living in large facilities also increased but remains below the state average. KRC will continue to strive to support children and families to remain together in the family home, to identify home like settings for adults living in large facilities, and to transition adults who require temporary large facility placements such as skilled nursing facilities, back to home like environments when that level of care is no longer required.

The DDS Standards chart on page 3 reflects that KRC met audit and operations requirements and participated in the federal waiver program, an important source of funding for our system. KRC's performance in timely updates of the Client Development Evaluation Report and Early Start Report declined, as did our ability to meet intake timelines for individuals age 3 and older who applied for our services. KRC's performance meeting Individual Family Service Plan requirements for children below the age of 3 in our Early Start program improved. KRC is a fast-growing regional center with many individuals applying to be assessed for services. KRC will continue to make strong efforts to grow our staff and clinical assessment resources to keep pace with our rapid client growth.

We hope this report helps you learn more about KRC. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us!

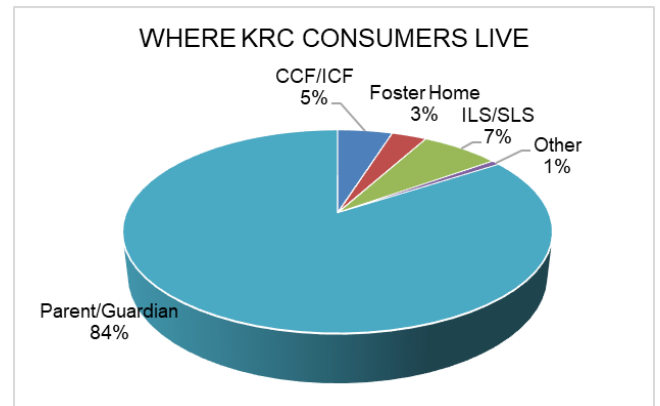
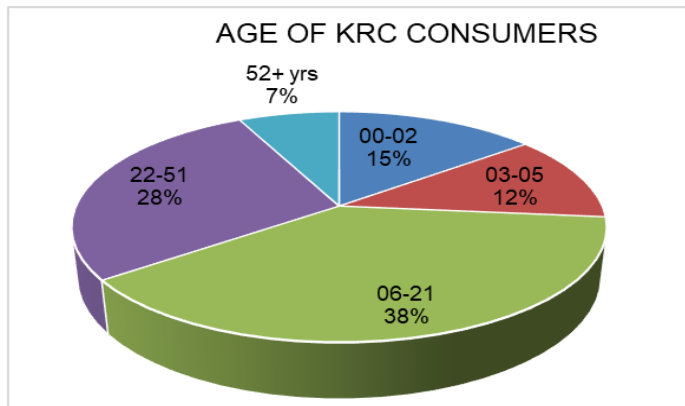
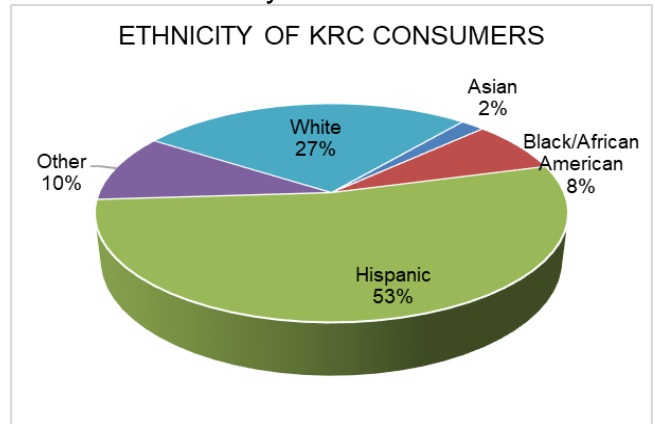
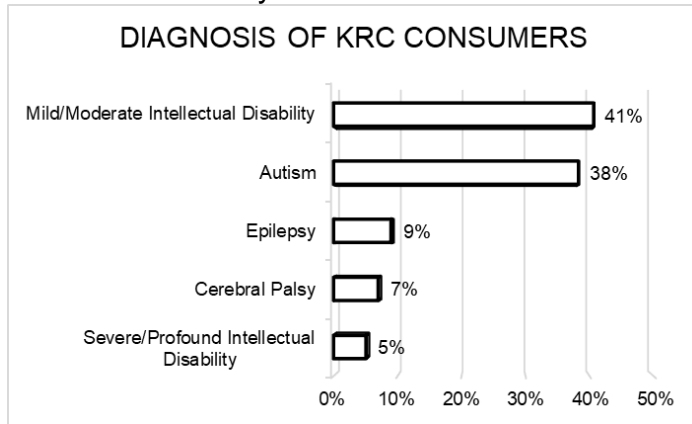
Summary Performance Report for Kern Regional Center, Spring  
2023

This report is a summary. To see the complete report, go to: [www.kernrc.org](http://www.kernrc.org)  
Or contact Darlene Pankey at **(661) 852-3360**.

Director, Kern Regional Center

## Who uses KRC?

These charts tell you about who KRC consumers are and where they live.



## How well is KRC performing?

This chart tells you about five areas where DDS wants each regional center to keep improving.

The first column tells you how KRC was doing at the end of 2021, and the second column shows how KRC was doing at the end of 2022.

To see how KRC compares to the other regional centers in the state, compare the numbers to the state averages (in the shaded columns).

Regional Center Goals (based on Lanterman Act)	December 2021		December 2022	
	State Average	KRC	State Average	KRC
Fewer consumers live in developmental centers	0.06%	0.09%	0.06%	0.06%
More children live with families	99.58%	99.71%	99.61%	99.67%
More adults live in home settings*	82.50%	86.70%	83.01%	86.95%
Fewer children live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	0.03%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%
Fewer adults live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	1.78%	0.83%	1.67%	0.89%

Notes: 1) Consumers can be included in more than one diagnosis category. 2) Residence Types: CCF/ICF is Community Care Facility/Intermediate Care Facility; ILS/SLS is Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services. 3) Home settings include independent living, supported living, Adult

Family Home Agency homes, and consumer family homes. 4) Green text indicates the RC remained the same or improved from the previous year, red indicates the RC did not improve.

### Did KRC meet DDS standards?

Read below to see how well KRC did in meeting DDS compliance standards:

Areas Measured	Last Period	Current Period
Passes independent audit	Yes	Yes
Passes DDS audit	Yes	Yes
Audits vendors as required	Met	Met
Didn't overspend operations budget	Yes	Yes
Participates in the federal waiver	Yes	Yes
CDERs and ESRs are updated as required (CDER is the Client Development Evaluation Report and ESR is the Early Start Report. Both contain information about consumers, including diagnosis.)	98.08%	96.87%
Intake/Assessment timelines for consumers age 3 or older met	100%	92.26%
IPP ( <i>Individual Program Plan</i> ) requirements met	97.40%	N/A
IFSP ( <i>Individualized Family Service Plan</i> ) requirements met	93.8%	93.9%

Notes: 1) The federal waiver refers to the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program that allows California to offer services not otherwise available through the Medi-Cal program to serve people (including individuals with developmental disabilities) in their own homes and communities. 2) The CDER and ESR currency percentages were weighted based on the RC's Status 1 and Status 2 caseloads to arrive at a composite score. 3) The IFSP calculation methodology was changed from composite to average in order to more accurately reflect the RC's performance by only including children reviewed during monitoring and not all Early Start consumers. 4) N/A indicates that the regional center was not reviewed for the measure during the current period.

## How well is KRC doing at getting consumers working?

The chart below shows how well KRC is performing on increasing consumer employment performance compared to their prior performance and statewide averages:

Areas Measured		Time Period			
		CA	KRC	CA	KRC
<b>Consumer Earned Income ( Age 16 to 64 years):</b> Data Source: Employment Development Department		Jan through Dec 2020		Jan through Dec 2021	
Quarterly number of consumers with earned income		28,989	691	27,180	658
Percentage of consumers with earned income		15.22%	12.62%	13.88%	11.66%
Average annual wages		\$8,949	\$9,660	\$11,888	\$12,814
<b>Annual earnings of consumers compared to people with all disabilities in California</b> Data Source: American Community Survey, five-year estimate		2020		2021	
		\$26,794		\$30,783	
<b>National Core Indicator Adult Consumer Survey</b>		July 2017-June 2018		July 2020-June 2021	
Percentage of adults who reported having integrated employment as a goal in their IPP*		29%	31%	35%	N/A
<b>Paid Internship Program</b> Data Source: Paid Internship Program Survey		2020-21		2021-22	
		CA Average	KRC	CA Average	KRC
Number of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program		6	6		
Percentage of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program		14%	14%		
Average hourly or salaried wages for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program		\$14.25	\$13.87		
Average hours worked per week for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program		17	15		
<b>Incentive Payments</b> Data Source: Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Program Survey					
Average wages for adults engaged in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made		\$14.81	\$14.97		
Average hours worked for adults engaged in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made		23	29.6153846		
Total number of Incentive payments made for the fiscal year for the following amounts:**	\$1,500/\$3,000	17	3	25	5
	\$1,250/\$2,500	19	2	42	8
	\$1,000/\$2,000	33	8	53	11

\*Regional centers receive an 'N/A' designation within the table if fewer than 20 people responded to the survey item.

\*\* Competitive integrated employment incentive milestone payments increased effective July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2025.

**How well is KRC doing at reducing disparities and improving equity?**

These tables show you how well the regional center is doing at providing services equally for all consumers.

Percent of total annual purchase of service expenditures by individual’s ethnicity and age

Age Group	Measure	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black/African American		Hispanic		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Other Ethnicity or Race	
		20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22
Birth to 2	Consumers	1%	1%	3%	3%	7%	5%	57%	62%	0%	0%	20%	17%	12%	12%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	2%	3%	7%	5%	57%	61%	0%	0%	21%	18%	12%	12%
3 to 21	Consumers	1%	1%	3%	3%	6%	7%	56%	57%	0%	0%	23%	22%	10%	10%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	5%	5%	9%	9%	45%	49%	0%	0%	31%	26%	9%	10%
22 and older	Consumers	1%	1%	3%	3%	10%	10%	38%	40%	0%	0%	43%	41%	5%	5%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	3%	3%	11%	11%	28%	28%	0%	0%	53%	52%	5%	5%

Number and percent of individuals receiving only case management services by age and ethnicity

Measure	Fiscal Year	Number of Eligible Consumers Receiving Case Management Only			Percent of Eligible Consumers Receiving Case Management Only		
		Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older	Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older
American Indian or Alaska Native	20-21	0	17	3	0%	45%	10%
	21-22	2	25	4	10%	58%	14%
Asian	20-21	3	89	18	6%	49%	16%
	21-22	3	82	19	5%	39%	16%
Black/African American	20-21	17	145	67	13%	42%	15%
	21-22	11	159	72	9%	39%	16%
Hispanic	20-21	87	1,464	386	8%	47%	24%
	21-22	79	1,460	419	6%	42%	24%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	20-21	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
	21-22	0	3	0	N/A	50%	0%
White	20-21	45	554	295	12%	44%	16%
	21-22	40	585	310	10%	43%	17%
Other Ethnicity or Race	20-21	18	256	35	8%	45%	16%
	21-22	23	252	48	8%	41%	21%
Total	20-21	170	2,525	804	9%	46%	19%
	21-22	158	2,566	872	7%	42%	20%

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